

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 1 July 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
	Cllr T Ford	
A	Cllr A Gibson	
	Cllr G Hickton	
A	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr J Lowrie	
	Cllr R Pound	
A	Cllr T Sanghera	
	Cllr R Stewart	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Bloor Clerk to the Parish Council

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

48. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
Mrs G Hickton	Personal commitment
T Sanghera	Family commitment

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

It was noted Cllr Gibson had not forwarded apologies.

49. CASUAL VACANCIES

To consider co-option for 3 vacancies

EBC had confirmed an election had not been called, therefore 3 casual vacancies could be filled by the Parish Council through co-option.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To advertise the vacancies from 7/7/25 until 31/7/25
- 2) If the number of applicants exceeded the number of vacancies, those who applied would be invited to meet with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk to informally discuss the role and responsibilities of being a Parish Councillor
- 3) The co-option process would take place at the next full council meeting in September, following the Summer Recess

50. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI's)

The updated DPI's for Cllr Hickton and Cllr Mrs Hickton were handed to the Clerk.

51. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

52. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensations.

53. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Refer Agenda Item – 57.2 Planning Decisions

To include:

ERE/0525/0020 32 Barker Avenue North

ERE/0525/0038 140 Stanton Road

54. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present and no items were raised.

55. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

a) Police

There was no report under this heading.

b) County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- The controlling group had now agreed a calendar of meeting dates
- Several Adult Education Centres were set to close in order to make savings

c) Borough Councillors

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- Consultation on the EBC Core Strategy Review Amendment had now closed and a decision by the Planning Inspector was awaited
- The proposal for new housing on greenbelt land adjacent to Larch Drive had reduced in number from 180 to 100
- DCC Highways had not objected to the proposed new development
- EBC was currently consulting on the Local Government Review. A new authority was expected to be formed in 2028: <https://www.erewash.gov.uk/news/2025/one-derbyshire-two-councils-have-your-say-future-local-government>

Cllr Bilbie reported on the following:

- EBC had given imminent notice to residents that the next bin collection would be undertaken early morning due to extreme high temperatures

56. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2025 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 3 June 2025, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

57. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0525/0038

6 Far New Close

First floor extension over existing garage incl. garage conversion and new render to front façade, garage rear wall and side gable

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/0625/0017

256 Derby Road

Retrospective application for single-storey side extension & outbuilding

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0525/0026

165 Longmoor Lane

Lawful development certificate: 6 dropped kerbs

EBC: Approved 30/5/25

ERE/0425/0019

The Hewarths, No Mans Lane

Certificate of lawful development for an existing use of the barn and curtilage for storage of building materials and equestrian equipment only since July 2013

EBC: Refused 6/6/25

ERE/0225/0016

Friesland School, Nursery Avenue

Demolition of five existing buildings, installation of temporary teaching accommodation, and construction of a single, two and three storey teaching block and sports hall, with associated landscape, parking and infrastructure.

EBC: Approved 11/6/25

ERE/0525/0020

32 Barker Avenue North

Prior approval - Erection of single storey rear extension

EBC: Prior approval not required – Decision 23/6/25

ERE/0525/0038

140 Stanton Road

Proposals for a new detached, three storey dwelling to establish access and scale

EBC: Approved 25/6/25

RESOLVED: to note the above

58. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair reported Mr Peter Hunt (Chair of Cloudside Academy) had recently passed and he wished to convey Councillors' sincere condolences, especially as Mr Hunt had previously served his community as a Councillor over several terms.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of sympathy to his family.

59. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: April 24 = 49 / April 25 = 76

The above was noted.

2. Carols Around the Tree: Arrangements 2025

It was confirmed new arrangements were now required for a group to lead carol singing at the event as Sandiacre Male Voice Choir had folded.

- a) **RESOLVED:** the Clerk contact Long Eaton Silver Prize Band to enquire if they would be available to lead the event with a small number of band members
- b) **RESOLVED:** to stay with existing arrangements and not extend the event

Ladycross Infant School and Cloudside Academy would again be asked to provide children's festive artwork for display around the tree.

- 3. Clerk's appraisal: Date to be confirmed / Contract of employment to be updated
Date and time arranged: Tuesday, 12/8/25 at 6pm
- 4. Pension Regulator: Update
It was noted action was currently being taken to finalise the re-enrolment process and the Clerk would opt-out of the scheme for a further 3 years until July 2028.
- 5. Premises: Fire extinguisher checks 19/6/25 (O Heap)
The above was noted.
- 6. Springfield Park: Completion of path project and payment through FCC + VAT
The project was now completed and FCC would arrange payment of £64,028.57 in grant funding, this included a 10.75% contribution of £6,883.07 provided by the Parish Council.

VAT had been paid separately by the Council and could be reclaimed.

The Clerk would arrange publicity and establish a date for an official opening.

It was noted FCC required publicity for funding the perimeter footpath and this could be done by installing a park welcome sign by the entrance gate.

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for a sign.

- 7. Summer play scheme: Venue / Dates / Costs per session
Mr Metcalf (A M Sports) had confirmed there was already interest for the scheme which would be held at Cloudside Academy and posters had been distributed within the school and community.

The Parish Council supported the scheme for local families and working parents.

60. **DELEGATION OVER SUMMER RECESS**

For the Clerk to be given delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council where such a decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline.

This would include: making BAC's payments, considering quotations for approval, dealing with urgent matters and responding to planning applications, following consultation with the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Cllr Sanghera (any 2 as available) until the date of the next meeting on 2/9/25.

