



Item 3 - Paper A

SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

— Finance Committee – 20 July 2026 —

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance Committee held on **MONDAY, 20 JULY 2026** at 6:00 pm at The Broadway Centre, 1 Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

Present

Cllrs Alex Lightfoot (Mayor), Liam Cregg, Debbie Andre

Also Present: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO)

Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions were received.

9-2026/27 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ian Boyd, Paddy Lightfoot and Tracey Mikich.

10-2026/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests

Cllr Debbie Andre declared a personal interest as a Church Warden for Christ Church, Sandown.

2. To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

None Received.

11-2026/27 MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 June 2026 was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was, with an abstention, unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2026 be approved as a true record

12-2026/27 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

1. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for June 2026.

A motion to approve the Payments and Receipts presented for June 2026 was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Payments and Receipts for June 2026 be approved.

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations through June 2026

The June 2026 Banking Reconciliations were noted.

3. Expenditure against Budget June 2026

Members noted that the balance showing at the end of the report exceeded the monies in the bank. This was because the precept wasn't budgeted as a direct receipt. The Clerk amended the accounting system to show the precept as a receipt and the final balance was £693,051.82.

13-2026/27 SUMMER HAMPER FUNDING

A motion to approve to ratify Full Councils decision to grant Christ Church PCC £400 to resolve a short fall in funding for Summer Hampers. was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously, with one abstention:

RESOLVED:

THAT Full Councils decision to grant Christ Church PCC £400 to resolve a short fall in funding for Summer Hampers be ratified.

14-2026/27 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 17 August 2026

15-2026/27 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

A motion was moved and duly seconded to exclude the public and press. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED

THAT under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, namely Agenda Item numbers 8 and 9 (Minutes 6-2025/2026and) on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 7, and 14 as defined in paragraphs 7, 9 and 10, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

16-2026/27 TOILET CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE PROCUREMENT

Members considered the procurement process for the Toilet Cleaning and Maintenance Contract, exploring both bringing the service in house and going out to tender jointly with the other bay councils.

The Clerk raised concerns regarding the current staffing structure to undertake additional management and HR matters without it adversely affecting organisational responsibility, existing services, projects and governance. There were also practical considerations like physical space if management capacity was expanded.

A motion was moved and duly seconded in relation to the procurement. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED

- (i) THAT a decision regarding bringing the cleaning and maintenance of the toilets in-house be deferred until tender responses had been received.
- (ii) THAT the tender process proceed as outlined in the tender document.

17-2026/27 PLAYGROUND RESURFACING PROCUREMENT

A report was presented which outlined the current condition of the wet pour surfaces at the Rainbow Park. Members discussed if the surfaces needed replacing and what would be the appropriate procurement process.

Discussion also took place regarding the type of surface with members noting conditions on site such as flooding, ground shrinkage and high levels of UV as well as different surfaces such as wet pour and rubber mulch.

It was agreed that environmental factors, future disposal and removal at end of life and ROSPA compliance, testing of any existing surface if relevant, and consideration for accessibility for wheel chairs on the accessible equipment (roundabout and tree tops unit) should be included in the tender specification. However, the tender would not specify the type of surface.

A motion was moved and duly seconded to go out to tender on resurfacing the playground. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED

THAT Council go out to tender on the resurfacing of the Steven Jenkins Playground surfacing.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions received.

Meeting Closed: 18:37