

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 2 June 2026 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 I Draper-Morgan	
	Cllr T Ford	
A	Cllr A Gibson	
A	Cllr Mrs P Hallam	
A	Cllr G Hickton	
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	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr R Jenkins	
	Cllr J Lowrie	
	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Bloor – Clerk to the Parish Council

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One

Cllr Major welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
Mrs P Hallam	Holiday
G Hickton	Work commitment

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

It was noted Cllr Gibson had not forwarded apologies for the meeting.

24. CO-OPTED MEMBER

It was reported Cllr Alfrey had tendered his resignation that day due to continuing work commitments that prevented him from taking up the role.

The Clerk would notify EBC that a vacancy had arisen.

25. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest received.

26. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

27. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations of business.

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

28. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Concerns were raised by the resident that EBC Planning Department was not taking into account policies contained within the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) when considering applications, including for larger developments that had a significant impact on the community.

Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to include this item on the July Agenda for further consideration, with a view to the Parish Council asking EBC Planning Dept. for clarification.

Concerns were raised generally that EBC's planning portal was not user-friendly and very difficult to navigate.

The resident thanked Councillors for considering the matter and left the meeting at 7.30pm.

29. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

1. Police

There was no report under this heading.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- I. Following public consultation, DCC had approved changes to the home-to-school transport service for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) children, who were now required to travel to shared pick-up points, despite concerns raised by families.
- II. Leadership at DCC had announced that all pot-holes across the county had been repaired ready for the winter months, although this was considered highly unlikely.

3. Borough Councillors

Ward Councillors reported on the following:

- I. The Erewash Core Strategy would be re-introduced at a cost of £500,000 and then discarded following the introduction of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).
- II. Bin collections were proving problematic as waste was being dropped onto roads. EBC had been notified and asked that operatives address the problem during their rounds.
- III. Ward Councillors would soon meet with EBC to establish how a feasibility study could be funded in order to support Sandiacre petition the Government for an M1/J25A
- IV. EBC was looking at the possibility of creating Parish Councils in the Ilkeston & Long Eaton areas in response to the launch of unitary councils (refer LGR) from 1/4/28
- V. EBC had provided an air pollution monitoring device for siting at the junction of Derby Road and Bostocks Lane. The location could be changed after 6 months.

30. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2026 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

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32. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

EBC/0725/0059 **20 Park Drive** Amended Plans: Layout & housing type
Proposed development demolition of existing dwelling and development of 13 dwellings, comprising 12 new builds with access road off Park Drive. Conversion and extension of outbuilding on Orchard Way to 1 dwelling, location 20

RESOLVED: that objections be made on the following grounds

- It is considered that the proposed residential development for 13 large-scale detached houses is not acceptable due to their intended height and scale and overbearing to nearby properties.
- Concerns are raised over appearance, height, density, mass, scale and layout.
- It is considered there will be a detrimental impact upon neighbouring properties and bring about loss of light and overlooking issues.
- The proposed boundary line will be in close proximity (within 3 metres) to 12 Orchard Way, which will have a detrimental impact on this property and its amenity.
- Construction of a new road access will be required and provision made for adequate additional parking.
- The appearance of the new development will negatively impact upon the character of the street scene and not be in-keeping with surrounding properties.

SANDIACRE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Policy 1. Sustainable Development

2. As appropriate to its scale, nature and location, proposals should;
- b) be of a scale, density, layout and design that is compatible with the local character, appearance and amenity of that part of the Parish in which it is located

Policy 3. Achieving Well Designed Places

3. As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should;
- a) respond to the local character of the area and immediately adjoining neighbouring properties
- b) demonstrate sensitive positioning within plots and be of such a scale and form as to not dominate neighbouring properties or the streetscape

PA/2026/0242 **Rockville, Church Street**

Works to trees within Cloud Side Conservation Area: Two Evergreen Trees to be removed to ground level

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

PA/2026/0264 **Hillside Farm, Rushy Lane**

Proposed change of use of stables to dog boarding kennels

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

PA/2026/0273 **Blue Bell Inn, 36 Church Street**

Works to tree within Cloud Side Conservation Area: T1 - Sycamore - Fell to just above ground level and remove all waste

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

EBC/0825/0062 **Bostocks Lane, Long Eaton**

Appeal

Construction of 76-bedroom care home and relocation of hotel car parking, along with associated works and landscaping

RESOLVED: to note the above without comment

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

PA/2026/0090 **Friesland School, Nursery Avenue**
Construction of below ground source heat pumps
EBC Approved

PA/2026/0250 **14 Spencer Avenue**

Lawful development: Dropped Kerb, an extended single driveway now a double driveway. Thus, extending the dropped kerb from the single-entry requirements into a double (3x Kerb stones only).
EBC Approved

PA/2026/0266 **96 Springfield Avenue**

Extending driveway to accommodate vehicles, which will reduce congestion on street parking. The kerbs being dropped have no impact on other property on the street
EBC Approved

RESOLVED: to note the above

33. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Major reported on the following:

1. Fox Landscapes had undertaken planting of Amenity Areas in the village centre that day and received compliments on the flower bed displays
2. Hanging baskets on 10 lamp columns would be installed the following day
3. Bids for EBC grant funding for park improvements would be submitted shortly:
 - Springfield Park & Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground: Bins and benches (£22,500)
 - Major improvement work to Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground: BMX track

34. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: March 2025: 81 / March 2026: 68

Concerns were raised that reported violent and sexual offence rates were the highest recorded crime figures for the community. It was highlighted the police data also included reported domestic incident under this heading.

