

Sandiacre Parish Council Newsletter

This newsletter was produced for Sandiacre Parish Council - October 2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past 18 months was an unprecedented time for everyone having to deal with the pandemic and national lockdowns, but I must say the Parish Council continued to work hard throughout this time to ensure services were maintained and meetings continued and the public were able to join us and speak with Councillors via Zoom.

There were some benefits to people working from home, including a reduction in traffic numbers and air pollution and it was noticeable that crime also reduced. Our sincere thanks are extended to all those who worked continuously and selflessly throughout this time, especially NHS staff, front line services and key workers.

Through my Community Leadership Fund (as County Councillor) I was able to pay tribute to the work of the NHS and mark VE Day with a new bench and planter on Derby Road at the corner of Woodside Avenue. These were installed by the Parish Council to replace the old flower beds and both add a splash of colour to the area.

I would also like to praise members of the community for coming together at the start of the pandemic to create a volunteer base. It is testament to the wonderful people of Sandiacre that volunteers worked together to help those most in need at a difficult time.

Sadly, the Cemetery saw double the number of burials expected over the past year and our deepest condolences go to the families that so tragically lost loved ones and as a direct result of the pandemic, with a range of ages involved.

Fortunately, we can all look to the future again and I am pleased to confirm there are exciting plans to develop Springfield Park. Refurbishment

of the play area is planned for the autumn following a successful bid of £60,000 to the Landfill Communities Fund for new play equipment and picnic benches. The Parish Council contributed £6,540 to the project and it is hoped to apply for a further £10,000 through Awards for All for new perimeter fencing around the play area to make it look colourful.

In addition, it is hoped to plant a large number of trees on the park as the Parish Council has applied to participate in the Queen's Green Canopy scheme to plant over 400 trees. It is hoped that local children and volunteers will be involved in planting and maintenance of the site as well as enjoying the park's new facilities.

Another project to ensure Sandiacre looks welcoming and appealing is to plant a large number of FREE daffodil bulbs around the



Cllr Wayne Major
Chairman

community in the autumn each year, so do check out the website in October for further details on how to obtain them and where to plant them.

There are also plans to replace goal and netball posts on the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground (DARG) in the coming weeks and then apply for further grant funding in 2022 to develop the games area and make it more attractive and user-friendly to children of all ages.

All Sandiacre Councillors remain pro-active in working for their community and have the very best interests of local people at heart. There have been some big issues to address over the past year and especially with planning applications including major developments and the possible introduction of HS2 in the future.

Councillors are always open and responsive to listening to the views of residents and take their concerns and views into account on all matters and in particular, when considering and responding to any local planning applications.

I would like to reassure residents that the needs of Sandiacre people are foremost in our minds when decision making and especially when

considering highway issues of congestion, pollution, impact on the environment and wildlife, impact on residents and the Conservation Area and areas of historic interest and natural beauty.

To this end, the Parish Council is looking to develop a Neighbourhood Plan in the coming months and we are establishing what is involved and the benefits it will bring. As development of the plan moves forward, details will appear on the Council's website and in the Minutes of meetings.

As always, I would like to thank Michelle Bloor for her continued support and guidance as Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council. After 14 years in post, she has broad knowledge and experience of working for the community. We can always be assured of her helpfulness and understanding in response to any issues raised by Councillors or the public.

I also wish to offer a special mention to Andrew Wallace, one of our regular contractors, who works 5 days per week to keep Springfield Park and Doncaster Avenue RG litter free and who gives up his Saturdays to ensure Derby Road remains clean and tidy for the benefit of residents.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Councillors for working as volunteers and giving up their time throughout the past year for their community and in quite difficult circumstances.

Sandiacre has approximately 9,000 residents and is the largest Parish Council in Erewash consisting of 14 Councillors, so life can be quite busy for us, but it is a place to be very proud of and I look forward to working with Councillors and residents over the coming year to make a difference to our community.



