Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sandy Lane Parish Council held on 12th October 2026 at Bethel Baptist Church, Sandy Lane

Present:

Councillors	Sajid Hussain, Sue Ledger, Bev Porter (Chair), Sandra Shallcross
Councillors absent	Geoff Pounds
Clerk	Eve Haskins
In attendance	Six members of the public were present (including Bradford Council Ward Councillors Martin and Milnes)

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

58/2627 Apologies
None received.

59/2627 Declarations of interest
None.

60/2627 Minutes of previous meetings
Resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th September 2026 as a true and correct record.

61/2627 Public forum
1. Parking on grass verges

A member of the public reported that parking on grass verges is becoming rife in the village: agreed that a short piece to be placed in the next newsletter asking residents not to park on them as it causes unsightly damage.

62/2627 Representation from Ward Officer/Ward Councillors
Bradford Council Ward Councillor Milnes reported that Bradford Council's Ward Officer for Sandy Lane and Council Wardens have been clearing snickets and pathways locally recently. She also reported that she is waiting for a response from Bradford Council's Planning Department regarding whether the national planning changes coming into force on 31st October this year will impact on the proposed Florida Road/Acacia Drive development, and confirmed that the draft Local Plan has now been released: the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council have not yet received an official notification of this.

63/2627 Ongoing issues
a) Potential housing development at Florida Road

No updates reported.

b) Greenwood Park sign

The Clerk confirmed that she has liaised with Bradford Council's Parks Department to determine which one of the three shortlisted designs chosen at the last meeting would be most suitable for the new park sign, and they have chosen the one they feel would look best: Clerk to confirm this with them and find out the timelines.

64/2627 Planning issues
a) **Resolved** to agree the following regarding current planning applications:
   (i) 26/02346/HOU: Hip to gable with front and rear dormers at 28 Acacia Drive, Sandy Lane: the Parish Council had no objection to this application.
b) Planning decisions by Bradford Council: none received.
c) Local Development Plan: no official updates received.

65/2627 Financial matters

a. **Resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment at the meeting:
   (i) Bradford Council for salaries for October 2026 (£725.39).
   (ii) Clerk's reimbursement (£21.60) for travel (£7.20) and postage (£14.40).
   (iii) Gardener for defibrillator cleaning/checking (£33.00).
b. **Noted** the bank balance as per the most recent statement (22nd September 2026: £25,644.14).

66/2627 Remembrance Day 2026

Resolved to agree that the Scouts will help to put up the gazebos for the Remembrance Day event as usual this year, to meet at 10am in Greenwood Park; the Clerk reported that the school also wish to be involved again, and that the printer has confirmed that the price for the leaflets will be the same as last year (£50) therefore agreed to arrange these; also agreed that the Clerk to obtain the wreath for the Parish Council to lay.

67/2627 Christmas 2026

Resolved to agree the following regarding Christmas 2026:

- Christmas tree to be ordered from Carlton Nurseries as usual.
- Festival Lights to be contracted to organise the Christmas tree lights.
- Local Scouts group to submit a small grant application at the next meeting to cover the cost of installing/deinstalling the Christmas star light (and also the poppy light).
- Angel decorations to be displayed on solely the pub, hairdressers and church once again this year.

68/2627 Correspondence received

a. Emails from YLCA re White Rose publication, training, etc.: noted.
b. Email from the Leader of Bradford Council re 'Your District, Your Voice' – A survey to town and parish councils across the Bradford district: agreed that the Parish Council do not wish to take on any devolved services from Bradford Council - Clerk to complete the survey accordingly.
c. Email from resident re village-related paperwork: agreed that the paperwork to be collected to be assessed for keeping with the Parish Council's records.
d. Emails from Bradford Council's Parks Department re competition for Greenwood Park sign: noted, see minute reference 2627/63b.
e. Email from local school and Scouts group re Remembrance Day involvement: noted, see minute reference 2627/66.
f. Email from Sughra Nazir resigning from Parish Council: the Clerk informed Bradford Council's Electoral Services, who have released the notice of vacancy, placed on the website, that residents have 14 days to call an election; in the event that 10 residents do not call an election prior to the deadline of 30th October 2026 then the Parish Council will be expected to fill the vacancy via co-option.
g. Email from resident re fencing in Greenwood Park: directed to Bradford Council.

69/2627 Minor items and items for next agenda

Agreed that the Remembrance Day event to be considered further at the next meeting, and co-option of a new member to take place at the next meeting, if applicable.

70/2627 To note the date, time and venue of next meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council due to be held on Monday 2nd November 2026 at Bethel Baptist Church at 6.00pm.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.50pm.