SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at the **St Andrews Church Hall** on **Monday 12th January 2026** commencing at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Martin Cross
Cedric Calmeyer
Darren Chaplin
Alan Kalbfell
Gary Nicholls

In attendance: Clerk, City Cllr Julia Jeapes.

ACTION

010126 Apologies for absence – Cllr Stephen Leedham

020126 Declarations of interest (including pecuniary) – None declared

030126 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th December 2025 were approved. Cllr Cross then signed the minutes at the meeting.

040126 Public participation session. None present.

050126 City Cllr's update. City Cllr Julia Jeapes informed the meeting that the ECC councillor elections are still being planned for May.

060126 Clerk's Report. See 090126 (j) below.

070126 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

sub total employee costs	£1,229.87
Talk Talk Nov	£25.14
Talk Talk Dec	£25.14
Defib supplies	£252.00
Parish Magazine Printing	£417.55
Microsoft	£1.99

(b) The budget to Dec 2025 was presented.

(c) No transfer from the savings account was needed.

080126 Planning:

25/01643/FUL Land West Of Kaeden Place, Blind Lane. Retrospective planning application for the retention of an Agricultural Pole Barn/ Hay store. No observations **.**

25/01656/FUL Site At Chamberlains Farm, Sporhams Lane. Demolition of existing building and construction of one dwelling. No observations

25/01669/FUL Crofters, East Hanningfield Road. Two storey side extension. No observations

22/01732/FUL Land At Manor Farm, Sandford Mill Lane, Great Baddow. Hybrid application (part full and part outline) for: 1. Full application for residential development of: 342 dwellings, including 126 affordable dwellings (Class C3); landscaping; local open space; highway infrastructure; pedestrian, and cycle routes; vehicular and cycle parking; drainage works; ground re-profiling: and works to provide services and utilities. Change of use of land from agriculture to provide a country park, with associated works including the laying out of a visitor car park and access road. Means of access to the site will be addressed by way of a five arm roundabout junction that provides access to Strategic Growth Sites 3a, 3c and 3d, which is the subject of a separate application for planning permission. 2. Outline application for a phased development comprising 18 self-build dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved, except access. Means of access to the site will be addressed by way of a five arm roundabout junction that provides access to Strategic Growth Sites 3a, 3c and 3d, which is the subject of a separate application for planning permission. EIA application accompanied by an environmental statement.

Warehouse Action Group (Jnct 17). – Still awaiting the Inspector's decision following the recent inquiry.

Pigeon Columba Park (Jnct 18) – This has now been approved

No to Hammonds Farm. The committee is still meeting regularly to challenge this application. Further fundraising will be needed if the campaign is to continue.

090126 Current Issues.

(a) Maintenance – Cllr Calmeyer reported that the path from The Lintons to Hall Lane had been recently cleared. The footing for the Xmas tree needs to be repaired. Meeting agreed to refurbish the village hall sign at a cost of £1,550 + VAT as the post is now rotten and could fall. — Cllr Calmeyer / Clerk

(b) Conservation and sustainability – Cllr Chaplin is waiting to hear back from the EWT following the recent Gablesfield pond clearance.

(c) Allotments – Cllr Calmeyer to repair the water pipe following the recent freeze. — Cllr Calmeyer

(d) Community Centre – Cllr Chaplin is aware of the need to prepare the annual return for the Charity Commission.

(e) Sports Club – No issues

(f) Village Hall – Cllr Chaplin to remind the sports club to correctly stow away the barrier after its use. — Cllr Chaplin

(g) PCC – Their next meeting is on the 15th Jan.

(h) Social media and the website – Clerk to send Cllr Chaplin further info to enable him to install the gov.uk email address on his phone. Positive feedback has been received following the weekly summary of the planning applications being posted on Facebook and thus on our website. — Clerk

(i) CCC Parish Forum – Cllr Cross reported that the chairman has recently resigned.

(j) S&P rep site visit 16th Dec – Cllr Calmeyer said the visit went well. The rep is to make contact with our solicitor so that the lease renewal can be speedily completed

(k) Precept for 2026 – Meeting agreed a 4% raise to the precept for 2026-27. This equates to £43,653. — Clerk

(l) Ramblers request to use the car park for one day Fri 29th May. – Meeting agreed to this as long as they paid a £40 donation to Community Centre Charity. Clerk to write to both the village hall and the sports club to alert them. — Clerk

(m) Connexin meeting 20th Jan – Clerk will attend this to find out more on how this could benefit our residents. — Clerk

(n) CALC meeting 21st Jan – Cllrs Cross and Calmeyer to attend.

100126 Correspondence received and action required – Meeting noted recent response to a resident who is concerned about the state of the footpath in Howe Green. It was decided not to engage the Play in the Park group.

110126 Items for future agendas – Should the P.C. organise a parish activity day?

120126 Items for future Topics – Publicise the activity day. A year in the parish council. A Christmas meal for the more isolated residents?

Meeting closed at 08:53 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday 9th February 2026 at Howe Green Reformed Church starting at 7.15pm.