

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 3 February 2026 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

	CLlr W Major	Chairman
A	CLlr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
	CLlr I Draper-Morgan	
	CLlr T Ford	
A	CLlr A Gibson	
	CLlr Mrs P Hallam	
	CLlr G Hickton	
A	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: Two

180. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
S Bilbie	Holiday
Mrs Hickton	Work commitment
T Sanghera	Convalescing

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence

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

181. CASUAL VACANCIES: CO-OPTION: 1 NORTH WARD & 1 SOUTH WARD

It was confirmed 2 casual vacancies remained and would continue to be advertised on the Council's website and 4 notice boards.

182. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

183. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation were received.

184. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was no variation of order of business.

185. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised concerns over the ongoing expansion of the New Stanton Site development resulting in a considerable increase in HGV movement that was having an adverse impact on Sandiacre, particularly affecting residents living along Derby Road.

The resident enquired what the Parish Council was doing to alleviate problems in order to minimise impact on the community from the high volume of HGV traffic, which created increased noise, disturbance and pollution

Cllr Major highlighted this important issue remained a priority for the Council and local Councillors had campaigned for many years to see the introduction of a J25A, which was considered the only possible long-term solution, but had not yet received Government backing due to costs.

Several Councillors explained the Parish Council had been pro-active and frequently submitted objections and suggested alternative routes to prevent an increase in HGV movement in the community and surrounding areas.

It was noted Cllr Major had arranged a meeting with residents on 27/2/26 to hear their concerns over a significant increase in HGV movement along Derby Road.

Councillors were thanked for listening to concerns and both residents left the meeting.

186. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth had submitted a report that outlined his reduced hours would not adversely impact on the community, especially with a full-time PC covering the area.

Cllr Major confirmed he had notified the police that bikes and motor cycles were causing a nuisance at Stoney Clouds and were a danger to the public. He suggested metal safety gates be introduced by EBC at the entrances in order to deter riders from accessing the land. People with disabilities could gain access to the open space using a radar key.

RESOLVED: the Clerk contact EBC and the police to ask them to support the proposal to introduce increased security measures at the 3 entrances to Stoney Clouds.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

Budget 2026/27

Full Council would soon set the budget with the maximum 5% increase, but were considering further cuts, including closing the Glossop Household Waste Recycling Centre.

3. Borough Councillors

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- a) Following the introduction of charges for brown bin collections and car parking fees, EBC had created a surplus of £3m for the schemes.
- b) Overall reserves now stood at £4.5m.
- c) Following the withdrawal of the Erewash Core Strategy, EBC intended to introduce a new plan at a cost of £500,000 with the same sites being identified for development.
- d) Sandiacre Ward Councillors considered the large surplus of reserves should be reinvested back into communities and parishes, especially as Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) would see EBC abolished in April 2028.
- e) Should funding be offered to parishes they could invest in parks and open spaces.
- f) EBC was currently consulting on spending in order to set the budget.
- g) EBC had introduced a new waste bin for Derby Road, as previously requested.

187. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2026 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 13 January 2026, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

188. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0126/0019 **19 Spencer Avenue**

Raise existing ridge height by approx. 2.4m and add first floor to create 4 no bedrooms and bathroom. Single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/1025/0011 **31 Kilverston Road**

Single storey front extension to dwelling and hard surfacing to driveway

EBC: Approved 14/1/26

ERE/1025/0026 **2 Orchard Way**

Application for variation of a condition following grant of planning permission to change the site layout; re-locate a parking space, alterations to materials and the addition of PV panels to some roof planes. (Application Ref: ERE/0725/0035)

EBC: Approved 16/1/26

RESOLVED: to note the above

189. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman confirmed he was in the process of approaching other parish councils within Erewash to ask how they could best spend a grant from EBC within their communities and what priorities they could identify, such as improvements to parks and open spaces.

He considered parishes should not be overlooked as they provided a valuable service to a third of the population of the Borough. With a significant surplus now held by EBC, he considered funding of £180,000 would not go far across 13 Parish Councils.

Cllr Major was currently arranging a meeting date with parish representatives and Cllr Becca Everett (EBC Deputy Leader) to discuss the allocation of grant funding to parishes.

190. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: Latest shown: November 2025 = 52

The above was noted.

2. Bollards installed by library for extra security to restrict vehicle access

The above was noted.

The Clerk noted 3 large trees on DCC land by the library had been felled that week.

3. DCC: Grit ordered to replenish stocks

The Clerk would establish when DCC planned to deliver 1 tonne of grit.

4. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) form to be updated by Cllr Hickton & Cllr Mrs Hickton

Cllr Hickton completed his DPI form at the end of the meeting and gave it to the Clerk.

Cllr Mrs Hickton would update her DPI shortly.

5. EBC: Collections of waste bags around Sandiacre = Saturday service

Mr D Bramwell (EBC: Head of Green Space and Street Scene) had met Mr Wallace and the Clerk to discuss alternative provision for collection of waste bags from Springfield Park, Doncaster Avenue RG and Derby Road, since the usual Saturday morning collections were now proving irregular due to EBC staff shortages.