Cllr Steve Bilbie
Vice-Chairman

Cllr Wayne Major

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FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5 October

Tuesday, 2 November

Tuesday, 7 December

Tuesday, 11 January

SECOND TUESDAY

Tuesday, 1 February

Tuesday, 1 March

6.40pm ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, 5 April

Tuesday, 3 May

6.40pm ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 7 June

Tuesday, 5 July

August – Summer recess

RECESS - NO MEETING HELD

Tuesday, 7 September

Tuesday, 4 October

Parish Council meets at 7.00pm in The Memorial Institute, Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre NG10 5FJ

Meetings are held on the FIRST Tuesday in the month, unless shown otherwise.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings to raise questions and/or observe proceedings.

Questions may only be raised during the 10 minute Public Session.



FRIENDS OF HAYWORTH ROAD PARK

You are welcome to enjoy this local hilltop park which has three entrances. Two are on Hayworth Road. One, with a tarmac path, is from Netherfield Road.

The Park is known for its superb views, trees and wildflowers, small woodland area, play equipment of both old and new styles, picnic tables and seating, also the community events organised by the Friends of Hayworth Road Park with local residents.

Over 20 types of trees have been labelled and guided walks are available on request. Areas of wildflowers and long grass are encouraged with over 90 species having been identified.

In the past, community events each year have included an easter egg hunt, a

summer fair, teddy bears picnic, moth watch, sky-at-night with telescopes, also work parties to trim vegetation and plant trees, shrubs and wildflowers. New ideas, such as kite-flying, are welcome.

Friends and users of the park help organise community events, pick up litter and report matters needing attention to EBC. The Friends Group is properly set up and has an AGM. The group work well with EBC staff. The park is owned by EBC and they maintain the play area. To get involved, please contact us as below.

If you would like more information or to contact the Friends Group, please phone Katharine Stewart on 0115 849 0005 or email David Pinney on fohrp@outlook.com



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Vice-Chairman

Steve Bilbie

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LOCAL POLICE

How to contact the police

In an emergency (immediate danger) always call 999
To report a non-emergency or to contact an officer from your local team call 101

Email: longeaton.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

Information about Sandiacre

To view the latest reported crimes: www.police.uk/derbyshire/SKO8/crime

- Facebook – send us a private message to /DerbyshireConstabulary
- Twitter – direct message our contact centre on @DerPolContact

Latest crime trend

Latest crime trend

Interventions over the past year have included putting youths onto Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) to better their behaviour, partnership working with East Midlands Housing (EMH) for issue of a tenancy warning, referrals have been made to Derbyshire Fire and Rescue to enter an individual onto a Fire Safe programme and there has been engagement with Safe and Sound, who have been conducting outreaches aimed at speaking with youths individually.

I would like to reassure residents that ASB is being monitored in the area and we are addressing issues through partnership working with housing providers, Community Safety Partnership, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue along with other agencies.

Local community groups such as Heart of Sandiacre have also been liaised with to try and tackle issues in the community such as concerns raised about ASB on Stoney Clouds.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all residents to report issues to the police at the time of an incident where possible. By reporting incidents, this helps us to see the true scale of the problem and allows us to address any issues or concerns. Incidents can be reported to police via 999 or 101.

PCSO Erinder Sangha

SANDIACRE HISTORY GROUP

Sandiacre History Group, founded in 2000, is a friendly group of people which holds a series of six talks per year on a wide variety of history topics. Meetings are held in February, April, June, September and October at Sandiacre Methodist Church Hall on Butt Street, (behind the garage), starting at 7.30pm. The Members' Social Evening in December is held at Sandiacre Cricket Club on Longmoor Lane. Over the last 21 years there have been many interesting, informative and entertaining presentations on a wide variety of subjects including local industries, buses, canals and trains, people and places in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, the artist Dame Laura Knight, the Plague Doctor and Eyam, the King Under the Car Park (Richard III), as well as a series of talks in 2014 - 2018 on topics connected with The Great War. Archive films of both Sandiacre and the wider area have always been popular and the local interest in railways always ensures that any talk on trains or railways attracts the greatest audience.