Should a major planning application be received, the Clerk would notify all Members.

RESOLVED: to approve the above

61. DONATION FROM SANDIACRE MALE VOICE CHOIR (SMVC)

Correspondence had been received confirming SMVC would donate £2,600 for a community planter and hanging basket tree from D Ogilvie (Scotland) in the centre of the village where they had led carols each year. A small plaque would be displayed on the planter to show the donation.

Plantscape (Eastwood), part of Ilverde had confirmed they could supply and maintain hanging baskets twice yearly at £45 per basket and initially, they could supply an autumn display. It was noted they also supplied to Stapleford TC.

It was noted with much sadness that the previous conductor, Mr Peter Barber had recently passed after many years involvement with the choir.

RESOLVED:

- a) to seek a licence from DCC to install the permanent feature by the highway
- b) to place an order with D Ogilvie for the planter/hanging basket tree and plaque
- c) for the Parish Council to maintain and insure the feature for the future
- d) to notify Plantscape that hanging baskets would be rented annually and to check their maintenance schedule for the summer months when the weather was drier

62. COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF THE LATE, MR & MRS NOSKWITH CBE

To consider a lasting memorial to the memory of the late, Mr & Mrs Noskwith in recognition of their dedication and service to Derbyshire and the country.

An event to celebrate the life of the late, Mrs Noskwith CBE had recently been held and her son had kindly offered to donate a lasting memorial to his parents.

As the blue plaque scheme did not apply due to the 20 year of passing rule, it was considered St. Giles' Church would be a fitting location to commemorate their remarkable lives and celebrate their contribution to the community and nation.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Mr Noskwith and the church to consider ideas to honour their memory.

63. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID) - ILKESTON ROAD, SANDIACRE

To consider a request from a constituent to the local MP.

Councillors considered they had previously looked at introducing a SID on Derby Road and Longmoor Lane, but installation and maintenance costs were found to be excessive and the devices were not always successful as speeding vehicles ignored them. They couldn't identify vehicles and offered no legal powers to deter speeding.

In order to invest in 3 SID's, as one would set a precedent, the Council would need to increase the Precept by at least 16+% from 2026 as costs were in the region of £6,000 each, besides requiring ongoing costs for servicing, cleaning, maintenance and repair.

Excessive and inappropriate speeding was the responsibility of the police and additional support could be obtained from the DCC Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team (CREST), which trained volunteers to become involved with community speed watch schemes, who could monitor and record vehicle registrations with speed radar equipment.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: not to fund Speed Indicator Devices as other schemes could be used to deter speeding vehicles

64. HEARTWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST PLANTING SCHEME

Springfield Park Working Group

The Working Group would meet with Matt Smith (Woodland Creation Advisor) on 8/7/25 at 6pm to consider which trees would be suitable for planting around the site.

65. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting

9/6/25

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting

None to date.

3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

None to date

66. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground

It was noted 2 broken push bikes and 2 shopping trolleys had recently been discarded on the park, which the council was required to remove.

67. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors: June

RESOLVED: the Clerk be approved to attend the DALC Day on 8/10/25 at a cost of £45 through the training budget

Councillors were invited to attend.

68. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial report

To note the latest bank reconciliation and cashbook balances and identify any financial risks.

The Clerk circulated the following information:

- Schedule of payments to be authorised
- Details of income received over the previous month
- Bank reconciliation aligned to statements
- Accumulating VAT from 1/4/25 = £14,366.14
- Transfer between accounts by the Clerk: 22/6/25 = £7,794 & 28/6/25 = £5,000
- Risks affecting the Council's finances

It was noted VAT included two separate payments to Lightmain for the Springfield Park perimeter footpath and a refund claim would shortly be submitted to HMRC.

FCC Communities Foundation would pay the remainder of £64,028.57 directly to Lightmain through grant funding.

b) Payments schedule to be authorised

DD 2/6	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	17.11
DD 8/6	British Gas (0778)	Premises electricity supply: 24/3/25 - 25/5/25	85.62
CHG 21/6	HSBC	Account fee: £8 + Activity charge £2	10.00
BP 2/6	Fox GM	Grounds Maintenance (May)	1,638.13
BP 28/6	Lightmain	Springfield Park footpath: VAT element only	6,402.85
BP 29/6	Lightmain	Springfield Park footpath: VAT element only	6,402.86
BP 30/6	O Heap	Premises: Fire extinguisher checks	92.40
BP 30/6	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary	1,827.08
BP 30/6	HMRC	Tax & NIC	559.67
BP 30/6	Spens Garden Serv's.	Burial grounds : Low level vegetation work/clearance	770.00
BP 30/6	Mr Wilford	Amenity areas contract: 3 / 6	575.00
BP 30/6	Mr Wallace	Litter picking	837.00
BP 30/6	Mr Wallace	Springfield Park: Low level work – Grill clearance	100.00
Total:			<u>19,317.72</u>

RESOLVED: to authorise the above payments

c) To note income received

22-Jun	Sandiacre Male Voice Choir: Community planter donation	2,600.00
30-Jun	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	126.48
30-Jun	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	5.64
30-Jun	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	4.01
Total:		<u>2,736.13</u>

RESOLVED: to note income received

d) To consider any financial risks affecting the Council

None identified to date.

69. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence not already considered on the Agenda: None

70. 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.*

71. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7.00pm

FOLLOWING AUGUST RECESS

The Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre NG10 5FJ

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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

Initialed by the Chairman: _____