

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 2 July 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	
A	Cllr R Pound	
A	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: Two

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

46. 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 Jarratt	Holiday
R Pound	Prior commitment
T Sanghera	Holiday
Mrs K Stewart	Ill health

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

The Clerk was asked to remind Cllr Mrs Hales to attend the September meeting or the 6th month rule would apply.

47. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Hales declared an interest in planning application ERE/0624/0013 as a neighbour of the applicant and did not vote.

48. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations

49. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Refer Agenda Item 53 - Decision notices received after the Agenda was issued

Planning decision

ERE/0524/0009 **23 Hart Avenue**

Planning decision

ERE/0524/0021 **6 Barker Avenue North**

50. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were raised.

51. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth's report was circulated at the meeting and noted.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- a) Following temporary repairs to potholes across the county, DCC was planning to introduce longer-lasting repair work in the future.

Cllr Lowrie thanked the Clerk for all her efforts in quickly notifying DCC that urgent repair work was required to fix a deep pothole on Bostocks Lane. Cllr Cupit had been informed of the problem and the matter had been swiftly resolved.

- b) National elections would be held that week.

3. Borough Councillors

Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie reported on the following:

Reduction in grass cutting services across the Borough

Reduced mowing services continued to raise concerns and complaints from residents wishing to access parks and open spaces and also from drivers whose visibility was obstructed when pulling out of junctions.

Councillors considered areas of Erewash, including Long Eaton, now looked sad and neglected and it was felt there was no longer a sense of pride in the community. Although reduced mowing would deliver on biodiversity, opportunities for people's physical health and mental well-being were now substantially reduced.

EBC had sold off existing grass cutting machinery to invest in new mowers that cut longer grass. Hayworth Road Park and St. Giles' Park remained overgrown and underused, while the Parish Council's parks now attracted more families and users.

It was reported EBC now held a surplus of £850,000 at Year End 2024.

Cllr Major had called for a full council meeting be held to discuss ongoing concerns, but it had been cancelled. Consequently, he had called for a further meeting to be held, which was scheduled for 1/8/24.

52. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2024 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 June 2024, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

53. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0524/0051 **9 Faircroft Avenue**

Retrospective application - Revisions to ERE/0523/0029 sought for larger front porch, relocated first floor ensuite bathroom rear window to southern side elevation and addition of 5 x external CCTV cameras

RESOLVED: to note without comment

ERE/0624/0005 **5 Huntingdon Walk**

T1 - Oak Tree - reduce property side only by 1-2m and clear building by 2m. Thin by 15% and remove all epicormic growth

RESOLVED: to note without comment

ERE/0624/0013 **20 Park Drive**

Erection of single storey side extension, installation of two dormer windows to forward elevation and one to the rear, installation of Velux windows to the rear elevation, erection of front porch and other external alterations

RESOLVED: to comment that it was considered only one residential dwelling should be retained on the site

ERE/0624/0036 **1st & 2nd floor, 34 Station Road**

Prior Notification of proposed conversion of first and second floor office space to no. 2 residential flats.

RESOLVED: to note without comment

2. To note Certificate of Lawfulness application to EBC

ERE/0624/0033 **53 York Avenue**

Certificate of Lawfulness for dropped kerbs (4m)

RESOLVED: to note without comment

3. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0424/0012 **23a Barker Avenue North**

Single storey extension to the front elevation

EBC: Refused 3/6/24

ERE/0424/0039 **Sandiacre Court Care Centre, Derby Road**

TPO Tree works: T1 Pine. Prune back limbs from building roof giving approx. 1m clearance in order to prevent damage. Deadwood. TPO162

EBC: Approved 7/6/24

ERE/0424/0035 **82, Stanton Road**

Single storey rear/side extension

EBC: Approved 18/6/24

ERE/0424/0043 **17 Ilkeston Road**

Construct single storey extension to side, construct part single and part two storey extension to rear and construct dormer roof to rear.

