

Financial Report for Sandon Parish Council Meeting

9th September 2026

a) To note receipt of income (28th August 2026):

- Total receipts: precept payment £4688.52
- Memo: VAT reclaim for £291.69 received

Available balance (Bank a/c less uncleared chq & committed funds £463.55) **£17122.14**

b) To receive summary report of receipts and payments against budget

c) To receive bank reconciliation

d) To consider price quotations, charges and grant applications from local groups

2026-27

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities have notified that the appropriate sum for Local Government Act 1972 Section 137(4)(a) for Parish, Town and Community Councils for 2026-27 is **£11.60**.

408 electors x £11.60 = £4732.80

Section 137 is only available for an activity for which no other specific power exists; a council can rely on Local Government Act 1972 s137 for expenditure up to a prescribed limit for any purpose which in its opinion is in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or of some of it.

A separate account must be kept for s137 and specifically authorised by resolution.

So, for example, if the parish council is giving a grant to your village hall consider using Local Government Act 1972 Section 133 which permits Parish Councils to make grants to third parties in respect of community buildings. Similarly Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19 empowers a Parish Council to make grants to voluntary bodies providing recreational facilities such as sports grounds.

Where there is an existing power, the Council must ensure that the grant meets any criteria in the relevant Act.

1. Sandon Gardening Club - £150 towards engraving cups and trophies

- e) Date of January 2027 meeting – Clerk is on holiday 11th – 26th January, with the meeting planned for 13th, either we will need a volunteer to minute the meeting or plan another day for it to take place. The most important item for January is agreeing the Precept and submitting it to NHDC. The budget will be discussed and completed at the November meeting and so the Precept should be calculated and agreed in January meeting. The Clerk will be able to have everything in place for the meeting and will be available whilst away via email.

f) Staff Payscale

Salaries to bring Clerk and RFO up to date with NALC payscale (SCP 16, £16.34 up from £15.82)

- g) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget September 2026 spend approvals / cheque release authorisations required:

- Broadmead Leisure inv 3211 (August, Sept & Oct inspections, painting) £ 234.00
- Focus Broadband (to note inv 11205814 & 11234182) £ 109.66
- Clerk/RFO Salaries £2696.10