SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at the **Howe Green Reformed Church** on **Monday 13th April 2026** commencing at 7.15 pm

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

In attendance: Clerk, City Cllr Julea Jeapes

ACTION

010426 Apologies for absence – None

020426 Declarations of interest (including pecuniary) – None declared

030426 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 9th March 2026 were approved. Cllr Cross then signed the minutes at the meeting.

040426 Public participation session. None present.

050426 City Cllr's update. City Cllr Julea Jeapes advised the meeting that:
Chelmsford C.C. will be merging with Maldon and Brentwood.
The purdah period has now started prior to the7th May local elections.
The issue of sewage possibly overspilling from the Trust Care home is still being investigated

060426 Clerk's Report. The S&P rep is asking the question as to whether the P.C. would like to purchase the sports ground. See 090426 (d) below.

070426 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

sub total employee costs	£1,100.57
Talk Talk	£26.30
SLCC sub	£158.00
EALC sub	£474.07
Wallace Arboriculture	£1,404.00
Hilton Property	£1,860.00
Thorndon Security	£304.80
Cedric Calmeyer	£246.00
Parish Mag printing	£307.92
Microsoft	£1.99

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

080426 Planning:

26/00274/FUL Land West Of Blind Lane. Material change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, the laying of hard standing and erection of a dayroom ancillary to that use. Await Cllr Cross comments — Cllr Cross

26/05069/TPO 17B, Hall Lane. G1 x2 Silver Birch closest to front of the garage - Reduce height of both trees by maximum of 3m. Pull in sides by 2.4m and by 3m on the one which is leaning towards the garage to help rebalance. Remove any deadwood and crossing branches. Reason: Tree too large for location and overhanging neighbours, garage and car park. No observations.

Warehouse Action Group (Jnct 17). – The Inspector's decision is long overdue. Clerk to write to local M.P. City Cllr Jeapes to chase again. — Clerk

No to Hammonds Farm. The last meeting of the group was held end of March. They are proposing to challenge parts of the local plan.

Cllr Kalbfell then left the meeting to attend the Village Hall AGM.

090426 Current Issues.

(a) Maintenance – No issues to report.

(b) Conservation and sustainability – No new updates.

(c) Allotments – There is still one plot available. Clerk to post on local noticeboards. — Clerk

(d) Community Centre – The agents are still looking for funds. Clerk to write to S&P rep requesting confirmation that the diocese wish to sell the sports ground. In the meantime, he should continue with the lease renewal. — Clerk

(e) Sports Club – Nothing new to update

(f) Village Hall – It is their AGM tonight

(g) PCC – Meeting noted that the tower repairs have now started.

(h) Spring Topics – Clerk reported that he has received no feedback from the residents about questions that had been posed.

(i) Vehicle activated signs (VAS) – Clerk reported that the Woodhill Road VAS had been inspected and it is thought a new battery is needed. The East Hanningfield Road one still to be looked at (though is working)

(j) P.C. event – Meeting agreed to cancel the proposed P.C. event 22nd Aug as this will clash with a previously arranged occasion at The Crown. — Cllr Calmeyer

(k) RCCE Essex village of the year competition – Meeting agreed not to enter

(l) CALC meeting 22nd April. – Both Cllrs Cross and Calmeyer to attend.	Cllr Cross Cllr Calmeyer
(m)Internal Audit 2026 – Meeting agreed the quote of £215. Clerk to arrange	Clerk
(n) The following policies were reviewed and agreed, Training Policy, Publication Scheme, Freedom of Information, and Grant Application Policy	Clerk
100426 Correspondence received and action required – Two residents have reported that the fence at the bottom of Hall Lane (that runs alongside the permitted path) is in need of repair. Clerk to write to owner asking that he fixes it.	Clerk
110426 Items for future agendas – Looking at what next year's P.C. event could be. Reviewing the future of the two google groups.	
120426 Items for future Topics – None	
Meeting closed at 08:34 p.m.	
The next monthly meeting will be held Monday 11th May 2026 at St Andrews Church Hall starting at 7.15pm. This will include the AGM.	