

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 1 April 2025 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

	Cllr W Major	Chairman
	Cllr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
A	Cllr T Ford	
A	Cllr A Gibson	
	Cllr Mrs S Hales	
	Cllr T Hales	
	Cllr G Hickton	
	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
A	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr J Lowrie	
A	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	
A	Cllr R Stewart	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs M Bloor	Clerk to the Parish Council
Cllr M Alfrey	EBC: Lead member for Environment
Mr D Bramwell	EBC: Head of Green Space & Street Scene

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Ten

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman called for a minutes silence to pay tribute to the late, Mrs Annette Noskwith CBE and the late, Cllr Mrs Katharine Stewart. They had dedicated their lives to serving Sandiacre over many years and were highly respected, sadly missed and very fondly remembered.

PRESENTATION

Cllr Alfrey was introduced and invited to give a slide presentation on EBC's rewilding strategy and explain the impact this would have on local areas, including Sandiacre.

Cllr Alfrey explained that lessons had been learned from the previous year and EBC was looking to match Broxtowe and Nottm with a rewilding programme and with signage being introduced on road verges to highlight that seeding encouraged biodiversity and pollination.

He understood the need for community engagement and to ensure parks remained in good condition for the benefit of local people. A regular mowing schedule had been reintroduced on EBC parks and wild flower seeds would be sown in new areas and along grass verges.

Following the presentation, the Chairman invited questions.

Residents enquired why EBC could not reinstate flower beds with bulb planting and ensure EBC parks in Sandiacre looked like those maintained by the Parish Council, as Springfield Park and Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground were in pristine condition.

Cllr Alfrey explained there were resource and cost implications to consider and it was important for EBC to adopt the rewilding programme in order to meet environmental targets.

Cllr Alfrey answered further questions and reiterated EBC's commitment to rewilding across Erewash and throughout areas of Sandiacre.

In conclusion, both Cllr Alfrey and Mr Bramwell were thanked for attending. Both left the meeting at 7.50pm, together with several members of the public.

226. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
T Ford	Illness
S Jarrett	Prior commitment
R Stewart	Bereavement

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

It was noted Cllr Gibson and Cllr Pound had not forwarded apologies.

227. CASUAL VACANCY

It was confirmed a casual vacancy had occurred following the recent death of Cllr Mrs Stewart. The Clerk had notified EBC of the vacancy at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED: that under the circumstances and out of respect, the Casual Vacancy Notice would not be issued until after the funeral had taken place

228. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

229. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensations.

230. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Refer Agenda Item 236 - Planning

Consultations received after the Agenda was issued:

ERE/0325/0044 **8 Lancaster Avenue**

ERE/0325/0063 **2 Briar Avenue**

231. EBC'S GREEN BELT REVIEW – JANUARY 2025

Borough Councillors recently attended a briefing meeting at EBC, which had considered the Green Belt Review where areas of greenbelt land throughout Erewash had been identified to create new housing sites in order to meet Government targets.

Concerns were raised that a new site at the back of Maple Avenue allocated for 180 new homes would have a detrimental impact upon the environment and expand the local conurbation area, thereby diminishing the countryside and moving housing closer together.

Councillors considered it important that residents respond to the upcoming public consultation to voice their concerns. It was noted only Material Considerations could be taken into account by the local Planning Authority and these were listed on the Parish Council's website.

It was highlighted that the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) and the EBC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) had already identified potential sites in Sandiacre for future development.

The SNP included allocation of 130 new homes in the Mark Street industrial site, should industrial units move to the nearby Stanton Site business park. It was felt unnecessary to allocate green belt land, which should be protected for the future.

Residents left the meeting at 7.50pm and thanked Councillors for their support.

232. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were raised.

233. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

a) Police

PCSO Hawksworth's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

b) County Councillor

There was no report under this heading.

c) Borough Councillors

There was no report under this heading.

234. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

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236. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0225/0035 **3 Kensington Road**

Prior Notification for a larger home extension

RESOLVED: that no objection be made

ERE/0225/0052 **83 Derby Road**

Resubmission of 0921/0042 - The demolition of the existing garage & form new garage building with first floor ancillary accommodation & the installation of new electronic gates to replace existing hinged gates to the side elevation.

