

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 6 February 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	
	Cllr T Hales	
	Cllr G Hickton	
	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr J Lowrie	
	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	
A	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 11

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

189. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received and noted
A Gibson	Prior commitment
Mrs S Hales	Family commitment
Mrs K Stewart	Mobility problems

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

190. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

191. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

192. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Refer Item 196. Planning

RESOLVED: to consider a planning application received from EBC after the Agenda was issued and note a decision notice recently published

Application	ERE/1224/0046	25 Maple Avenue
Decision notice	ERE/1223/0006	276 Derby Road

193. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of residents raised concerns over ongoing anti-social behaviour problems relating to a property and asked the Council for support to have issues addressed.

It was noted the Parish Council could not intervene in police matters, but relevant departments could be notified of the issues being raised in order to highlight the adverse impact it was having on the lives of local families.

Residents thanked Councillors and left the meeting at 7.15pm. One resident remained.

194. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police

There was no report under this heading.

It was noted there had been no communication from the police in recent weeks.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- The former Ladycross House site had been purchased by an unnamed residential care provider
- The Electoral Division Boundary Review of Derbyshire did not indicate any changes for Sandiacre
- For the first time, DCC was recommending a full Council Tax increase of 4.99%
- DCC was in the process of repairing pot-holes, but flooding was ongoing. Drivers and residents were encouraged to keep reporting those in need of repair
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/road-maintenance/potholes/potholes.aspx>

3. Borough Councillors

Cllr Major, Cllr Bilbie and Cllr Sanghera reported on the following:

- Councillors and the Clerk recently attended the Borough & Parish Forum meeting. It was considered EBC was not looking to work in partnership with Parish Councils or recognise the need to consult with them
- A survey, asking general questions about the Borough Council and its services remained open until March 2024
- ASB Officers and two Neighbourhood Warden posts had been lost
- Hanging baskets would no longer be provided by EBC
- Grass cutting on EBC parks and open spaces would decrease and grass verges would be cut only twice per year
- EBC was looking at selling land to bring in additional income
- With a high level of cost reductions being sought, including selling land, it was expected EBC would have an underspend at Year End (2025)
- Standard car parking charges across the borough had increased, as follows:
1 hour stay = £1 / over 3 hours = £3. From 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday
<https://www.erewash.gov.uk/roads-and-parking-popular/car-parks.html?highlight=WYjYXliLCInY2FyIiwicGFyayIsInBhcmsncyIsInBhcmsnliwicGFyaycsJyIsImNoYXJnZXMiLCJjYXlqcGFyayJd>

195. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY 2024 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2024, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

196. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0124/0012 **23 York Avenue**
Prior Notification for Larger Home Extension - Proposed single storey rear extension.
Maximum height 3.4 metres, 5.34m wide x 6 metres projection from the rear elevation
RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/0124/0046 **25 Maple Avenue**
Single Storey extension to forward elevation, Installation of balcony to rear elevation
RESOLVED: that a delegated response from the Clerk (in consultation with two other Councillors) would be issued once details were shown on the EBC planning site

2. To note tree applications submitted to EBC
None to date.

3. To note Certificate of Lawfulness applications submitted to EBC
None to date.

4. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/1223/0001 **100 Derby Road**
Proposed single-storey rear/side extension and other external alterations
EBC: Approved 18/1/24

ERE/1123/0025 **62 Wood Avenue**
Single storey rear extension and raised platform
EBC: Approved 19/1/24

ERE/1123/0030 **37 Derby Road**
Proposed development reinstatement of the former petrol filling station as a self-serve/automated facility, including installation of 4 pay at pump, electric vehicle charging points.
EBC: Approved 26/1/24

ERE/1223/0006 **276 Derby Road**
Erection of a single story L-shaped kitchen extension to rear. Alteration to roof of 2 storey rear extension to create flat living (sedum) roof over first floor bathroom to rear. Rendering of side and rear elevations. Installation of first floor side window. Loft conversion with dormer to front elevation and other associated external works.
EBC: Approved 29/1/24

RESOLVED: to note the above

197. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Boots Pharmacy facilities in Sandiacre and Stapleford were expected to close in the coming weeks. Cllr Major had written to Adam House surgery expressing concerns that the facilities were needed by the community and should remain open.

198. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crime figures, latest recorded: Nov 22: 90 / Nov 23: 50
The above figures were noted
2. Christmas lights: Inventory/Investment into new pea-lights
To date, Leisure Lites had not provided information.
3. EBC: Cemetery bin collection invoice discrepancies
 - One bin only = 1/7/22 - 30/9/22 @ £96.72
 - Two bins = 1/10/22 – 31/12/22 @ £199.16 received 24/1/24
 - One bin only = 1/4/23 – 30/6/23 @ £110.50
 - One bin = 1/1/24 – 30/3/24 @ £221 (Corrected)

EBC Trade Waste had recently sent a generic debt recovery letter to the Parish Council which did not identify a period covered or showed an amount owing. The Clerk had establish their records from 1/7/22 were incorrect. All outstanding payments had now been made following receipt of revised invoices.

4. EBC: Reminder for park bin collections April 23 to March 24 = £1,164
In light of the above, the Clerk had reminded EBC that an invoice was due to cover the annual waste bag collection charge for 2023/2024.

EBC had subsequently issued an invoice and payment had been made.

5. EBC: Hanging baskets (2024 = Year 3 of 3)
The Parish Council was in year 3 of 3 of a Sponsorship Agreement with EBC for supplying hanging baskets, but it was known their plant nursery at West Park was likely to close. However, EBC had not yet notified parishes of any changes.

It was considered that if hanging baskets were no longer supplied, it would create a saving of £900. A different supplier could be sourced for 2025 or a new focal point display could be introduced in the centre of the village.

6. FCC grant application for Springfield Park: Progress to date
The Clerk was working on the bid and expected to submit it shortly.
7. Office premises: Annual fire alarm and lighting service undertaken 24/1/24
It was noted the annual premises inspection had been carried out.

8. Padmore Moorings: Bank repairs by C&RT update
The Clerk raised concerns over ongoing safety issues relating to the embankment at Padmore Moorings which continued to sink, creating holes in the ground where canal water could be seen below.

She had continued to notify C&RT of the risks to contractors and the public when walking over sections of unstable ground, but no C&RT signs were displayed and they would not commit to undertaking remedial work at the earliest opportunity.

C&RT had recently confirmed an Engineer regularly monitored the area and they hoped to undertake remedial work as soon as funds allowed. They had intended to begin repairs in August 2023, but this was now planned for March 2024.

RESOLVED: that in order to minimise risk to contractors, grass cutting would be avoided in any unstable areas, creating sections that would become overgrown

It was noted volunteers maintained flower beds on Padmore Moorings near emerging holes. Although the Council was very grateful for all the work undertaken by volunteers, it was confirmed the Clerk had recently received a number of complaints over irregular maintenance of the beds.

The Clerk was asked to notify volunteers of ongoing problems with the embankment and also ask if they wished to continue with future upkeep.

9. PCC Grant: Thursday evening club update

Numbers were lower than expected and at times, there were no participants. However, it was considered the time of year and adverse weather conditions may have affected attendance.

It was noted Friesland School was offering free football evening sessions run through Sandiacre Community Network and their attendance was also low.

The Police & Crime Commissioner's office would soon be requesting data on attendance and delivery of the scheme before agreeing the next phase of funding.

It was noted take-up for Parish Council funded summer play schemes was always well received and proved popular.

199. TEXTILE CLOTHING BANK

To consider siting a 1m x 1m x 2.5m high clothing bank on a parking bay by Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: not to participate in the scheme

200. BOROUGH & PARISH FORUM MEETING 30/1/24

Cllr Major, Cllr Bilbie, Cllr Sanghera, Cllr Jarrett and the Clerk attended the meeting.

