

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 4 November 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	
A	Cllr T Ford	
A	Cllr A Gibson	
	Cllr Mrs P Hallam	
A	Cllr G Hickton	
A	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
A	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr J Lowrie	
A	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Flatley Locum Clerk to the Parish Council

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One: Public session only

120. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
T Ford	Illness
A Gibson	Unavailable
G Hickton	Unavailable
G Hickton (Mrs)	Unavailable
S Jarratt	Unavailable
R Pound	Unavailable
Clerk	Apology for absence received
M Bloor	Illness

1. **RESOLVED:** to accept the apologies for absence received
2. **RESOLVED:** to appoint Mr R Flatley as Locum Clerk/RFO during Mrs Bloor's temporary period of absence

121. CASUAL VACANCIES: 1 NORTH & 1 SOUTH

Existing vacancy for the North Ward

The casual vacancy for the North Ward would continue to be advertised.

Existing vacancy for the South Ward

The casual vacancy for the South Ward would continue to be advertised.

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

122. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensations.

123. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 120 included an update from the Chairman regarding the Clerk's temporary absence and the resolution to appoint a Locum Clerk on a temporary basis.

124. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public attended from Church Drive and reported that vegetation growth heading up the hill is very overgrown. They asked who is responsible for maintenance and were advised to contact the Church Vicar.

125. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

a) Police

There was no report under this heading.

b) County Councillor

Cllr Major reported that there had a significant amount of local activity with respect to the County Council. He has been asked to nominate two local roads for potential resurfacing; this does not guarantee works, but will ensure they are inspected. Cllr Major has put forward two roads in the Division, including the corner of Albert Road and Doncaster Avenue within the Parish. As an example of timescales, it took approximately two years to complete the resurfacing of Ilkeston Road and Town Street after DCC agreed to the works so nothing is likely to be redone immediately.

Cllr Major also reported that there was an incident last Friday in which the traffic lights at Risley crossroads were damaged, likely by a lorry. Temporary lights were in place over the weekend, and repairs have now been completed.

It was noted that two County Councillors have recently resigned, and by-elections will be held in due course.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) remains ongoing. A meeting is scheduled next week at Derbyshire, and the current administration at DCC is expected to propose a single authority for the whole of Derbyshire, including Derby City.

c) Borough Councillors

Cllr Major reported that, at the full council meeting scheduled for Thursday 6 November, the preferred Local Government Reorganisation option will be Option B, under which the Borough would be absorbed into Derby City along with South Derbyshire and Amber Valley.

An update on the Boyah Grange planning application is awaited.

The Borough currently has a reasonable budget surplus of £500,000, although this has been set aside for LGR, and there is currently no indication of future budget plans.

The Borough Parish Forum has taken place, at which Cllr Hart of West Hallam Parish Council was elected Chairman. A discussion was held regarding concurrent functions, but reinstatement is not currently expected.

Cllr Bilbie reported ongoing issues with meeting scheduling at EBC, noting that recent arrangements have appeared disorganised and subject to frequent changes. This has

made it difficult for members to plan attendance and has caused some frustration. It is hoped that the scheduling process will stabilise in the coming months.

Cllr Sanghera reported that he attended a recent Standards Committee meeting, which lasted only six minutes. He expressed concerns regarding staff capacity and the ability of the authority to adequately support committee functions and governance processes.

126. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2025 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7 October 2025, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

127. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/1025/0011 **31 Kilverston Road**
Single storey front extension to dwelling and hard surfacing to driveway
RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/1025/0017 **4 Hillside Grove**
Construction of a front porch and rear single storey extension
RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/1025/0022 **Red Lion, Derby Road**
Retention of 6 solar PV roof panels
RESOLVED: that no objections be made

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 of the roof planes. (Application Ref. ERE/0725/0035)
RESOLVED: that objections be made on the following grounds.

The Parish Council is concerned about the proximity of the most northern property on the plan to the site boundary.

ERE/1025/0034 **Land at Station Rd between Erewash Canal & Lidl Food Store**
Erection of a 4-storey building containing 53 flats for persons aged 55 and over, car parking, landscaping, access off Station Road (including removal of one roadside pillar and section of railing), and other associated works.
RESOLVED: that objections be made on the following grounds.

- Access from Station Road is unsuitable due to congestion and safety concerns.
- The proposed building's height and architectural style are not in keeping with surrounding properties.
- Emergency vehicle access may be hindered; a "keep clear" box is requested to ensure unobstructed entry.
- High levels of resident activity and care needs require at least two passenger lifts plus a freight lift for equipment and deliveries.
- Car parking provision is inadequate, and the removal of the historic bridge railing would negatively impact the conservation area.

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0825/0027 **10 Richmond Avenue**

Part two storey, part single storey rear extension, raised patio to the rear, and additional first floor side window.

EBC approved 16/10/25 (Committee)

ERE/0825/0035 **2 Lancaster Avenue**

Single storey front, side and rear extension along with alterations to the existing garage and its roof.

EBC approved 20/10/25 (Delegated)

128. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no report under this heading.

129. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: Updated to August
August 2024 = 56 August 2025 = 41
2. Remembrance lamp column poppies displayed
All lamp poppies are now up. If some need replacing then council agreed to further purchase
3. Remembrance Sunday evening service: St Giles Church 9/11/25 at 6.30 pm
Councillors were reminded of the service taking place and encouraged to attend, if available.

130. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Budget preparation – 2026/2027

Finance Committee Members (7): Cllr W Major (Appointed Chairman), Cllr S Bilbie, Cllr T Sanghera, Cllr G Hickton and Cllrs Mrs G Hickton

1. Proposed meeting date: Tuesday 25/11/25 at 7pm in the Memorial Institute.
2. To consider co-opting new members to the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED: To co-opt Cllr J Lowrie as a member of the Finance Committee.

Committee members were asked to note the date which may be subject to change depending on the Clerk's return to work.

131. HEARTWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST PLANTING SCHEME – SPRINGFIELD PARK

This matter was due to go out for consultation, but this has been temporarily postponed and will be redone when appropriate.

RESOLVED: to note the above

132. CEMETERY MATTERS

4. Burials since the last meeting
21/10/25 Area 2, Row C, G9
5. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
15/10/25 Ashes x two together
6. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
None.

The Chairman reported the Council had temporarily suspended doing anything relating to the Churchyard due to Clerk's absence. Will approach any burial requests, if they arise.

RESOLVED: to note the above

133. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

Doncaster Avenue RG

Damage to the MUGA fencing. This is due to be repaired.

Springfield Park

None

RESOLVED: to note the above

134. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

RESOLVED: to note electronic copies to be circulated to Councillors for October

135. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report
Due to the Clerk's absence, updated details would be brought to the next meeting.
2. Payment schedule to be authorised
Due to the Clerk's absence, updated details would be brought to the next meeting.
3. To note income received
Due to the Clerk's absence, updated details would be brought to the next meeting.
4. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council
None considered.

RESOLVED: to note the above

136. CORRESPONDENCE

None to date.

137. 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.

138. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2025 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

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

Initialed by the Chairman: _____