

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 5 November 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
	Cllr T Ford	
A	Cllr A Gibson	
A	Cllr Mrs S Hales	
A	Cllr T Hales	
	Cllr G Hickton	
	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr J Lowrie	
A	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	
A	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs M Bloor	Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr Birkinshaw	EBC: Head of Planning – Part meeting

The Chairman welcomed Mr Birkinshaw and asked him to address Councillors during the Public Session on how EBC intended to move forward to Referendum following examination approval of the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan by the Planning Inspector.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

115. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
Mrs S Hales	Holiday
T Hales	Holiday
R Pound	Prior commitment
Mrs K Stewart	Ill health

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

116. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

117. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations

118. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Refer Agenda Item 122: Planning

Application for consultation received after the Agenda was issued:

ERE/1124/0001

14 Barker Avenue North

119. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) – Move to Referendum

The Chairman explained how Sandiacre's Neighbourhood Plan had been progressed by the Steering Group and Parish Council over the past 3 years.

Following the Planning Inspector's recent examination of the Plan and approval, EBC could now move forward to public Referendum. Although not contained within the main Plan, the Mark Street Master Plan and Appendices were to be included and taken into account for any future development in that area.

Mr Birkinshaw explained he had conferred with the Examiner over potential modifications to the Mark Street Master Plan and the Appendices. On receiving advice, EBC was content to move to Referendum without additional modifications, other than to note the Appendices were not included as part of the main examination.

Mr Birkinshaw confirmed an Executive Council meeting was scheduled for 26/11/24, where it was expected a date for holding a public Referendum would be set for February 2025. The SNP met all the general conditions of conformity and included policies that were found to be appropriate and within the legal planning framework.

EBC would not incur costs as funding for a Referendum was provided by the Government.

Once approved, EBC would refer future developers to the Plans and their policies. Although, Officers would work towards referring to them at this stage.

RESOLVED: to note the above

Mr Birkinshaw was thanked for attending and left the meeting at 7.25pm.

120. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police

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

It was confirmed more evening patrols had been introduced due to increased gang activity and ASB on parks with youths coming from outside the area.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- a) Consultation: Section 19 Flooding Investigation
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultation-details/section-19-flooding-investigation-consultation.aspx>
- b) Consultation: DCC Council Draft Plan 2025 - 2029
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultation-details/draft-council-plan-2025-to-2029-consultation.aspx>
- c) Consultation: Changes to library services. It was considered important to increase the use of library facilities in order to safeguard their future
- d) Repairs to damaged railings in the centre of the village had been completed
- e) Bollards on Town Street had recently been damaged

3. Borough Councillors

Cllr Bilbie and Cllr Sanghera reported on the following:

Although some 'warm and welcoming spaces' had been set up to assist those no longer receiving winter fuel payments, other services had been revoked, such as the EBC Today magazine, visits to planning sites and close links with EMH's.

It was felt these schemes remained important aspects of the Borough Council's work for the community and it was very disappointing to see them removed.

Consultation was currently taking place on extending Ilkeston Fair from 4 to 5 days.

It was noted EBC currently held a surplus of £1.5m.

In response to a question, it was confirmed DCC continued to offer grant funding to establish 'safe and warm hubs' for communities.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/news-events/news-updates/news/grants-still-available-for-warm-and-welcoming-spaces.aspx>

121. **TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2024 ARE A CORRECT RECORD**

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 October 2024, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

122. **PLANNING**

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/1024/0029

264 Derby Road

Single storey rear extensions. Loft conversion with addition of front & rear facing dormers

RESOLVED: to note without comment

ERE/1024/0039

Public House, East of 9 Derby Road

Convert existing public house to form 10 residential apartments along with external alterations including new windows and roof lights and a first floor rear extension

RESOLVED: to object on the following grounds:

- There is insufficient parking space available for the number of flats proposed and also at times, allowing for visitors
- The internal layout plan is not conducive for those positioned on the 2nd floor which are shown to be surrounded on 3 sides, restricting privacy and amenity
- Soft landscaping and greenery does not appear in the application and should be considered in order to soften the appearance of the street scene in the centre of a Conservation Area
- It is considered a first floor rear extension should not have a negative impact on surrounding properties, such as the adjacent building referred to locally as the 'old blacksmith's shop'

ERE/1024/0042

52 Bostocks Lane

Erection of single storey extension to front elevation, Erection of single and two storey extensions to rear elevations, Alterations to roof

RESOLVED: to note without comment

ERE/1124/0001

14 Barker Avenue North

Retrospective planning application for rear single storey extension and front porch

RESOLVED: to note without comment

2. To note tree application submissions to EBC
None to date.

3. To note Certificate of Lawfulness application

ERE/1024/0027

36 Shaftesbury Avenue

Certificate of Lawful Development - Dropped kerb and widening of vehicular access

RESOLVED: to note without comment

4. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0624/0061

Ladycross House, Travers Road

Erection of 75 bed care home (use class C2) with parking, access, landscaping and other associated works following demolition of existing structures

EBC: Approved 1/10/24

ERE/0824/0020

2 Orchard Way

Outline application for the development of 5 dwellings - access and layout for approval now

EBC: Approved 8/10/24

RESOLVED: to note the above

123. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Verbal report to be provided at the meeting

There was no report under this heading.

124. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crime figures, latest recorded: August 2024: 98 / August 2024: 56

The above was noted.

2. Bank mandate form for completion

The following Councillors signed the mandate form at the meeting:

Cllr T Ford, Cllr G Hickton, Cllr Mrs G Hickton and Cllr Lowrie.

As Cllr Pound was not present, the Clerk would try to obtain his signature.