The meeting had covered the following: Combined Local Authority progress, EBC's budget position and location of borough wide polling stations.

Discussion on the withdrawal of the Concurrent Functions grant by EBC and lack of consultation with parishes had been openly discouraged by Lead Members.

201. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Report on progress.

EBC was now in the process of a Reg. 16 consultation with stakeholders, which would end on 28/2/24.

202. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting

16/11/24 Area 2, Row D, G15

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting

None.

3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

None.

RESOLVED: to note the above

203. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

1. Storm damaged tree removed from the public footpath on Doncaster Avenue RG.
2. Low level shrub and vegetation work to be carried out by Mr Wallace and Mr Spencer on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground, including around the BMX track.
3. Three trees situated in the burial grounds needed urgent attention and quotes were being obtained.
4. The Clerk had arranged for the Annual Tree Report to be produced.

204. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt. Latest issued: January 2024

No items were raised.

205. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report

The Clerk provided a verbal update of Council funds.

- a. **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk transfer £7,000 per month from A/C 9880 to Current A/C 9872 to top-up funds, as and when required, as £5,000 was now insufficient
- b. **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk apply for a refund of VAT

Dates	£
1/3/23 to 31/3/23	483.70
1/4/23 to 31/1/24	6,025.64
Total:	6,509.34

2. To authorise payments

DD 2/1	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	15.20
DD 10/1	British Gas (0778)	Office electricity supply: 22/11/23 - 27/12/23	165.71
DD 15/1	Npower (3192)	Bridge lights: 1/10/23 - 31/12/23	59.49
DD 16/1	BT (3766)	Phone rental	7.73
CHG 21/1	HSBC	Account fee £8 + £2 activity charges	10.00
BP 3/1	Spen's GS	Burial grounds/Park: Low level work (Dec 3 days)	72.00
BP 9/1	Fox	Grounds Maintenance: November	1,529.24
BP 16/1	Slater Electrical	Bridge lights: new photocell / St Giles' Bulkhead	95.16
BP 26/1	EBC	Debt Recovery: 1/7/22 - 30/9/22 (1 bin)	96.72
BP 26/1	EBC	Debt Recovery: 1/10/22 - 30/12/22 (2 bins)	199.16
BP 30/1	EBC	Cemetery bin collection x 2 - 1/1/24 - 31/3/24	221.00
BP 30/1	EBC	Parks: Removal of waste bags: 4/23 to 3/24	1,164.00

BP 31/1	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: January	1,738.86
BP 31/1	HMRC	TAX/NIC's: January	505.08
BP 31/1	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: Jan	775.00
BP 31/1	Andrew's GS	Low level work: Jan	140.00
BP 31/1	Spen's GS	Burial grounds/Park: Low level work: Jan	669.00
BP 31/1	Fox	Grounds Maintenance: January	1,529.24
Total:			<u>8,992.59</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for payment shown above

3. To note income received

17	Transfer of Rights:	49.00
19	Hawley:	65.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	83.59
31	Savings A/C: EBC - Electoral costs	1.93
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	12.14
Total:		<u>211.66</u>

RESOLVED: to note income received

206. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Risley resident: Vehicle Idling/Air pollution/Public Health throughout Erewash
- 2) Sandiacre Male Voice Choir: Thank you for £50 donation (Carols Around the Tree)

a) **RESOLVED:** to note the above

b) **RESOLVED:** In respect of Item 1, to respond to the Risley resident expressing support for the scheme, but outlining it was a Borough Council matter with dedicated officer time assigned for collating and assessing data

207. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

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.

208. CEMETERY BOUNDARY ISSUE

It was confirmed agreement had been reached with the land owner to employ the services of a Chartered Surveyor who would produce a report to establish the most likely location of the boundary line. He would be a 'single expert, jointly appointed'.

Expenses would be shared, less VAT, as this could be recovered by the Parish Council.

Further details would be known in the coming weeks once a site visit had been carried out and surveys undertaken.

209. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 6 MARCH 2024

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 8.50pm

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