

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sandy Lane Parish Council
held on 13th July 2026 at Bethel Baptist Church, Sandy Lane**

Present:

Councillors Sajid Hussain, Sue Ledger, Bev Porter (Chair), Sandra Shallcross

Councillors absent Sughra Nazir, Geoff Pounds

Clerk Eve Haskins

In attendance Seven members of the public were present (including Bradford Council Ward Councillor Melanie Milnes)

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

29/2627 Apologies

Apologies received and the reasons for absence approved from Councillor Pounds.

30/2627 Declarations of interest

None.

31/2627 Minutes of previous meetings

Resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th June 2026 as a true and correct record.

32/2627 Public forum

1. Lock on gate at Chellow Dene carpark

A member of the public reported that people are continuing to get locked in the car park, despite the new signs displaying the locking/unlocking times, resulting in them knocking on the doors of the neighbouring houses claiming they are key holders: agreed that the Clerk to contact Bradford Council's Parks Department to determine whether they have given out this information.

2. Potential housing development at Florida Road (planning reference 23/04430/MAO)

Members of the public, who are also members of Sandy Lane Working Group who are campaigning against the potential housing development at Florida Road/Acacia Drive, reported that this development now has over 300 objections on Bradford Council's Planning Portal, and four supporting comments. If this application goes to the Planning Panel then the Ward Councillors will get five minutes and members of the public five minutes altogether to state their views. The Working Group are therefore organising another meeting to agree how to respond, with the strongest factual objections. The Parish Council advised the Group to focus on transport/highway safety/traffic, the impact on the local infrastructure, and flood risk as the strongest points, then the detrimental impact on local biodiversity, and to be succinct and emotionless in their statement.

33/2627 Representation from Ward Officer/Ward Councillors

Bradford Council Ward Councillor Milnes reported that she has raised local issues with Bradford Council, including planning, speeding and potholes, the latter especially related to Cottingley Moor Road, Acacia Drive and Dale Croft Rise.

34/2627 Ongoing issues

a) Potential housing development at Florida Road

See minute reference 32.2/2627 above.

b) Parking at bus-stop at bottom of Stony Lane

Awaiting response on this issue.

c) Planting at steps on Stony Lane/Grasleigh Way
Awaiting response on this issue.

d) Greenwood Park sign
The Clerk reported that Sandy Lane Primary School have agreed to be involved in a competition to design a new sign for Greenwood Park, as suggested by Bradford Council's Parks Department, therefore the children will be submitting their designs prior to the next meeting for a choice to be made; any design will also need to be approved by the Parks Department.

35/2627 Planning issues

- a) **Resolved** to agree the following regarding the current planning applications:
 - (i) 26/02221/PNH: Construction of single storey rear extension, dormer windows to both sides of property, raised roof and front porch at 155 Cottingley Road, Sandy Lane – Sandy Lane Parish Council had no objection to this application.
- b) **Noted** the planning decisions by Bradford Council:
 - (i) 26/01328/HOU: Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension and front and rear dormer windows at 42 Acacia Drive, Sandy Lane – granted (the Parish Council had no objection to this application).
 - (ii) 26/02346/HOU: Hip to gable with front and rear dormers at 28 Acacia Drive, Sandy Lane – insufficient fee.
- c) Local Development Plan: no updates.

36/26 Financial matters

Resolved to agree the following:

- a. To approve in principle the grant application of £150.00 from Sandy Lane Working Group, subject to the Parish Council being provided with evidence of all expenditure before a cheque can be signed.
- b. To approve the following accounts for payment at the meeting:
 - (i) Bradford Council for salaries for June 2026 (£725.39).
 - (ii) Clerk's reimbursement (£117.34) for postage (£14.40), laptop security (£94.99) and travel (£7.95).
 - (iii) Gardener for defibrillator cleaning/checking (£35.00).
 - (iv) Vision ICT for website costs (£263.23).
- c. To note the bank balance as per the most recent statement (22nd June 2026: £32,530.98).

37/2627 Composite benches

Resolved to agree to defer this item to the next meeting, at which quotes for composite benches to be considered; Clerk to contact Bradford Council to determine whether they could dispose of the old benches on Stony Lane and install new ones once purchased.

38/2627 Correspondence received

- a. Emails from YLCA re White Rose publication, training etc.: noted.
- b. Email from West Yorkshire Resilience Forum, Yorkshire Police, re Community Response Plan: noted.
- c. Email from Vice Chair of the Local Council Liaison Meetings re Charter/Devolution: noted.
- d. Email from Bradford Council's Parks Department re cricket club lease and request for new sign: noted, see minute reference 34d/2627.
- e. Email from ice cream van owner re query re fun day: responded to confirm that no fun day is being organised by the Parish Council this year.

- f. Emails from resident re complaints re parking/use of cricket club in Greenwood Park: directed to Bradford Council.
- g. Email from Sandy Lane Primary School re competition for new sign for Greenwood Park: noted, see minute reference 34d/2627.

39/2627 Minor items and items for next agenda

Agreed that consideration of the annual newsletter, the Remembrance Day event and Christmas tree and angels to be discussed at the next meeting.

40/2627 To note the date, time and venue of next meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council due to be held on Monday 14th September 2026 at Bethel Baptist Church at 6.00pm.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.03pm.