

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 1 October 2024 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	
	Cllr A Gibson	
A	Cllr Mrs S Hales	
	Cllr T Hales	
A	Cllr G Hickton	
A	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
A	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr J Lowrie	
	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	
A	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Bloor Clerk to the Parish Council

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

93. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
T Ford	Ill health
Mrs S Hales	Family commitment
G Hickton	Prior commitment
Mrs G Hickton	Prior commitment
S Jarrett	Holiday
Mrs K Stewart	Ill health

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

94. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

95. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations

96. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Refer Agenda Item 100: Planning

Applications for consultation received after the Agenda was issued:

ERE/0924/0033 61 Maple Avenue
ERE/0924/0038 123 Longmoor Lane TPO

97. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were raised.

98. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth's report was circulated at the meeting.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major confirmed that following a short delay, DCC was soon expected to replace metal railings in the village centre that had previously been damaged.

3. Borough Councillors

- a) EBC was expecting an under-spend of £1.5m, but this was due to introducing cutbacks, reducing services and increasing charges.
- b) Councillors had attended the EBC Planning Committee meeting to raise concerns over application ERE/0923/0047 and ERE/0923/0048 for creation of two drive-through restaurants on Bostocks Lane and erection of signage. Due to the number of objections raised on highway safety, the applications were refused.

99. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2024 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 September 2024, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

100. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0824/0044

1 Grasmere Street

External wall insulation with render finish to all elevations

RESOLVED: to object on the following grounds: The dwelling is located in a Conservation Area and rendering to walls would not be in keeping with the existing street scene and character of the area

ERE/0924/0033

61 Maple Avenue

Erection of Two Storey Rear Extension to Chalet Bungalow

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

2. To note tree application submissions to EBC

ERE/0924/0038

123 Longmoor Lane

Works to three TPO Trees: T006 (Sycamore) crown lift to 3m; T016 (Sycamore) crown reduction by 2m, remove deadwood less than 25 mm and remove deadwood greater than 25mm; T054 (sycamore) Fell.

RESOLVED: to note the application without comment

3. To note Certificate of Lawfulness application

ERE/0924/0026

11 Starch Lane

Certificate of lawfulness for solar panels to the rear roof of property

RESOLVED: to note the application without comment

4. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0724/0031

Pear Tree Yard, Town Street

External alterations to include new windows and doors, render finish and a new tiled roof covering

EBC: Approved 17/9/24

ERE/0723/0055

11 Buckingham Road

Certificate of Lawful Development: Installation of 5 meters dropped kerb

EBC: Approved 17/9/24

ERE/0923/0047

Land East of 56 Bostocks Lane

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 20/9/24

ERE/0924/0048

Land East of 56 Bostocks Lane

Proposed signage including 3 No. internally illuminated free-standing totem signs, various internally illuminated fascia signs for both proposed buildings, directional signage, internally illuminated digital screen menus & associated branding advertisement

EBC: Refused 20/9/24

RESOLVED: to note the above

101. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Verbal report to be provided at the meeting

The Chairman had been invited to give a talk at the Friendship Hub on how councils worked. He complimented Cllr Ford on his work for the community organisation.

Tower Surveys had requested land between the Cemetery and the neighbouring property be cleared so markers showing the revised boundary line could be displayed.

102. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crime figures, latest recorded: July 23: 93 / July 24: 72

The above was noted.

2. Bank mandate form for completion: 5 new signatories

Since some of the signatories were not present, the Clerk would obtain signatures at the next meeting.

3. FCC grant funding: Delay releasing funds

It was explained FCC would not release funds until further quotes had been obtained to meet the funder's strict criteria for procurement.

The Clerk had subsequently sourced 2 other companies and would proceed to finalise the matter in order for work to commence in the Spring.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:** that with new like-for-like specifications drawn up, the Parish Council would bridge costs if FCC limited the amount of funding offered or determined a contractor, based on lowest costs.

4. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum meeting on 15 October 2024 at Matlock

The above was noted.

5. Summer play scheme: Feedback report previously circulated
A copy of Mr Metcalf's feedback report had been circulated and Councillors' were pleased with the outcomes and number of activities provided.