EBC: Approved 18/6/24

ERE/0524/0009 **23 Hart Avenue**
Certificate of Lawfulness for 11 dropped kerbs approximately 33 feet
EBC: Approved 27/6/24

ERE/0524/0021 **6 Barker Avenue North**
Single storey side and rear extension
EBC: Approved 28/6/24

RESOLVED: to note the above

54. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A large scale solar farm site extending to 48 hectares was proposed for greenbelt land near Stanton-by-Dale. A planning application was expected shortly.

55. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crime figures, latest recorded: April 2023 = 75 / April 2024 = 49
The above was noted
2. BT Line rental & broadband contract: Two year contract ends August 2024
It was noted the Broadband and SIM contract was due for renewal. Should the Council wish to enter into a new loyalty agreement, costs would reduce from £61 to £44.95 per month.
 - I. **RESOLVED:** to enter into a new 2-year contract at £44.95 + VAT per month
 - II. **RESOLVED:** to cancel the SIM contract
3. Deep pot holes repaired
This item had previously been addressed under Agenda Item 51.2
4. Premises: Fire extinguisher testing 26/6/24
A certificate of compliance had been issued.
5. Premises: Legionella testing
A date for inspection was being arranged for the coming weeks.
6. St. Giles' Church Wall: Sections identified for remedial work
A recent meeting with the Church Warden and Mr Ackroyd (Ackroyds Electricals) had identified 2 small sections of the ancient wall now requiring remedial attention. It was considered funds would need to be built-up for repair work to be undertaken.

It had been considered trees above the wall line were not impacting on stability, repairs were needed due to the wall's extensive age.
7. Summer play scheme: Venue / Dates / Costs per session
Mr Metcalf was running the Parish Council's summer play scheme at Ladycross Infant School due to work being carried out at Cloudside Academy.

As the scheme was sponsored by the Parish Council, he would charge £13.50 per day, which was considered excellent value for money for local families.

The scheme would run for 4 weeks from 29/7/24 to 23/8/24 and was being publicised by Mr Metcalf in schools and by the Clerk within the community.

8. VAT refund claim: January 2024 to June 2024

The VAT refund of £5,837.39 would support the FCC grant contribution of 10.75%.

56. FCC GRANT £91,496.69 - APPROVED

1. Funding success confirmation 6/6/24

The above was noted and the Clerk was thanked for submitting the application.

2. Parish Council contribution £9,835.89 paid 14/6/24

It was confirmed the contribution had been made within the specified time period.

3. Third quote being obtained

As part of the funding process, 3 like-for-like quotes were required to be submitted to FCC.

A breakdown of the 3 quotes was circulated for Councillors to consider. Discussion followed on materials used, specifications shown and best value for money.

RESOLVED: to remain with Enhance Gardens, as the preferred provider

4. Estimated installation date

The project was expected to start early September when the park was quieter and while ground conditions remained dry and accessible for vehicles.

57. DELEGATION OVER SUMMER RECESS

For the Clerk 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.

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

RESOLVED: to approve the above scheme of delegation to 3/9/24

58. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

1. Good Councillor's Guide 2024 – Free electronic version available

The Clerk would obtain a link for all Councillors to access the latest edition.

2. For Councillors to consider their training needs

No items were raised at this time.

59. CONSULTATION

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) Upgrade – Stage 1 consultation

Public information events rescheduled: Borrowash – Wednesday, 24/7/24 2-7pm

RESOLVED: to note the above

60. POLICY REVIEW

New Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: to defer review of the Policy to the next meeting

61. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Report on progress

The Parish Council had received Examiner approval to submit comments by 22/7/24 for the Reg. 16 consultation process.

Details were now displayed on EBC's website.

62. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
27/6/24 UN-C Area, G1, Row B
2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
None.
3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
None.