RESOLVED: that objections be made on the following grounds: The introduction of a new garage building with first floor ancillary accommodation is considered overdevelopment of the site

ERE/0325/0009 **Co-op Market Place, Derby Road**

Digital display screen positioned inside the store advertising deals, produce etc.

RESOLVED: that no objection be made

ERE/0325/0027 **18 Enigma Close**

Erect outbuilding for use as beauty treatment business, resulting in a mixed use plot (residential and beauty treatment business)

RESOLVED: that objections be made on the following grounds: Parking arrangements for a business to be sited in a residential area should be considered, as it could have a negative impact upon the amenity of neighbouring properties

ERE/0325/0044 **8 Lancaster Avenue**

Erection of a two storey side extension, Erection of single storey front extension, erection of single storey rear extension

RESOLVED: that no objection be made

ERE/0325/0063 **2 Briar Avenue**

Construction of outbuilding for use as a beautician's business, resulting in a mixed-use plot (residential and beautician business)

RESOLVED: that objections be made on the following grounds: Parking arrangements for a business to be sited in a residential area should be considered, as it could have a negative impact upon the amenity of neighbouring properties

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0125/0048 **103 Travers Road**

Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed): Installation of dropped Kerb

EBC: Approved 13/3/25

ERE/0225/0002 **8 Town Street**

Birch - Fell to ground level

EBC: Approved 14/3/25

ERE/0125/0057 **9 Jackson Avenue**

Single storey side extension

EBC: Approved 18/3/25

RESOLVED: to note the above

237. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Appeal

ERE/0923/0047 **Land East Of 56 Bostocks Lane Sandiacre**

Erection of 2 no. drive through/eat in cafe/restaurants for the consumption of hot and cold food and drink, vehicular parking and associated works and development to facilitate the proposed uses. *EBC: Refused by Committee*

Due to an appeal being lodged with EBC, residents were urged to resubmit their concerns over the proposed development.

The Clerk was asked to resend objections that related to the original application.

238. **REPORT OF THE CLERK**

1. Crimes reported: January 25 = 63

The above was noted.

2. Annual tree condition survey to be arranged

The Clerk would make arrangements for a tree survey to be undertaken.

3. Clerk's appraisal: Date to be confirmed
A date for undertaking the Clerk's appraisal would be set for June.
4. Clerk: DALC internal auditor training commenced 25/3/25
Following the Clerk undertaking internal auditor training, documentation, guidance and the website had been updated.
5. Clerk: Pension Regulator: To continue to opt-out of pension scheme
The Clerk noted it was again her intention to opt-out of the pension scheme. The opt-out process would be followed in order to notify the Pension Regulator.
6. Clerk: P60 issued for 2024/25 financial year end
The above was noted.
7. EBC: Payment of Precept and CF grant 4/4/25
Payment of the Precept was expected on Friday, 4/4/25.
8. External audit commencement notification: PKF Littlejohn
The Annual Governance & Accountability (AGAR) Return had been received from the external auditors to commence Year End submission arrangements.
9. FCC refund £2,952.82 received / Earmarked for village sign
The refund had now been received and the Clerk would obtain costs for a village sign.
10. Litter picking: Mr Wallace to return 31/3/25 / Amenity area contract
Mr Wallace had returned to work but was unable to commit to the Amenity Areas contract over the coming year.

Two quotes had been obtained, with one far exceeding the other. It was noted Mr Wilford was able to cover the work for the same cost set in the budget.

RESOLVED: Mr Wilford be approved for the 6 month Amenity Area contract from 1/4/25

11. Rospa: Annual play area inspection
A date for the annual inspection had been set for May.
12. Springfield Park: Perimeter footpath: Update
Cllr Bilbie and Cllr Sanghera had undertaken a site visit with Lightmain's Project Manager to discuss arrangement for commencing work on 7/4/25.

The Clerk would arrange for leaflets to be distributed to properties surrounding Springfield Park containing information and emergency contact details.
13. Waste collection charges complaint: Response from Mr Buxton (EBC)
The response form Mr Buxton to the complaint had been circulated electronically and was noted.

239. HEARTWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST PLANTING SCHEME

Springfield Park – Tree planting draft plan

RESOLVED: to form a Working Party comprised of the following Councillors to consider design options for tree planting before moving to public consultation:

Cllr Major, Cllr Bibie, Cllr Sanghera and Cllr Mrs Hickton

The working party would invite Mrs Butler to be involved in the preliminary stages.

240. POLICY & PROCEDURES REVIEW

To be circulated electronically:

1. Action Plan 2025 / 2026	Review annually	April 2026
2. Cemetery Rules & Regulations	Review in 2 years	April 2027
3. Data Protection Policy	Review annually	April 2026
4. FOI Model Publication Scheme	Review annually	April 2026
5. Internal Audit Policy	Review annually	April 2026
6. Risk Management Assessment	Review annually	April 2026

RESOLVED: to adopt and approve the above Policies and procedures

241. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan – Publication Draft Consultation (March 2025)

The deadline for comments is 5pm on Friday 25th April 2025

Documents: www.gnplan.org.uk/consultations

RESOLVED: to note the above without comment

242. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Sandiacre Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNP) not yet formally adopted by EBC full Council.

The Chairman noted the Parish Council's planning consultant had advised that the Neighbourhood Plan would formally be adopted by EBC Planning Authority after the Referendum result. Formal notice of EBC adopting the Plan was not required.

The SNP must now be taken into account by EBC planners and developers.

243. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting

11/3/25	G199
25/3/25	Area 2, Row E, G4
27/3/25	Un-consecrated area by footpath

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting

3/3/25	A213
24/3/25	A224

3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

None to date.

244. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

To consider any incidents or maintenance issues since the last meeting.

No items were raised

245. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt.

246. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report

The financial report, including bank reconciliation to year end was circulated at the meeting.

- a) **RESOLVED:** to receive and note the monthly financial report presented
- b) **RESOLVED:** to approve the bank reconciliation presented
- c) **RESOLVED:** to give delegated authority to the Clerk to transfer £7,000 per month from the Deposit Account to the Current Account to top-up funds, as and when required
- d) **RESOLVED:** to give delegated authority to the Clerk to transfer the Precept to the Deposit Account upon receipt
- e) **RESOLVED:** to give delegated authority to the Clerk to transfer £2,000 from the Precept to the Election Administration Costs Account upon receipt

2. To authorise payments

DD 3/3	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	17.11
DD 10/3	British Gas (0778)	Premises electricity supply	141.06
CHG 21/3	HSBC	Banking services: A/C fee: £8	10.50
BP 4/3	Fox	Grounds Maintenance: February (424)	1,590.42
BP 4/3	PMR	Quarterly play area inspection	240.00
BP 25/3	Fox	Grounds Maintenance: March (467)	1,590.42
BP 31/3	Memorial Institute	Hire of hall for meetings: 7/5/24 to 31/3/25	220.00
BP 31/3	Mr Bloor	Website hosting and maintenance 1/10/24 - 31/3/25	162.00
BP 31/3	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary	1,826.88
BP 31/3	HMRC	TAX/NIC's	492.26
BP 31/3	Spen's GS	Litter picker cover	793.75
BP 31/3	Spen's GS	Low level work: Vegetation clearance Cemetery/Park	405.00
Total:			<u>7,489.40</u>

RESOLVED: to note and approve the above payments

3	Ginns & Gutteridge A211 Plaque	95.00
3	Co-op ST A213: Plot / Interment x 1	568.00
21	FCC Refund (Earmarked for village sign)	2,952.82
28	Baileys Mem's: Plaque A213	95.00
28	Baileys Mem's: Plaque A216	95.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	31.90
31	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	2.95
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	1.15
Total:		<u>3,841.82</u>

RESOLVED: to note income received
247. CORRESPONDENCE

None to date.

248. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

*If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: **RESOLVED:** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

249. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025	<u>ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</u>	6.40pm
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TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025	FULL COUNCIL MEETING	7.00pm
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The Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre NG10 5FJ

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed by the Chairman: _____ **Date:** _____