SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at the **Howe Green Reformed Church** on **Monday 10th August 2026** commencing at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors:

Martin Cross
Cedric Calmeyer
Alan Kalbfell
Martin Dansey
Stephen Leedham
Gary Nicholls

In attendance: Clerk, one member of the public

ACTION

010826 Apologies for absence – City Cllr Julea Jeapes,

020826 Declarations of interest (including pecuniary) – None declared

030826 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th July 2026 were approved. Cllr Cross then signed the minutes at the meeting.

040826 Public participation session.

050826 City Cllr's update (via Cllr Cross) . City Cllr Julea Jeapes advised the meeting that:
The Travellers site application has been refused She had forwarded on residents' concerns over the Columba Park development. She has invited our local M.P. to the planned Fun Day 30th Aug. The Hammonds Farm Group are expecting a financial contribution from Sandon P.C.

060826 Clerk's Report. Still waiting for the draft of the new lease. Clerk to contact the diocese rep re the offer to purchase the land. Clerk to clarify the date suggested by the PCSO re her meeting with the council.

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070826 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

sub total employee costs	£1,113.71
Talk Talk	£28.74
Wallace Arboriculture	£1,626.00
Parish Magazine Printing	£247.51
Local Toilet Hire	£528.00
Microsoft	£1.99

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

080826 Planning:

Joint Committee for Hammonds Farm – 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. Suggestion that this is based on size of the precept.

Columba Park Cllr Cross reported back on the recent presentation that the P.C. had attended. Clerk to write to the group asking for a public meeting as well. — Clerk

26/00929/FUL Howe Spinney, East Hanningfield Road. Proposed replacement single storey rear extension. Await Cllr Cross comments — Cllr Cross

26/00825/FUL Mill Hill Farm, East Hanningfield Road. Demolition of two existing agricultural buildings. Erection of a new dwelling, detached annexe and garage with landscaping enhancements and partial change of use of land from commercial nursery to residential. Await Cllr Cross comments — Cllr Cross

26/00853/FUL Buildings North West Of 2 Little Claydons Cottages, Old Southend Road. Retrospective application for the construction of five individual cattery buildings and ancillary reception/office building. Retention of 1.8m boundary fence. Await Cllr Cross comments — Cllr Cross

26/00837/OUT Field Rear Of Telephone Exchange, Church Street, Great Baddow. Outline planning application (all matters reserved, except for access) for a phased development of up to 45 dwellings (including affordable housing), public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage infrastructure and all other associated infrastructure.
Await Cllr Cross comment — Cllr Cross

090826 Current Issues.

(a) Maintenance – Meeting agreed to spend £300 + VAT on the cost, and installation, of a dog waste and litter bin on the village green.

(b) Conservation and sustainability – No update.

(c) Allotments – Meeting agreed to a resident's request to keep chickens on a plot. Clerk to write to her explaining the conditions that she needs to operate under. — Clerk
Clerk to write to CCC re the latest issue of fly tipping — Clerk

(d) Sports Club – Clerk to officially write to them re 30th Aug event

(e) Village Hall – Clerk to officially write to them re 30th Aug event

(f) PCC – Nothing new

(g) Summer Topics – Has gone out and may have attracted a new cllr.

(h) Sandon Fun day 30th Aug – Cllr Leedham reported back that planning for the event was coming along nicely. Cllr Chaplin to confirm that he has arranged a TEN licence. — Cllr Chaplin

(i) Recent activity at bottom of Hall Lane – Discussion took place over recent excavations. P.C. might need to put up a fence delineating the boundary. Clerk to write to the landowner reminding him of where the official boundary lies. — Clerk

(j) Request for a donation by East of England Ambulance Service Charity – Clerk to send them a grant application form — Clerk

100826 Correspondence received and action required –

110826 Items for future agendas –

120826 Items for future Topics – new fence at bottom of Hall Lane

Meeting closed at 09:25 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday 14th September 2026 at St Andrews Church Hall starting at 7.15pm.