The new membership year starts in September and subscription rates have been maintained at £10 per person or £15 for two people at the same address. Members pay £1 per meeting and visitors, who are most welcome, pay £2.50 admission. Members also receive two newsletters per year.

The Group is pleased to announce that meetings will resume with the AGM on Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 7.30pm at Sandiacre Methodist Church Hall on Butt Street.

Following the business part of the meeting, the subject for the remainder of the evening is Recollection, Revelation and Discovery for which the speakers are still to be confirmed. The remaining meetings for 2021 will be Thursday, 28 October at Butt Street and the Members' Social Evening in December, (date to be confirmed), at the Cricket Club on Longmoor Lane.

For more information, or if you wish to become a member, please contact the Chairman, Sheila Hickingbotham, on 0115 939 8057 or email sandiacrehistory@hotmail.co.uk



SETTING THE BUDGET

Each year the Parish Council sets the budget for the forthcoming financial year. In 2021/22 the total Precept budget was £51,510 compared to £50,006 in 2020/21. The Council also receives a Concurrent Functions grant from EBC of £26,718, to support a number of services relating to parks and open spaces. For a Band D property in Sandiacre, with a population of around 9,000 residents, the Precept charge for 2021/22 was a total of £19.24, an increase of only 70p on the previous year.

This money provided through the Council Tax delivers essential community services, such as litter picking on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground and Springfield Park 6 days per week and Derby Road each Saturday morning. It also includes Christmas lights and the Christmas tree, hanging baskets and grounds maintenance work from April to October on the two parks and Parish Council Cemetery and St Giles' closed churchyards.

Sandiacre Parish Council manages the Cemetery at the top of Church Drive and receives burial fees to ensure the grounds are maintained in good order. The area is preserved as a peaceful and tranquil place and it is part of the Conservation Area.

Play areas receive regular safety checks and money is set aside for repairs and replacement items, sometimes through age and use and sometimes when due to vandalism. The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer is employed part-time to carry out day to day management of the Council and Cemetery and liaises with the public as the first point of contact.

As the budget is confined to providing ongoing services, Councillors consider it essential to source outside funding for any new projects so the Precept is not significantly increased each year and residents do not experience additional tax charges.

In 2019/2020, £45,000 was obtained through the FCC Communities Foundation for a new play area on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground, which proved incredibly popular and this year, £60,000 has been granted by FCC for refurbishment of Springfield Park play areas.

It is hoped to source additional funding through Awards for All to enhance Springfield Park with new play area bow top fencing in order to complete the project and then look to provide seating around the park for dog walkers and park users.

This year, the Multi-user Games Area will benefit from £4,000 provided by Cllr Major (as County Councillor) through his Community Leadership Fund and it is hoped to obtain £10,000 from Awards for All in 2022 for refurbishment work of the MUGA to make the area look attractive and appealing for people and children of all ages.

Councillors have the interest of all residents at heart when decision making and Sandiacre has one of the lowest Band D charges of all the 13 parish areas within Erewash, yet is focused on community development to benefit all members of the local community.

Parish Council Precepts 2021/2022		Band D
1	Ockbrook & Borrowash	88,168.00 36.23
2	Breaston	51,840.00 30.71
3	Sandiacre	51,510.00 19.24
4	Draycott	48,306.00 50.23
5	Sawley	46,709.00 26.16
6	West Hallam	40,778.00 25.81
	Stanley & Stanley	
7	Common	18,342.00 25.92
8	Breadsall	17,500.00 44.69
9	Little Eaton	17,365.00 19.21
10	Dale Abbey	10,780.00 26.18
11	Risley with Hopwell	10,000.00 32.00
12	Stanton By Dale	7,159.00 35.96
13	Morley	5,600.00 31.18

SPRINGFIELD PARK - NEW PLAY AREA





SANDIACRE COMMUNITY NETWORK



The Sandiacre Community Network is a partnership of community groups, organisations and individuals that have an interest in improving the health and wellbeing of Sandiacre residents, as well as encouraging the local community voice within the network. The network is developing a community wellness action plan based on priorities identified by the community.