2. Basic on-line fire awareness training: Clerk

As part of the recent premises inspection, the Clerk had been advised to attend on-line fire safety management awareness training in the event of a fire occurring in the workplace.

RESOLVED: the Clerk attend 90-minute on-line training with Health, Safety, Quality and Environment (HSQE) at a cost of £15 + VAT

3. BT contract renewal: Full fibre enhanced digital line call package. £18.08 per month saving from July 26

RESOLVED: the Council enter into a new BT 3-year contract to receive the enhanced broadband and telephone package at reduced cost

4. DCC: 1 tonne of grit still awaited

It was confirmed this matter remained outstanding and no delivery had yet been made.

5. DCC: Licence for planter remains outstanding

Following numerous chaser emails, DCC had confirmed the licence was being finalised in the coming week ready for installation of the base and planter, with 4 hanging baskets.

6. Year End Account submitted for external audit 20/5/26

It was noted PKF Littlejohn had confirmed receipt of the Council's Year End Accounts.

7. Village sign: Progress to date

It was confirmed this matter remained outstanding as the Council was held in a queue (4th place).

35. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIAR INTEREST (DPI) FORMS

For Councillors to consider updating their DPI's.

Cllr Ford presented his updated DPI to the Clerk.

Cllrs Jarratt, Pound and Sanghera would update their DPI form to show recent changes.

36. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

For Councillors to consider their training needs on roles and responsibilities and procedural requirements for meetings.

The Chairman encouraged Councillors to attend induction training and other DALC training.

37. POLICIES

To consider introduction / review of existing policies:

1. Code of Conduct
2. Complaints Procedure
3. Equality & Diversity Policy
4. Financial Regulations
5. GDPR
6. Grievance Policy
7. Fire Safety Policy
8. Health & Safety of Premises Policy
9. Lone Working Policy
10. Standing Orders
11. Third party requests to place items on Parish Council maintained land

I. **RESOLVED:** to review & adopt the above policies with immediate effect

II. **RESOLVED:** to amend & adopt Policy 4. Refer: Financial Regulations - Item 7
To reflect current practices for on-line banking arrangements and for Councillors' monitoring procedures that ensured accuracy of monthly payments

38. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting

None.

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting

15/5/26 A164

3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

None.

39. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

1. The remaining 5-aside goal post on Springfield Park had been removed due to age and condition having been found lying on the ground.
2. A fence panel on the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) required replacement due to damage and being used as an access point.

RESOLVED: A new fence panel be installed by Fox Landscapes at a cost of £602.76 + VAT

40. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

A copy of the latest newsletter had been emailed to Councillors upon receipt: May

RESOLVED: to note the above

41. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report to be presented at the meeting

The Clerk circulated a financial report to month end, which included the following:

- Schedule of all payments made
- Record of all income received
- Record of all transfers made between accounts
- Amount of VAT accumulating from 1/4/26
- Identified potential risks affecting the Council's finances, if any

3/5/26	£10,000	Delegated to the Clerk	Transfer between accounts to cover payments
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Cllr Bilbie and Cllrs Sanghera checked all invoices paid within the month to monitor accuracy of payments made against monthly bank statements. No items were raised.

Cllr Major signed the monthly financial report.

2. Payment schedule to be authorised

DD 11/5	BT (69)	Broadband: 1/4/26 - 30/6/26	245.54
DD 11/5	British Gas (78)	Premises: 25/3/26 - 26/4/26	72.23
CHG 21/5	HSBC	Bank activity charge	3.50
BP 3/5	Memorial Institute	Hire of hall for meetings: April 25 to April 26	265.00
BP 11/5	Zurich Insurance	Renewal: 1/6/26 - 31/5/27	2,779.62
BP 11/5	Fox Landscapes	Amenity Areas: Missed on first invoice	423.00
BP 19/5	Viking	Office supplies	244.11
BP 19/5	D Ogilvie	Planter (Donation by SMVC)	2,646.66
BP 29/5	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary	1,876.07
BP 29/5	HMRC	Monthly tax & NIC's	589.17
BP 29/5	Mr Wallace	Litter picking	1,127.00
BP 29/5	Mr Wallace	Low level work	40.00
BP 29/5	Spens Garden Serv's.	Burial grounds: Low level work	400.00
			<u>10,711.90</u>

RESOLVED: to authorise the above payments

4. To note income received

1	Baileys: A88 Plaque	102.00
6	A233: Pre-paid Plot/Interment	307.00
7	DCC: Contribution to mulch - Tree grant	124.20
15	Craftsmen in Stone: G220 H/Stone Add. Inscription	75.00
29	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	119.89
29	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	6.43
29	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	10.27
Total:		<u>744.79</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above income

5. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council

No financial risks were identified.

RESOLVED: to note the above

42. CORRESPONDENCE

None to date, not already considered on the Agenda.

43. 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.*

44. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2026 at 7pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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

Initialed by the Chairman: _____