SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at the **Howe Green Reformed Church** on **Monday 9th February 2026** commencing at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Martin Cross
Cedric Calmeyer
Stephen Leedham
Alan Kalbfell
Gary Nicholls

In attendance: Clerk, two members of the public

ACTION

010226 Apologies for absence – Cllr Darren Chaplin, City Cllr Julia Jeapes.

020226 Declarations of interest (including pecuniary) – None declared

030226 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 12th January 2026 were approved. Cllr Cross then signed the minutes at the meeting.

040226 Public participation session. Two members of the public raised concerns over recent activity in the fields off Brick Klin Road.

050226 City Cllr's update. Cllr Martin Cross summarised the following report from the City Councillor:
She is still progressing the issue of overgrown hedging on Sporhams Lane. Objections to support the enforcement issues at Highwater Farm ref 24/00162/ ENFB need to be in by 24th Feb. The duplication of the Junction 18 planning application has been withdrawn. The ECC councillor elections are planned for 7th May. The purdah period should start 26th March. Bus stop works request with ECC HIghways opposite Alexander Mews is still to be actioned. It is on the approved list and is waiting for funds to be allocated towards it. The Police Fire and Crime Commissioner is holding their annual meeting on 23rd Feb. at CCC council office starting at 7pm.

060226 Clerk's Report. The S&P rep has reported back that he is waiting for the Diocese decision re extending the sports ground lease.

070226 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

sub total employee costs	£1,115.69
Talk Talk	£25.60
C Calmeyer	£221.38
Wallace Arboriculture	£75.00
Microsoft	£1.99

(b) The budget to Jan 2026 was presented. No comments received.

080226 Planning:

25/00240/S73 Land North Of Hilltops, Southend Road. Variation of condition 4 of approved planning application (25/00240/OUT). Outline application for development of 2 Custom/Self Build dwellings. Access, layout and scale being sought. All other matters (Appearance and landscaping) reserved. Create basement accommodation and increase ridge height. Await Cllr Martin Cross comments — Cllr Cross

26/00035/FUL Land West Of Butts Green Road. Description of works: Erection of stable block and associated hard and soft landscaping. No observations

26/00059/FUL Thistle Lodge ,Southend Road. Two storey rear extension. No observations

26/00099/FUL 2, The Green. Two storey side extension, a single storey rear extension and a porch. Internal alterations including the relocation of the internal staircase. No observations

26/00107/FUL Fieldview, Southend Road. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch. No observations

24/00181/S73/1 Rosewood, Southend Road. Variation of condition to approved application 24/00181/FUL (Proposed replacement dwelling (Renewal of 20/00591/FUL)) Reduction of maximum ridge height. Await Cllr Martin Cross comments — Cllr Cross

Warehouse Action Group (Jnct 17). – Still awaiting the Inspector's decision following the recent inquiry. Cllr Cross to chase — Cllr Cross

No to Hammonds Farm. No further update.

090226 Current Issues.

(a) Maintenance – Cllr Calmeyer reported that the village hall sign has been taken down prior to it being repaired.

(b) Conservation and sustainability – No update.

(c) Allotments – The request for a sink is to be progressed by Cllr Calmeyer . Decision required at next meeting. — Cllr Calmeyer

(d) Community Centre – Cllr Calmeyer to attend funding course 25th Feb at a cost of £50. Ongoing meetings with Tricolor.

(e) Sports Club – Clerk has had no response back from their secretary so will let the ramblers know that they can use the car park 29th May. Meeting noted the election of a new chairman. — Clerk

(f) Village Hall – Cllr Kalbfell attended their recent meeting and there are no issues vis a vis the p.c.	
(g) PCC – They will be meeting next week	Clerk
(h) Social media and the website – Clerk to send Cllr Leedham our policy re social media	
(i) Agreement of Topics dates 2026 – Meeting agreed the publishing dates of 20th March, 19th June and 20th Nov.	
(j) The Crown Open Days – Meeting agreed to their request to allow Jags on the Green 22nd Aug, and the Crown funday on the 23rd Aug.	Clerk
(k) AGAR assertion 10 – Clerk explained what this meant for the p.c. The proposed I.T. policy to be studied by the councillors with the view to agreeing it at March's meeting	All
(l) Community Led Planning webinar 12th Feb – No interest. We have an NDP.	
100226 Correspondence received and action required – Meeting discussed the faulty VAS on Woodhill Road. Clerk to try and find a repairer.	Clerk
110226 Items for future agendas – Further thoughts needed on a parish activity day? Could we link this to the Sports Club 50th anniversary.	
120226 Items for future Topics – The desire for an activity day. A year in the parish council. A Christmas meal for the more isolated residents? More SID's in the village? Football Club article, Junction 17 decision, May elections, status on all the recent planning developments. Meeting noted that articles needed to be with the clerk 2nd March.	All
Meeting closed at 09:06 p.m.	
The next monthly meeting will be held Monday 9th March 2026 at St Andrews Church Hall starting at 7.15pm.	