103. PADMORE MOORINGS

To consider improvement work to flower beds

1. To consider a new layout of flower beds
RESOLVED: to accept the plan provided by Mr Wallace for grassing over one flower bed positioned under tree cover and creating another in close proximity to the existing, in order to aid growth of annual bedding plants
 2. To consider replanting with annual bedding plants each Summer and Autumn
RESOLVED: to improve the public open space by re-introducing Summer and Autumn bedding plants in both beds to create a colourful display by the canal side
 3. To consider preparation work this Autumn for Spring planting
RESOLVED: to accept Mr Wallace's estimate of £600 to prepare the site
- Councillors considered hanging baskets were no longer provided by EBC and this scheme would introduce colour to further enhance the village centre appearance.
4. To include this section of bedding in the 2025 Amenity Area contract, as before
RESOLVED: that planting and maintenance of both flower beds should again be included in the Amenity Area contract for Padmore Moorings from April 2025

104. CIVIC EVENTS 2024

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Remembrance Sunday evening service	Sunday, 10 November	6.30pm	St. Giles' Church
Carols Around the Tree	Saturday, 30 November	4.30pm	Opp. White Lion

1. Invitation for all Councillors to attend civic events
2. Invitations to local groups and organisation to be issued
3. Sandiacre Male Voice Choir confirmed they will lead Carols Around the Tree

RESOLVED: to note the above

105. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

3-year rental agreement with LeisureLites Ltd

- Contract: Year 2 of 3 (2023, 2024 & 2025)
- Christmas lights installation w/c 25 November 2024
- Padmore Moorings pea-lights require replacement for December 2025

It was noted LeisureLites had recommended existing strings of pea-lights used on trees at Padmore Moorings be replaced. However, this year, LeisureLites had offered to add to the display.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain if new pea-lights could be included in a rental agreement from 2026, so all items were replaced as new

106. EBC CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

Examination of the Erewash Core Strategy Review 4/9/24

The Chairman explained the outcome of the Core Strategy Review following independent inspection. Smaller development sites now needed to be identified within Erewash before the document could be signed off by the Examiner.

RESOLVED: to note the above without comment

107. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Report on progress

- Two changes made by EBC Head of Planning relating to the Mark Street Masterplan.
- Notification to the Examiner that changes made outside of the Regulation 14 and 16 consultation period.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council did not agree to EBC Head of Planning making independent changes to the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan, which had been formally signed off by the Examiner ready for Referendum

The Clerk was asked to notify Mr Birkinshaw of the Council's decision and inform him he should write to the Examiner to request any further changes be made.

The Chairman confirmed he had been in touch with EBC to notify them no further delay should be made to holding a Referendum, as the document had passed examination. A referendum was now expected to be held in February 2025.

108. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
None.
2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
None
3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
One

109. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

Although there had been no reported incidents of problems during the recent wet weather, Mr Wallace had ensured the stream grill was regularly cleared on Springfield Park to avoid any flooding to nearby properties.

Thanks were extended to Mr Wallace for all his additional work.

Cllr Major confirmed he had worked with EBC to ensure sandbags were available for those who needed them during periods of heavy rain.

The Clerk confirmed there was an increase in tree and vegetation work being requested around the parks, as weather conditions had encouraged growth this year.

110. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt: September 2024

111. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report

- The financial report was presented by the Clerk and several items for expenditure were referred to for explanation, such as headstone testing.
- It was noted the burial ground reports would shortly be examined and actioned
- The bank reconciliation would be presented at the next meeting.

a) **RESOLVED:** to receive and note the monthly financial report presented

b) **RESOLVED:** to give delegated responsibility 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

2. To authorise payments

DD 1/9	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	15.20
DD 9/9	British Gas (0778)	Premises electricity supply	26.20
CHG 21/9	HSBC	Banking services monthly fee	8.00
BP 2/9	Spen's GS	Low level work: Missed payment: Litter picking Aug	362.50
BP 2/9	Fox	Grounds Maintenance: August	1,590.42
BP 11/9	Fox	Grounds Maintenance: Inv. 11483 replacement	1,590.42
BP 11/9	Viking	Office: Toner	73.30
BP 19/9	Ind. Memorial Inspect.	Cemetery/Closed churchyard: Headstone testing	2,916.48
BP 25/9	Fox	Cemetery: Remove dead branches: Invoice 11663	288.00
BP 30/9	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary	1,779.49
BP 30/9	HMRC	TAX/NIC's	464.45
BP 30/9	Andrew's GS	Litter picking	775.00
BP 30/9	Andrew's GS	DARG: Low level work parks	434.00
BP 30/9	Andrew's GS	Grounds Maintenance: Padmore / Village centre	400.00
BP 30/9	Spen's GS	Low level work: Burial grounds/DARG shrub clearance	638.00
Total:			<u>11,361.46</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above and approve payments

3. To note income received

13	A210: Reserved Plot	189.00
16	Co-op LE: Plaque	95.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	112.49
31	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	3.33
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	0.02
Total:		<u>399.84</u>

RESOLVED: to note income received

112. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

113. 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.*

114. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2024 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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