

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 3 March 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	
	Cllr Mrs P Hallam	
	Cllr G Hickton	
	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
A	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

200. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
S Jarrett	Holiday
T Sanghera	Convalescing

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence

It was noted Cllr Gibson had not forwarded apologies. He would be reminded to attend the April meeting as he was approaching the 6-month attendance rule.

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

Three people had expressed interest to be co-opted and had been invited to meet informally with the Clerk who would issue an application form.

RESOLVED: that co-option take place at the April meeting

202. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

203. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation were received.

204. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was no variation of order of business.

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

205. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident enquired if EBC was looking to expand or scale back their rewilding programme and grass cutting schedule for the coming year.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with EBC to establish the latest position.

The resident thanked Councillors for their support and remained in the meeting.

206. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth's report was circulated at the meeting. No items were raised.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- a) Council Tax was set at 4.90% for the year (maximum: 4.99%)
- b) Identified Waste Recycling Centres could close to make extra savings
- c) £2m had been earmarked for reserves
- d) The Local Government Review (LGR) public consultation was now open

3. Borough Councillors

Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie reported on the following:

- a) EBC had created a surplus budget with reserves of £4.5m
- b) A new version of the Erewash Core Strategy was being produced and land to the west of Sandiacre was again expected to be allocated for housing
- c) Sandiacre Ward Councillors had made objections to the Render Product Manufacturing Plant at the New Stanton Park site, based on increased HGV movement and the negative impact it would have on surrounding areas

207. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2026 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 3 February 2026, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

208. PLANNING

The EBC planning portal had recently been updated and was proving difficult to access.

The Clerk was unable to access details for 45, Town Street, as it was not listed.

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

038689 **45 Town Street**

Conversion of building to form additional flat. External alterations to and change of use of the existing outbuilding to a mixed use (office and residential)

Resolved: that no decision could be taken at this time

PA/2026/63 **17 Woburn Croft** (Prior application: Larger home)

Proposed single storey rear extension.

Resolved: that no objections be made

038740 **100 Derby Road**

Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing):

Change of use from dwelling house to a mixed use of three flats and a 3-bedroom HMO.

Please see decision below.

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

038740 **100 Derby Road**

Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing):

Change of use from dwelling house to a mixed use of three flats and a three-bedroom HMO.

EBC: Refused 24/2/26

RESOLVED: to note the above

209. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman confirmed a public meeting had been called by Ward Councillors to consider significant HGV movement through Sandiacre and in particular, along Derby Road.

There had been a good response from residents, but there was no real outcome to resolving the problem unless investment was made by the Government to create a new M1 J25A.

Cllr Lowrie highlighted other routes to the M1 had been identified in the past.

210. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: Latest shown: December 2024 = 52 / December 2025 = 48

The above was noted.

2. DCC: Grit on order

The Clerk had requested an update on delivery of 1 tonne of free grit supplied by DCC.

3. DPI to be updated by Cllr Mrs Hickton

The Clerk received Cllr Mrs Hickton's completed DPI.

4. Grit bin for Larch Drive: Delivered / Awaiting grit

A new grit bin would be delivered to the site the following morning.

5. Grounds Maintenance: Work commencing mid-March

It was confirmed notices had been displayed at gates to the Cemetery and Burial Grounds during February asking for removal of wreaths and precious memorabilia as grass cutting would soon commence as the ground dried out.

6. Office closed: Week commencing 9/3/26

It was noted the Clerk was on leave during this time.

7. Newsletter: Update on progress

The Clerk and Mr Dale had met the previous day to start preparations for producing a new-style A4 colour newsletter that could be issued 3 times per year.

Mr Dale would create a new layout and the Clerk would seek content from local groups and organisations.

Mr Dale would also look at improving the Parish Council logo.

Councillors considered the new newsletter would be more regularly produced to promote all aspects of community life.

8. Premises: Emergency lighting checks undertaken

O Heap had recently undertaken a premises check and no issues had been raised.

211. EBC: SATURDAY COLLECTION OF WASTE BAGS

1. Mr S Cartledge (EBC Green Open Space Manager), had recently found a solution for ensuring regular collections of waste bags from Derby Road and the Parish Council's two parks, since the Saturday collection was now irregular and expected to cease.

EBC proposals:

- A waste container would be sited at the Parish Council's office compound, by the entrance gate to Springfield Park and adjacent to the Co-op building in the centre of Sandiacre for collection of waste bags from Derby Road by the Parish Council litter picker
- Each container would be emptied once per week by EBC
- Costs for the Parish Council's waste collection service would reduce
- The litter picker could access containers at any time without concerns over missed collections
- The new system would be introduced from w/c 16th March 2026

RESOLVED: to approve the new arrangement being introduced by EBC

2. It was confirmed the litter picker had been offered an extra hour each Saturday morning by the Parish Council for Derby Road to ensure surplus litter was collected on his rounds.

