

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One

CORRECTION TO NUMBERING APPLIED, TO START AT 139.

139. CLERK'S RETURN TO WORK

Mrs Bloor was welcomed back to work following a number of week's absence due to ill health. Thanks were extended to Mr Flatley for covering in the interim and the Clerk was asked to convey the Council's thanks and appreciation to him for offering his services.

Mrs Bloor thanked Councillors for all their support and good wishes over this time.

140. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
T Sanghera	Prior commitment

RESOLVED: to accept the apology for absence

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

141. CASUAL VACANCIES: 1 NORTH & 1 SOUTH

It was considered co-option would be further promoted in the New Year.

142. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

143. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensations.

144. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 147. Planning – To include

Item received after the Agenda was issued.

ERE/1125 0031 **The Yews, 6 Town Street** Tree works in Conservation Area

145. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were raised.

146. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

a) Police

There was no report under this heading.

b) County Councillor

There was no report under this heading.

c) Borough Councillors

Cllr Major reported on the following:

I. Erewash Core Strategy

EBC Planning Department had recently submitted the Core Strategy to the Planning Inspector for final approval, but had failed to meet the necessary criteria and it could not be signed off without more detailed information being provided.

II. Local Government Reorganisation

Separate proposals for reorganisation had been submitted to the Government by DCC and EBC. A decision on boundary reorganisation was expected in the summer.

DCC: Single unitary model - To merge Derby City and Derbyshire County Council

EBC: Double unitary model - Erewash included in the southern half of the county

III. Parish Fund

EBC was looking to introduce a parish fund that could see parishes bid for funding for community improvement. Further details would be known shortly.

147. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2025 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 4 November 2025, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

148. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0825/0062 **Novotel, Bostocks Lane**

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

RESOLVED: that no objections be made, but to comment that speed restrictions should be imposed along the length of Bostocks Lane to reduce traffic to 30 mph to ease access and egress to the site, especially at busy times of the day. The local Secondary School is situated nearby and there is significant HVG movement from the nearby M1/A52 junction

ERE/0825/0063 **Novotel, Bostocks Lane**

Construction of residential development to provide 14 dwellings and the reconfiguration of the car parking arrangement, along with associated works and landscaping

RESOLVED: that no objections be made, but to comment that speed restrictions should be imposed along the length of Bostocks Lane to reduce traffic to 30 mph to ease access and egress to the site, especially at busy times of the day. The local Secondary School is situated nearby and there is significant HVG movement from the nearby M1/A52 junction

ERE/1125/0031 **The Yews, 6 Town Street**

To remove trees and shrubs to ground level as the site is in a Conservation Area

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0925/0004 **22 Gatcombe Grove**

Works to Protected Tree: DC5 TPO 423 - T1 Silver Birch - Remove approx. 4m overhanging branches

ERE/1125/0004 **113 Travers Road**

Certificate of Lawfulness: Proposed dropped kerb and reinstatement of tarmac.

EBC: Validated: 7/11/25 & Approved: 7/11/25

RESOLVED: to note the above

149. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Major confirmed the Carols Around the Tree event had been a great success with approximately 100 people attending. Children's festive artwork had been displayed and free mince pies and chocolates were kindly donated by Sandiacre Co-op.

Long Eaton Silver Prize Band training section had proved popular and would become an annual feature of the community gathering.

The Clerk was asked to convey the Council's thanks and appreciation to Mrs Bishton for all her help and support throughout the event.

The Clerk was asked to look into costs for purchasing a sound system.

150. **REPORT OF THE CLERK**

1. Crimes reported: September 24 = 74 / September 25 = 43

The above was noted.

2. Grit bin request: Larch Drive

It was confirmed a grit bin was on order and delivery was expected shortly.

The Clerk confirmed all 5 Parish Council grit bins had recently been refilled. She would apply to DCC for more grit bags in order to replenish existing stock.

3. HSBC: No further bank interest charges. Last charge £2 on 21/10/25

It was noted the withdrawal of monthly bank charges had created a small saving.

4. LeisureLites: Asked to supply a new 3-year quote for December

LeisureLites were in the process of supplying a 3-year extended quote in preparation for setting the budget, as 2025 was the final year of the existing rental agreement.

5. Notice boards x 2: Fox Landscapes to take delivery and install
New notice boards for Padmore Moorings and Austins Drive would be delivered shortly to Fox Landscapes ready for them to install.
6. Office closure: Monday, 22/12/25. Re-opens: Monday, 7/1/26 (two weeks)
The Clerk would take leave over this time, but would deal with urgent enquiries.
7. Remembrance lamp column poppies: Dismantled 25/11/25 (15 discarded)
Poppies had been displayed on lamp columns throughout November by Mr Wallace and Mr Spencer. Fifteen had been discarded due to weathering, but could be replaced with spare ones already held.
8. Remembrance Sunday evening service: Attendance
The Chairman confirmed the service had gone well and thanked Councillors for attending. Mrs Bloor would arrange for the wreaths to be returned to the office.
9. Tree survey arranged: J Booth Arboricultural Consultants Ltd (Derby)
The survey on 26/11/25 highlighted only minor tree work was required. Removal of a large hanging branch by the library would be undertaken by DCC on their section of land.

151. NEWSLETTER

To consider outsourcing services for introducing more regular issues throughout the year.
Councillors considered the introduction of an A4 colour newsletter in the New Year that could be issued on 3 separate occasions: Spring, summer and autumn. This would allow local activities and community projects to be advertised more frequently and allow the Parish Council to be more proactive with consultations and connecting with residents.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain costs for printing and distribution of additional issues.