Mr Bramwell had suggested EBC provide metal containers for both parks with a regular weekly collection, thereby reducing costs and introducing a more regular service.

Mr Bramwell would look further into the service currently being provided by EBC to establish if it could be improved and with reduced costs for the Parish Council.

6. EBC: Precept requested for £111,400

The above was noted.

7. Grit bin for Larch Drive: Delivery 3/2/26

It was confirmed delivery of the bin had been delayed by the supplier and would now be dispatched at the end of the week.

8. Newsletter printing quotes x 3

The Clerk provided a comparison of costs from 3 suppliers.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**: to remain with the current printer, Diamond Press based in Long Eaton

9. Premises: Fire & lighting check 9/2/26

The above was noted.

10. Premises lock-up: Write off items no longer required = Filing cabinet / 2 chairs / broken barrier

The Clerk noted additional space would be required in the lock-up for the blue bin container to be stored there if EBC replaced it. Space was also being taken by a number of items that had not been used since the office was created.

RESOLVED: to write off items no longer used in order to create additional space

11. Sandiacre Community Network: Community Activator returned to role

The above was noted.

191. CONSULTATION

EBC [Budget Consultation 2026-27 | Let's Talk Erewash](https://letstalk.erewash.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2026-27): Ends 10/2/26
<https://letstalk.erewash.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2026-27>

RESOLVED: to note the above

192. HEARTWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST PLANTING SCHEME - SPRINGFIELD PARK

Quotes being obtained for approval of preferred contractor

The Clerk confirmed she had recently approached 3 contractors for a quote to supply trees and install, but only one had responded. She had contacted Mr Smith (Heartwood Community Forest) and he had confirmed a decision could be made to appoint a company, as the others had not expressed interest.

Fifty four trees, stakes, tree ties and mesh guards would be introduced around the park.

RESOLVED: that Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd be appointed for the work at a cost of £10,688.75 + VAT, they were within the funding budget and provided quality work

Fox were already contracted to undertake grounds maintenance work on Springfield Park and could inspect the trees on a regular fortnightly basis throughout the summer months.

193. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
None to date.
2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
None to date.
3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
A229 & A230

194. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

Doncaster Avenue RG

- To make repairs to office roof to secure brick work / Reposition BT wire

Springfield Park

- Ladybird rocker repaired by Dewbar
- Grill and stream cleared of debris following heavy rain

RESOLVED: to note the above

195. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

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

RESOLVED: to note the above

196. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report

The Clerk circulated the following financial information:

- Bank reconciliation aligned to month end statements
- Details of income received within the month
- Schedule of payments to be authorised
- Transfer between accounts by the Clerk to fund payments: None to date
- Potential risks affecting the Council's finances

2. Payment schedule to be authorised

DD 12/1	British Gas (78)	Premises electricity supply	80.56
DD 16/1	Npower (92)	Electricity supply: Bridge lights	12.63
BP 7/1	WaterPlus (65)	Burial grounds annual supply	215.57
BP 9/1	Fox GM	Grounds Maintenance (December)	1,638.13
BP 21/1	Mr Christmas Tree	Supply & install 21' Christmas tree	906.00
BP 22/1	Dewbar Fabrications	Spr. Park: Repairs to rocker	90.00
BP 26/1	Fox GM	DARG: Install 2 bollards by library & straighten 1	600.00
BP 30/1	EBC	Cemetery/Burial grounds: Trade waste 1/1/26 - 31/3/26	286.00
BP 30/1	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: January	1,876.07
BP 30/1	HMRC	Tax & NIC: January	589.17
BP 30/1	Mr Wallace	Litter picking (5 weeks)	992.25
BP 30/1	Mr Wallace	Parks: Low level work (1)	75.00
BP 30/1	Mr Wallace	Parks: Low level work (2)	50.00
BP 30/1	Spens Garden Serv's.	Burial grounds / Low level work	450.00
Total:			<u>7,861.38</u>

3. To note income received

09-Jan	HMRC: VAT refund	4,359.52
20-Jan	A229: Reserved + Pre-paid Interments (Double)	784.00
20-Jan	A230: Reserved + Pre-paid Interments (Single)	588.00
20-Jan	G199: Transfer of Rights	52.00
26-Jan	National Grid: Wayleave payment	8.05
26-Jan	Lymns: Long Eaton G181 Burial	196.00
26-Jan	Lymns: Stapleford: G220 Burial	196.00
26-Jan	Craftsmen-in-Stone: A228 Plaque refused	92.00
26-Jan	Lymns: A221 2 x Interments	392.00
31-Jan	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	37.94
31-Jan	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	4.86
31-Jan	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	7.72
Total:		<u>6,718.09</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above

4. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council

The Clerk recommended careful and limited spending to Year End.

RESOLVED: to note the above

197. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to date, not already included on the Agenda for consideration.

198. **(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.*

199. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2026

- 1. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING at 6.40pm**
- 2. FULL COUNCIL MEETING at 7.00pm**

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

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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

Initialed by the Chairman: _____