SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at the **St Andrews Church Hall** on **Monday 13th July 2026** commencing at 7.15 pm

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PRESENT: Councillors: Martin Cross
Cedric Calmeyer
Alan Kalbfell
Darren Chaplin
Martin Dansey

In attendance: Clerk, City Cllr Julea Jeapes, one member of the public

ACTION

010726 Apologies for absence – Cllr's Stephen Leedham and Gary Nicholls

020726 Declarations of interest (including pecuniary) – None declared

030726 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th June 2026 were approved. Cllr Cross then signed the minutes at the meeting.

040726 Public participation session. A member of the public raised her concerns over the planned warehouse development at Jnct 18. She will email her concerns to us.

050726 City Cllr's update. City Cllr Julea Jeapes advised the meeting that:
There are restrictions on where the P.C. could put up posters.
The Travellers site is still to be decided
There has been a leaflet drop to the residents impacted by Jnct 18 development.
See CCC website for updates to the Local Plan.
She will invite our local M.P. to the planned Fun Day.

060726 Clerk's Report. The "tenancy at will" has been agreed. The draft of the heads of terms of the new lease will come out shortly. Clerk to arrange a meeting between the PCSO and the council as she is unable to come to our regular Monday monthly meetings — Clerk

070726 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

sub total employee costs	£1,052.44
Talk Talk	£28.74
Gro-well	£27.35
Wallace Arboriculture	£1,626.00
J & J Johnston	£179.94
Parish Magazine Printing	£29.13
Cloud Next	£60.00
Microsoft	£1.99

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

080726 Planning:

Junction 17 Warehouse inquiry – Cllr Cross reported that the developer's appeal had been rejected. They may ask for a review however.

Joint Committee for Hammonds Farm – Cllr Cross stated that the committee is now meeting fortnightly. Minutes of these meetings can be found by clicking on the following link: Council Agendas/Minutes - Little Baddow Parish Council Next meeting will need to decide how much of each of the four councils will be prepared to contribute.

26/00359/FUL Seven Trees, Rectory Chase. Repair and infill to existing 1.5 metre high fence around site boundary . Erection of shed. Installation of an outdoor swimming pool. Change of use of land to residential garden. Await Cllr Cross's comments — Cllr Cross

26/00677/LBC Bridge House, Woodhill Road. Remove the existing kitchen and install a new kitchen within the current dining room, plus the formation of a new doorway to access the pantry from the new kitchen and opening of the fireplace to insert a cooker. No observations

26/00274/FUL Land West Of Blind Lane. Material change of use of land for the stationing of 1 caravan for residential purposes and 2 touring caravans, the erection of an ancillary dayroom, and the laying of associated hardstanding, parking and refuse store. Sandon Parish strongly objects to this application. The resent application does not answer the question of who can live there if application approved. To save repeating points that have already been made by parishioners and their agent we request a thorough investigation of all facts given by applicant.

26/00663/FUL Land Adjacent Badgers, Great Gibcracks Chase. Demolition of existing buildings and construction of one bungalow. Associated landscaping and parking. No observations

26/00763/FUL Chamberlains House. Sporhams Lane. Proposed replacement dwelling. No observations

26/00851/FUL The Gatehouse, Mayes Lane. Proposed construction of Summer House for use ancillary to occupation of the dwelling. No observations.

090726 Current Issues.

(a) Maintenance – Cllr Calmeyer reported that the kerbs have been sprayed. Residents are prepared to put a bench on Lower Green at their expense.

(b) Conservation and sustainability – Nothing to report. Meeting noted that CCC may spray any Oak trees should the Processionary Oak Moth become a problem.

(c) Allotments – Cllr Calmeyer reported that the large plum tree at the back of the site will be taken down as it is old and becoming dangerous. Plot 8 is planning to erect a greenhouse. Request to keep chickens on a plot needs further clarification.	Clerk
(d) Sports Club – Not getting any feedback from the chairman. Meeting agreed that clerk will write to the diocese and make an offer of £30k for the Sports Ground.	Clerk
(e) Village Hall – No issues for the P.C. following their recent meeting	
(f) PCC – As above	Cllr Cross
(g) Summer Topics – Meeting agreed that articles for this edition need to be with the Clerk by 27th July.	Cllr's Cross, Dansey, Chaplin
(h) P.C. event – Event will now be held Sun 30th Aug. This will be managed under the auspices of the Community Centre Charity. Meeting agreed their grant request for £4,000. Cllr Chaplin to arrange TEN licence.	Cllr Chaplin
(i) CALC meeting 1st July – Cllr's Cross and Calmeyer had attended. There is still no clarity about how the new unitary organisation will impact on the P.C.	
(j) Reintroduction of the Highway Rangers – Meeting agreed that the Lime trees at the entrance of Gablesfield as well as Southend Road could benefit from a visit by them. Clerk to put an article in The Topics.	Clerk
(k) Dog waste bin at Great Gibcracks Chase. – Meeting noted resident's request for a new dog bin to be sited outside her property. Resident will be prepared to pay and install it. Clerk to check whether CCC would empty it and at what cost.	Clerk
(l) Parish Forum 30th July at 19:00 – This will be a Teams meeting with the emphasis on the Local Plan as well as the current planning process. All cllrs are invited.	All
100726 Correspondence received and action required – Clerk to email out the suggested meeting dates from Columba Park.	Clerk
110726 Items for future agendas –	
120726 Items for future Topics – Highway Rangers article	
Meeting closed at 09:15 p.m.	
The next monthly meeting will be held Monday 10th August 2026 at Howe Green Reformed Church starting at 7.15pm.	