Mr Dale had offered his services to produce a regular newsletter having wide experience in the sector. The Clerk and Chairman would arrange to meet with him to discuss costs, ideas for layout and content.

152. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Budget preparation - 2026/2027

Due to time restraints and the Clerk's availability, it is recommended the Finance meeting is not re-scheduled and setting the draft budget is delegated to the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman ready for approval by full Council in January 2026.

RESOLVED: to approve delegation and that the draft budget should be taken to full Council at the January meeting for ratification

153. DELEGATION UNTIL THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

To consider the Clerk be given delegated authority to make BACS payments, consider quotations, deal with urgent matters and respond to planning applications, following consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Sanghera (any 2 as available), until the next ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026, the Second Tuesday in the month.

RESOLVED: to approve delegation until the next full Council meeting in January

154. DCC: PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON FORUM MEETING

To note a meeting will be held on Monday, 8/12/25 at County Hall between 5.30pm and 7pm to update Members on proposals for restructuring local government.

RESOLVED: to note the above

155. HEARTWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST PLANTING SCHEME - SPRINGFIELD PARK

Update on progress: Photographs being taken of the site as it currently appears without planting. (Before and after photographs).

The Clerk would provide a more recent update on progress at the next meeting.

156. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
27/11/25 G220
2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
None to date.
3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
None to date.

157. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground

It was noted EBC had not recently provided a regular service for collection of waste bags from the two Parish Council parks and by the bin near the Co-op store and library.

Mrs Bloor had notified EBC of the missed collections.

Cllr Major would notify EBC of the issues being raised.

Springfield Park

Mr Wallace had regularly cleared the stream grill to ensure it wasn't blocked during heavy rain.

Fox Landscapes were undertaking tree work that day at the top end of the park to remove one dead and one fallen tree and reduce one in height by a neighbouring property.

RESOLVED: to note the above

158. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Councillors had been sent an electronic copy of the latest DALC newsletter: November

RESOLVED: to note the above

159. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report

The Clerk circulated the following financial information for October and November:

- Bank reconciliation aligned to month ending statements
- Details of income received
- Potential risks affecting the Council's finances
- Schedule of payments to be authorised
- Transfer between accounts by the Clerk: 4/10/25 & 31/10/25. 25/11/25 & 26/11/25.
- VAT accumulated from 1/4/25 to October = £16,106.70 / November = £18,391.07

2. Payment schedule to be authorised

October

DD 6/10	British Gas (78)	Premises electricity supply	22.50
DD 30/10	Water Plus (48)	Premises supply: Month ending	18.30
CHG 21/10	HSBC	Banking service: Final monthly fee / charge	2.00
BP 4/10	Fox GM	Grounds Maintenance (September)	1,638.13
BP 4/10	J Bloor	Website hosting 1/4/25 - 30/9/25 / Domain name to 28/8/26	188.03
BP 5/10	J Bloor	Screwfix: Large shovel / Broom / Handle (For litter picking)	41.98
BP 31/10	Mr Wallace	Litter picking (5 weeks)	1,046.25
BP 31/10	Fox GM	Grounds Maintenance (October)	1,638.13
BP 31/10	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary (October)	1,876.07
BP 31/10	Spens GS	Burial grounds x 2 weeks / Vegetation clearance / Poppies	670.00
BP 31/10	HMRC	Tax & NIC (October)	589.17
BP 31/10	Mr Wallace	Poppies displayed on lamp columns	125.00
BP 31/10	Mr Wallace	Invoice: Cable ties for poppies	6.89
Total:			<u>7,862.45</u>

November

DD 3/11	BT	Broadband: 1/10/25 - 31/12/25	249.53
DD 10/11	British Gas (78)	Premises electricity supply	79.92
BP 23/11	EBC	Burial grounds: waste collection 1/10/25 - 31/12/25	286.00
BP 25/11	Greenbarnes	Notice boards & posts x 2 (Padmore + Austins Drive)	1,516.73
BP 25/11	Mr R Flatley	Locum Clerk: 4/11 - 16/11	400.00
BP 25/11	LeisureLites	Christmas lights: Year 3 of 3 (Half)	5,958.00
BP 25/11	Mr Bloor	Wickes: Wood for 20 grave markers / Mallet	49.00
BP 25/11	LeisureLites	Christmas lights: Year 3 of 3 (Half)	5,958.00
BP 27/11	John Booth	Tree survey: Parks x 2, Padmore & burial grounds	1,450.00
BP 28/11	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: November	1,876.07
BP 28/11	HMRC	Tax & NIC: November	589.17
BP 28/11	Mr Wallace	Litter picking (4 weeks)	837.00
BP 28/11	Mr Wallace	Clear grill / Remove poppies / Fill grit bins	210.00
BP 28/11	Spens GS	Burial grounds: 2 weeks / Remove poppies / Fill grit bins	550.50
Total:			<u>20,009.92</u>

RESOLVED: to authorise payments shown above

3. To note income received

October

31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	79.98
31	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	4.97
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	8.13
Total:		<u>93.08</u>

November

30	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	66.92
30	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	4.85
30	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	7.45
Total:		<u>79.22</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above

4. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council

The Clerk gave a comparison of funds held in accounts for November 2024 and 2025. It was noted more reserves were held in the current financial year, but several costs were set aside for future use, such as a new village sign and accumulating savings for EBC electoral costs in 2027.

The Clerk would recover VAT at the earliest opportunity to boost funds now the Christmas lights invoice had been paid.

RESOLVED: to note the above

160. CORRESPONDENCE

None to date.

161. 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.*

162. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2026 at 7.00pm **2ND TUESDAY IN THE MONTH**

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

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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

Initialed by the Chairman: _____