

**Financial Report for Sandon Parish Council Meeting**  
**26th September 2024**

1 Financial Highlights for the current year to date (23 September 2024):

- Total receipts: full precept payment 9321.94
  - HMRC VAT reclaim 212.76
  - Total payments received for current year to date(23 September 2024): **£ 9534.70**
- Available Balance (€23676.62 Bank statement, less 1 uncleared cheque €160) €23516.62**

September 2024 spend approvals / cheque release authorisations required (see hyperlinks for documents):

- [Salaries](#) (£2027.57 salary +€85.18 National Insurance) 2112.75
- [SLCC membership](#) (Society of Local Council Clerks) 72.00
- [ICO Data protection fee renewal](#) 40.00
- [Parish online](#) – report below 48.00
- [SLCC ILCA training](#) 72.00

**Available Balance after September 2024 payments: €21331.87**

2 Free Reserves: £19975.38

Funds available less unspent budget

3 Actual spend vs Budget:

Year to date spend is within budget.

4 Section 137 spending and Local Grants:

The 2024/25 PC budget includes the sum of £1,500 (funds to come from PC reserves) for section 137 payments. The current Department of Local Communities & Local Government Section 137 expenditure limit is £10.81 per local elector in the parish, hence with Sandon having 398 registered electors this equates to £4302.38 as the maximum total amount that can be spent on community activities including grants to village clubs.

Last year a total of £1,380 was awarded as follows: PCC £800; Gardeners C £40; Cygnets £200; Herts Air Ambulance £180, Sandon Strollers £ 160 (unclaimed). The grant application form is on the PC website for all village groups to apply for.

The D-Day celebrations held in May were funded with the s.137 power which totalled £219.50, which brings our available s.137 payment authority to £4082.88

5 Bank Mandate changes:

No changes to be expected, former Cllr Ian Dell was not a signatory, therefore no need to update.

6 ICO – registered:

Needs renewal before 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

7 Parish Online:

We were eligible for this from our BHIB insurance last year and we have received an invoice for it this year separately. I was unaware of this last year and after some research into the service I believe it would be beneficial to the council in understanding who is responsible for areas of the village and will help will the Parish border questionnaire from NHDC as well as knowledge of highways responsibilities. At £48/year it is slightly over the price to apply for individual boundary confirmation from Land Registry. It also has a feature to identify where PC assets are located as well as playgrounds, defibrillators and other points of note for future clerks and councillors. There is a youtube tutorial about what the software can be used for and how to use it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UredfLEFcNO>