



Sandon Parish Council

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Sandon Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 9th September 2026 Sandon Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Davies (Chair), Nikki Hawxby, Lisa Megraw, David Stokes

Attending: C Scott (Clerk), 14 parishioners, DCllr S Jarvis (arrived 20:21)

Minutes

Meeting opened 19:30

26/056 **Apologies**

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr J De Uphough

26/057 **Co-option**

To review applications for the vacancy of Sandon Parish Councillor **none**

26/058 **Interests**

a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

none

26/059 **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of Sandon Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on the 10th June 2026 and Sandon Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th July 2026 as an accurate record of proceedings.

Resolved proposed Cllr N Hawxby, seconded Cllr D Stokes that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chair.
Unanimously agreed.

26/060 **Public Issues**

To invite members of the public to address the meeting.

Question was put forward asking about the Sandon Saddlery, an auction was held but it was not sold at the time.

Ash tree at the pond looks badly diseased and the PC was asked to find who is responsible for it. Clerk to look into ownership, JD to look at it.

Parishioner asked about the A505 plans – Cllr L Megraw responded with information reported in item 26/063.a

As the new Unitary areas are now on hold should we be sending in a letter to the MP about the changes considering the importance of the A505 and has further impact to the area for services. Clerk to action

Clerk to write to the Planning Officer regarding the planning conditions that have not completed on the application in Green End (year over completion date). Parishioner added the empty houses within the village and making the District Council aware.

26/061 **Reports to the Council**

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities and agencies.

Cllr S Jarvis spoke about the hold on the changes to the Unitary areas. All that is known

is the plans due to be put into action have been put on hold. Chair asked DCllr S Jarvis about the future of the school in relation of the reorganisation of the areas, it is still paramount that the school attracts pupils to come to Sandon. He will follow up with the Green End planning commented about within minute 26/060 above. He also responded to a comment about the empty homes on Dark Lane that have been vacant for over 5 years.

26/062 **Planning**

To receive a planning report on applications and decisions

- a) 26/01820/FP - Poplars Farm Roe Green Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0QG – parishioners spoke to the council, Councillors Davies and Stokes made the meeting attendees aware that they had attended the venue discussed.

Resolved Council voted on no objection with the application with the current and reasonable conditions, proposed Cllr D Stokes, seconded Cllr L Megraw, unanimously agreed

- b) Lye Green Common – decision – refused declassification

26/063 **Reports from Working Parties and Committees**

- a) Highways – [report from A505 public consultation](#) attended by Cllr L Megraw.

Cllr J Davies stressed the importance of reporting any difficulties found on footpaths, such as damaged bridges, overgrowth.

- b) Church – no report

- c) Sports Club and Roe Green – Weekend of Test Match cricket of the weekend of 12th 13th September. Playground proposals to be discussed at November meeting

- d) Village Hall – no report

- e) School - no report

- f) HR committee – to organise staff review in the new year

- g) Christmas Tree Lights event – 4th December 2026 6pm

26/064 **Finance – RFO [Report](#)**

- a) To note receipt of [income](#)

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

- c) To receive bank reconciliation

- d) To consider price quotations, charges and grant requests

1. Sandon Gardening Club £150 **resolved** proposed Cllr D Stokes, Seconded Cllr N Stokes to give the grant of £150 to the gardening club

- e) Date of January 2027 meeting – to stay as 13th January 2026 with someone to designated to take minutes.

- f) Resolution to exclude the public for item 346.12 as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 26-27 To confirm the new hourly rate for the clerk and backdate to start date of 1 May 2026 – **Resolved** Proposed Cllr N Hawxby, seconded Cllr J Davies to agree to the new NALC pay scale for SCP 16

- g) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget - **Resolved** Proposed Cllr J Davies, seconded Cllr N Hawxby, to pay the items stated in report

26/065 **Date of next Sandon Parish Council Meeting and items for the agenda**

To note that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th November 2026.

Meeting closed 21:00

Signed

Date