Members of the Sandiacre Community Network are contributing ideas and priorities in relation to health and wellbeing that will be incorporated into the community wellness action plan. Priorities may be identified by organisations and groups working closely with residents of Sandiacre.

The Erewash Health Partnership have made £5,000 available to the Sandiacre Community Network to support development costs. Erewash Voluntary Action have agreed to coordinate the network and hold the £5,000 on behalf of the network.

The Sandiacre Community Network has been meeting virtually over the last few months and is making progress on the development of the community wellness action plan.

If anybody would like to become involved with the Sandiacre Community Network or would like any further information, contact Catriona Paterson Development Worker at Erewash Voluntary Action email catriona@erewashcvsa.org.uk or telephone 0115 9566740. New members of the network will be made very welcome.

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE / PLANT A DAFFODIL

Sunday, 6 February 2022 will see the seventieth anniversary of The Queen's Accession, marking the first Platinum Jubilee in the long history of British Monarchs. The Woodland Trust is marking this very special occasion by offering free packs to schools and communities who apply at the following website: www.queensgreencanopy.org

Sandiacre Parish Council is taking part in the scheme and is working with Cloudside Academy to provide local children with an opportunity to plant a sapling on Springfield Park around the existing wildlife area. In addition, the Council will provide 4,000 daffodil bulbs which the children can be planted beneath the saplings and volunteers could plant inside the new play area.

Volunteers who would like to be involved with the Parish Council in a co-ordinated project to plant bulbs this year or who would like to see the existing wildlife area improved and developed, are asked to contact the Clerk to offer their details. This scheme could see Springfield Park develop as a valued community asset for everyone to enjoy.

Councillors intend to support more daffodil planting around Sandiacre each year, so do please let us know if you have an area in mind that would benefit the community to make it more attractive and colourful. Areas could include local parks or open spaces and the Cemetery and church grounds. All ideas are welcome...

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HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME

We have been working with Sandicare Parish Council for many years now providing a Summer Play Scheme for children of Sandiacre. The scheme is always well attended, having over 140 different children take part this year and we are thankful to Cloudside Academy for hosting us. We offer various sports, games, activities, dance, gymnastics and crafts throughout our 4 week scheme.

Our main aim is for children to leave each day with a smile on their face having had fun and made new friends. We have fantastic feedback from parents and children, and our staff work very hard to ensure this continues year on year. On behalf of the A.M Sports team we thank you all for your continued support. Adam Metcalf, owner of A.M Sports.

Adam Metcalf
A.M Sports

Cllr Wayne Major (Chairman and EBC Deputy Leader) said:

‘This is such a worthy cause. Sandiacre’s summer play scheme is growing in numbers and has provided a safe space for local children to have fun, make friends and take part in exciting and challenging activities over the 6 week school holidays.

It is hoped to extend the scheme again in the future to benefit more local families. Cloudside Academy is an excellent hub for the local community so provides an ideal location and excellent facilities for the scheme.’

One parent commented: ‘It really is fantastic for working parents through the holiday and great that it ran for the entire summer.’





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Everybody in Sandiacre Safe, Valued and Cared for
and reducing our carbon footprint.

Neighbourhood Watch is much more than curtain twitching, it is about making sure that we and our neighbours are safe, valued and cared for and building a caring community. Everyone can join Neighbourhood Watch, for free, receive free advice and information that will make their home, family and environment safer and take part in activities that will build a neighbourhood community around them.

So much information is electronic these days so we include those who do not "do computers" by delivering a regular Newsletter to summarise the large amount of information sent to us by official bodies. This keeps members aware of risks, offers, suggestions, helpful contacts and links to help us feel safer, more valued and cared for. For those who do social media there are Facebook Pages "Kings Road Area Neighbourhood Watch" and "Kings Road Neighbourhood Watch-Food" which give more frequent information.

Why do we do this? Because we care and because we can. We are volunteers trying to make the world better for ourselves and our neighbours. Our hope would be to have volunteers on every street who are willing to get to know their neighbours and be a communication link for them. If you are willing to help in any way, or want to join, please contact us.