RESOLVED: the mandate form could be returned to the bank without including Cllr Pound, if his signature could not be obtained

3. EBC: Erewash Walking Week to be moved to May / Host a walk campaign

EBC was asking Parish Councils to host a walk during Erewash Walking month in May 2025.

Councillors considered the initiative should be organised by EBC directly as they had removed funding from Parish Councils and had the means and resources to organise the scheme themselves.

4. FCC grant funding: Report on progress

It was reported FCC continued to require the Parish Council to provide more detail and evidence for tendering and best value in order to release funds of around £100K, although the Parish Council considered this action had already been taken.

Consequently, the Clerk continued to progress the matter to meet their criteria.

5. Newsletter: Report on progress

Since the outcome of the FCC decision to release funding was expected in 2025 and there was other newsworthy items awaited, it was considered the newsletter should be published in the New Year.

Items for consultation included making improvements to Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground with new benching and litter bins through grant funding and the replacement of the wooden village sign with a more durable metal one.

6. Remembrance lamp column poppies displayed / Investment into new poppies 2025

It was noted that over time, poppies displayed on lamp columns became weathered and split, so needed replacing. Twenty five new poppies had recently been purchased at a cost of £5 each.

RESOLVED: that 25 new poppies be purchased annually through S137 to ensure a good display on lamp columns throughout the village centre

7. Remembrance Sunday evening service: St. Giles Church at 6.30pm

It was noted several groups and organisations had offered apologies for being unable to attend the evening service or send a representative.

All Councillors were invited to attend.

It was expected around 40 people would be present, including the MP, Deputy Mayor and colour parties.

125. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Budget preparation - 2025/2026

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

Proposed meeting date: Tuesday, 26/11/24 at 7pm in the Memorial Institute.

RESOLVED: to agree the above date and time

126. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2024/25

It was noted the NJC had reached agreement on rates payable from 1/4/24 and employers were asked to implement the pay award as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: that the pay award to the Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer (RFO), including arrears, be implemented forthwith

Details of the award and arrears would be provided by the Clerk for the next meeting.

127. SPRINGFIELD PARK

Safety and Security

It was noted the Council had previously looked at the cost of introducing a CCTV camera by the park entrance, but it had been estimated to cost over £20,000 and there had been concerns over monitoring and coverage, especially during darker evenings.

The Clerk was asked to enquire with the police if they had suggestions for reducing ASB in the area.

128. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Report on progress

This item had been raised under Public Session when Mr Birkinshaw was present.

Confirmation was now awaited from EBC that a Referendum to approve the Neighbourhood Plan would be called for February 2025.

129. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting

25/10/24 Area 2, Row D, G10

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting

23/10/24 A212

3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

None to date.

4. Law Commission changes to Burial Law - Consultation ends 9/1/25

RESOLVED: to note the consultation on the re-use of grave space without comment

It was not intended that any changes would be made to Sandiacre Cemetery.

130. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

To consider any incidents or maintenance issues since the last meeting

- Doncaster Avenue RG: (DARG) Fires lit in litterbins
- DARG: Activity on park during darker evenings with increased litter/smashed bottles
- Padmore Moorings: New litter bin ordered following vandalism
- Large waste container pushed into the canal

It was noted the police had been informed that activity and ASB was increasing and more evening patrols were being requested by the Parish Council for the park.

Officers had confirmed they were dealing with incidents of youths coming from outside the area (Broxtowe) to cause noise and disturbance and this had also affected residents as there had been damage to fencing on DARG.

131. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt: November 2024

132. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report

- The financial report was presented by the Clerk and several items were itemised, including EBC now claimed charges in advance for waste collection from parks over a 12 month period and they had recently sent a debt recovery letter, but on being asked to check, it appeared their records were incorrect and a refund was due to the Parish Council.
- The bank reconciliation was circulated at the meeting.

- It was advised that spending should now be slowed down to year end, especially as Cemetery income for burials was not meeting budgetary predictions as more people now opted for cremation.

a) **RESOLVED:** to receive and note the monthly financial report presented

b) **RESOLVED:** to give delegated responsibility to the Clerk to transfer £7,000 per month from the Deposit Account to the Current Account to top-up funds, as and when required

2. To authorise payments

DD 1/10	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	17.11
DD 7/10	British Gas (0778)	Premises electricity supply	27.93
DD 14/10	N Power (3192)	Padmore: Bridge lights x 4	47.64
CHG 21/10	HSBC	Banking services: A/C fee: £8 + £4.84 charges	12.84
BP 1/10	WRS Tree Services	St. Giles' churchyard	1,920.00
BP 3/10	Fox	Grounds Maintenance: September	1,590.42
BP 12/10	J Bloor	Website hosting / maintenance 1/4/24 - 30/9/24	150.00
BP 29/10	EBC	Cemetery/Churchyard: Bin collections 1/7/24 - 30/9/24	280.00
BP 29/10	EBC	Parks/Derby Rd: Waste bags disposal April 24 - March 25	1,463.95
BP 29/10	PMR	Playground repairs as per report	1,140.00
BP 31/10	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: October	1,779.29
BP 31/10	HMRC	TAX/NIC's: October	464.65
BP 31/10	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: October	775.00
BP 31/10	Andrew's GS	DARG: Low level work parks	246.00
BP 31/10	Spen's GS	Low level work: Burial grounds/Poppy display	570.00
Total:			<u>10,484.83</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above and approve payments

3. To note income received

9	G41: Transfer of Rights	50.00
10	Hawleys: A174 - Additional inscription	70.00
15	G158: Transfer of Rights	50.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	96.98
31	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	3.20
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	0.02
Total:		<u>270.20</u>

RESOLVED: to note income received

133. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

134. 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.

135. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2024 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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