RESOLVED: to note the above

63. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

To consider any incidents or maintenance issues since the last meeting
Repeat damage to BMX track bank and broken branches used to create a fire.

The Clerk reported Doncaster Avenue RG was now used by children coming from outside the area. She had reported incidents of vandalism to local officers and requested more evening patrols be introduced.

Cllr Major reported Springfield Park was now becoming more widely used by families who lived outside of the area.

RESOLVED: to note the above

64. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt: Newsletter June 2024

RESOLVED: to note the above

65. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report presented by the Clerk
The Clerk summarised the latest financial report, which gave a list of income and expenditure, a bank reconciliation to month end and VAT paid from 1/4/24 to date.

Transfer between accounts

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be given delegated authority to transfer £7,000 per month from the Deposit Account to the Current Account to top-up funds, as and when required

Headstone Testing

Testing had begun and £2,000 was set aside in the budget. However, due to the increased number of headstones now requiring inspection and possible safety signs, it was predicted further funding of approximately £1,000 was required.

Headstones = 796

- Closed churchyard by St. Giles' Church 271
- Closed middle churchyard 315
- Sandiacre Parish Council Cemetery 210

RESOLVED: to note the above

Cllr Hales and Cllr Mrs Hales would monitor the Accounts from 1/4/24 to 30/6/24.

2. To authorise payments

DD 1/6	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	15.20
DD 5/6	British Gas (0778)	Premises electricity supply	113.68
DD 17/6	BT (3766)	Phone rental	8.81
CHG 21/6	HSBC	Banking services monthly fee: £8 + activity charge	11.50
BP 1/6	Mrs Bloor	Premises: Office planter	45.44
BP 4/6	Fox GM	Parks/Burial grounds mowing: May	1,590.42
BP 4/6	Zurich Insurance	Cover: 1/6/24 - 31/5/25	2,579.74
BP 4/6	Tower Surveys	Boundary survey	2,350.00
BP 4/6	Tower Surveys	Boundary survey: VAT element £470	-
BP 11/6	Ackroyds Electrical	Church wall: Emergency work re storm damage	912.36
BP 11/6	Ackroyds Electrical	Church wall: Restoration work	6,573.60
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BP 14/6	FCC	Springfield Park Grant: 10.75% contribution	9,835.89
BP 20/6	Fox GM	Cemetery: New footpath	2,496.00
BP 25/6	Lymns	UN-C: Refund for payment made in error	190.00
BP 30/6	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: June	1,779.29
BP 30/6	HMRC	TAX/NIC's: June	464.65
BP 30/6	Spenn's GS	Low level work: Burial grounds: May (2 weeks)	374.00
BP 30/6	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: June (5 weeks)	943.75
BP 30/6	Andrew's GS	Low level work	90.00
BP 30/6	Andrew's GS	Grounds Maintenance: Padmore / Village centre	400.00
		Total:	<u>£470</u> <u>37,347.93</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for payment shown above

3. To note income received

5	Hawleys: A203 Plaque	95.00
10	Lymns: UN-C- (Paid for H/S in error)	190.00
14	Hawleys: H/S - Area 2, Row D, G10	190.00
21	Baileys: Area 2, Row B, G13 Add. Inscription	70.00
24	Lymns: Plaque UN-C Opp. Grave row 18	95.00
27	A209: Plot/Int (Out of Area)	568.00
28	Plot/Int: UN-C Opp. grave row 13 (Out of Area)	568.00

30	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	162.41
30	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	3.31
30	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	8.51
	Total:	<u>1,950.23</u>

RESOLVED: to note income received

66. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

67. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

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.

Residents were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

68. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

To report incidents on and around Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground

It was reported that over the past 3 months, incidents had occurred on and around the park involving an individual causing anti-social behaviour at different times of the day.

The police had been alerted to situations reported directly to the Parish Council office, but officers had stressed calls should be made by the public via 999 or 101 so they could be quickly logged and actioned.

69. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2024 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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