Although EBC held responsibility for maintaining Derby Road, the cover provided by the Parish Council ensured a regular and effective service for residents and businesses.

RESOLVED: to note and approve the additional payment

212. DONCASTER AVENUE RECREATION GROUND - IMPROVEMENTS

1. Funding to Parishes

Cllr Major outlined his involvement in calling a meeting of parishes as EBC had accumulated surplus funds and Borough Councillors considered grant funding could be used for making improvements to local parish areas, besides Ilkeston and Long Eaton.

Five options were considered for dividing grant funding between the Parish Councils and EBC had asked for confirmation of preferred options by 3/3/26, so £180,000 could be allocated and approved, as part of the EBC budget setting process.

Option 3 (Equally scaled) would benefit Sandiacre by £22,500. The largest of the parished areas with 9,119 residents.

RESOLVED: that Sandiacre Parish Council submit a proposal supporting Option 3

2. Park Improvement Work

Cllr Major confirmed the Parish Council had been invited to submit a bid for improvement work to Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground that EBC would consider separately. The application would be submitted by the end of the week and request funding for a number of improvements to the park that had been identified over time.

213. HEARTWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST PLANTING SCHEME - SPRINGFIELD PARK

1. Grant of £10,688.75 for trees and planting received
2. Fox Grounds Maintenance ordered 54 saplings ready for planting
3. Notify users of Springfield Park planting expected shortly

RESOLVED: to note the above and that planting was scheduled for the following day

214. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting

26/2/26 Area 2, Row E, Grave 9

26/2/26 Area 2, Row F, Grave 2 Out of area fee

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting

None to date.

3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

It was noted 4 reserved graves were expected shortly on Row F by request of a family.

215. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

To consider any incidents or maintenance issues since the last meeting

Fox Landscapes had provided a quote to uplift 2 mature trees by the office and car park bank and remove a large overhanging branch with excessive ivy from the public footpath by the Multi-use Games Area. Work could commence shortly with payment made in April.

RESOLVED: to approve work at a cost of £935 + VAT

Village Sign

It was noted the new Village Sign design had been approved and was expected to be produced in the coming months.

Planter/Hanging baskets by Faircroft Avenue

It was confirmed DCC had requested a 28-day notice be displayed on the site prior to a license being issued shortly afterwards.

216. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

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

RESOLVED: to note the above

217. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report

The Clerk circulated the following financial information:

- Details of income received within the month
- Schedule of payments to be authorised
- Transfer between accounts by the Clerk
- Identifying potential risks affecting the Council's finances

2. Payment schedule to be authorised

DD 2/2	Water Plus (48)	Premises supply	18.30
DD 2/2	BT (69)	Broadband: 1/4/25 - 30/6/25	177.73
DD 10/2	British Gas (78)	Premises electricity supply	85.53
CHG 21/2	HSBC	Banking service: Monthly fee	4.00
BP 1/2	Viking	Paper	15.99
BP 1/2	Viking	Combination padlocks x 2 (Premises)	74.98

BP 1/2	Fox GM	Grounds Maintenance	1,365.11
BP 4/2	Fox GM	Springfield Park: Emergency tree work	200.00
BP 18/2	Dewbar Fabrications	Premises: Move BT cable to side of building	315.00
BP 26/2	British Bins	Grit bin - Larch Drive	177.00
BP 26/2	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary	1,876.07
BP 26/2	HMRC	Tax & NIC	589.17
BP 26/2	Mr Wallace	Litter picking	864.00
BP 26/2	Mr Wallace	Parks: Low level work	92.00
BP 26/2	Spens Garden Serv's.	Burial grounds / Parks: Low level work	475.00
Total:			<u>6,329.88</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the above payments

3. To note income received

16	DCC: Heartwood grant for trees & installation	10,688.75
17	Gillotts: Grave/Burial Row E, G9	1,057.00
27	Baileys Memorials: Plaque - UN-C area by footpath	98.00
27	Baileys Memorials: Plaque - A182 (Out of area)	144.00
27	Baileys Memorials: Headstone - Row E, G3 (Out of area)	394.00
27	Baileys Memorials: Headstone - Row C, G9 (Out of area)	197.00
27	Baileys Memorials: Headstone Additional Inscr. - Row C G4	72.00
30	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	36.02
28	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	4.55
28	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	11.49
Total:		<u>12,702.81</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above income

4. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council

The Clerk confirmed a good carry forward was expected at Year End, but this included the ringfenced Heartwood tree planting grant and reserves set aside for a village sign.

RESOLVED: to note the above

218. CORRESPONDENCE

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

219. (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.*

220. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL 2026 at 7.00pm

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

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