We are backed by Neighbourhood Watch which is a national organisation and much advice can be found at:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>
where you can join the local scheme online.

If you prefer to join locally, or wish to find out more, you can ring us on 0115 9177829 or email to sandiacrenw@gmail.com

Tony Ford, of Kings Road, is the local coordinator.

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REPORTING INCIDENTS

EBC	0115 907 2244	- Noise and disturbance Environmental issues: - Fly tipping - Graffiti - Abandoned vehicles - Dog fouling - Litter - Fly posting - Discarded needles
DB's POLICE	Emergency: Call 999 To give information about a crime or anti-social behaviour (ASB)	- Criminal damage - Verbal or physical abuse - People causing a nuisance or being rowdy in public places - Street drinking, underage drinking or being drunk in public - Nuisance motorbikes - Harassment
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111	To give anonymous information about a crime or anti-social behaviour
DB's Fire & Rescue	Emergency: Call 999	Fires in waste bins, on grassland and public land and small scale fires anywhere which are not an immediate emergency threatening life or property
Reporting ASB	When reporting	- Describe what happened - Where - When - How often - Who was involved - How were you or other people affected
DB's Victim Support	0800 612 6505 www.derbyshirevictimservices.co.uk	Helps victims and witnesses deal with the effects of ASB

PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS

Civic Service – TO BE HELD OCTOBER 2022

The Civic Service held at St Giles' Church provides an opportunity for the Parish Council to invite the Mayor, MP and other local dignitaries, police officers and representatives of all the various local voluntary groups and organisations to the service. It is a service of thanksgiving led by Rev. Olaf Trelenberg to celebrate the life and work of local people and pay tribute to all the good work they carry out on behalf of the community over the past year.

Remembrance Day Evening Service – TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2022

This years' evening service will again be cancelled, but wreaths or poppies may be laid in the Parish Council office garden from 11am until 12 noon

A Remembrance Day evening service is held at St Giles' Church and all residents are welcome to attend. As in previous years, it is a time of reflection to remember those who have fallen and those who are listed on War Memorials in the Church and at Sandiacre Memorial Institute. The names of local soldiers are read aloud in honour of their courage and bravery during the Great War and WW11. Rev Trelenberg leads the service.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on – Saturday, 4 December 2021 at 4.30pm

Everyone is invited to join the Mayor and Parish Councillors for the official switch-on of the Christmas Tree lights. The event takes place around the Christmas Tree, which is situated next to the Village Sign near Faircroft Avenue and we are joined by a small group of Sandiacre Male Voice Choir who lead traditional carols.

Pupils from Cloudside Academy display festive art work and Sandiacre Co-op kindly donate mince pies to ensure it is a memorable start to the festive season.

Sandiacre Parish Council

Community Consultation

Councillors would like to hear from residents about ways of improving their local community and in particular, areas maintained by the Parish Council.

Please email your comments to the Clerk: clerk@sandiacreparishcouncil.org or return the questionnaire to the address shown below.

1. In one or two sentences, please let us know what you think is good about Sandiacre.

2. In one or two sentences, tell us what you would like to see improved.

3. The Parish Council spends your money as efficiently as it can and is always trying to save money without reducing any service we provide. The parish Precept for Sandiacre is £19.24per year = only 37p per week. What are your views about this? Your decision could affect the level of services already provided.

Pay £2 More A Year

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Pay £1 More A Year

☐

Pay The Same

☐

Pay £1 Less A Year

☐

Comment

4. We are in the early stages of starting a Neighbourhood Plan for Sandiacre. Do you support this and would you like to be involved?

Support it

☐

Don't Support it

☐

Would like to get involved

☐

5. If you would like to get involved please fill in your contact details.

6. A Neighbourhood plan:

1. Identify a vision for the local area and set objectives for the next 5 to 20 years.
2. Provide detailed planning policies setting out for example, where new development should be located and how it should be designed.
3. Allocate sites for different types of development, such as housing, retail and office space and designate areas of community greenspace.

Please give your thoughts

