

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7 March 2023 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

	Cllr W Major	Chairman
A	Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	
	Cllr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr Mrs S Dickman	
	Cllr Mrs C French	
	Cllr A Gibson	
A	Cllr Mrs S Hales	
A	Cllr T Hales	
	Cllr S Jarratt	
A	Cllr Mrs C Powers	
	Cllr N Raycraft	
A	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: 1

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

212. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

	Apology for absence received and noted
Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	Work commitment
Cllr Mrs S Hales	Holiday
Cllr T Hales	Holiday
Cllr Mrs C Powers	Unwell
Cllr T Sanghera	Holiday
Cllr Mrs K Stewart	Unwell

RESOLVED: to approve the apologies for absence received

213. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

214. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

215. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: to consider the following planning applications under Agenda Item 219 that were received after the Agenda was issued:

ERE/0323/0004 **16 Albert Road**
ERE/0223/0046 **Land Rear of Beech House Lock Lane**

216. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In response to a question, it was confirmed that land owners were responsible for any wild animals who strayed onto their land and there were wildlife organisations, such as the Deer Trust, who could offer help and advice if problems arose.

217. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- DCC was currently consulting on the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan
- The 2023-24 budget had been set at £678.2 m and the Council Tax rise was predicted to be the lowest in the East Midlands and one of the lowest in the country
- The Police Authority had applied for a short-term lease to use Ladycross House as a training centre, including working with dogs
- The Chief Executive was planning to visit different council areas during the year, including Sandiacre. A visit to Stanton Ironworks would be provided to illustrate concerns over highway issues

2. Borough Councillors

- The 2023-24 budget had been set with a 2.99% increase
- Financial pressures and restraints had been taken into account, such as increases needed for pay, utilities and services
- Savings had been sought across all areas, including leasing council office space, ceasing funding for twinning and closing a number of public toilets

Cllr Bilbie reported on the following:

- Closing public toilets would create savings and alternative provision was available in Sandiacre
- It was intended to continue with core services and capital investment
- There were 20 derelict buildings in Erewash and 2 in Sandiacre. A new policy had been introduced to significantly increase Council Tax charges for those properties remaining empty and neglected to encourage renovation work

218. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 February 2023, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

219. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0323/0004

16 Albert Road

Two storey rear and part first floor rear extension, removal of chimney, addition of first floor side window, replacement roof to single storey and external alterations.

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

Demolition and replacement of existing agricultural stores to form one new dwelling, with associated landscape works

RESOLVED: that no objections be made, the Parish Council considers development of the derelict site creates enhancement of the local area

2. To receive planning decisions taken by EBC

None to date.

220. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no report under this heading.

221. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crime figures and police report enclosed

The latest crime figures and PCSO Ian Hawskworth's report were noted:
December 2021: 50 / December 2022: 64

Councillors noted there was a marked improvement in community policing and an increased police presence was having a positive impact upon local residents.

2. Christmas lights competition

Cllr Major confirmed Cloudside Academy would be pleased to run a children's Christmas motif design competition with the Parish Council.

The Clerk would liaise with the school and Leisure Lites to make arrangements.

3. Civic dates

The following dates were noted:

- Civic evening service: Sunday, 15/10/23 at 6.30pm – St Giles' Church
- Remembrance evening service: Sunday, 12/11/23 at 6.30pm – St Giles' Church
- Carols Around the Tree: Saturday, 2/12/23 at 4.30pm - Opposite White Lion PH

4. DCC Minor Maintenance Grant £385

DCC had recently inspected Footpaths 14 and 18 and although the areas were found to be well maintained, they had raised doubts that the footpaths running by the schools should be maintained by the Parish Council. No further funding would therefore be made available for these two public areas.

It was considered this action could draw complaints from residents when seeing overgrown vegetation and litter on the public footpaths by the schools.

RESOLVED: to delegate the Clerk with responsibility for monitoring the areas over the coming months

5. Litter picking/low level work: Mr Spencer covering

The Clerk confirmed Mr Wallace was making a good recovery and hoped to convalesce over the coming weeks until returning to work in April.

Mr Spencer was covering for Mr Wallace at this time and doing an excellent job.

Councillors agreed both contractors had worked well together and were an asset to the Parish Council with their flexibility and commitment.

6. Office premises: Annual fire alarm inspection test 15/2/23
It was noted the annual premises inspection had been carried out.
7. Office closed: W/c 20/3/23 (1 week)
It was noted the Clerk would be on leave and the office closed over this time.
8. Play area inspection report 13/2/23
Mr Gyll had submitted his report and would liaise with the Clerk over repairs.
9. Meeting with local police officers 15/2/23
It was noted the Clerk had met with PC Tim Dugard and PCSO Ian Hawksworth to discuss local issues and engagement with Councillors.
10. Sandiacre Community Network (SCN): Youth work/Community consultation
The Clerk confirmed that SCN was providing funding to Community Interest Company (CIC)) to carry out a consultation with local young people to establish what they wanted for their community.

The Clerk had asked that the organiser contact her directly to discuss the project so Councillors were made aware of the scheme and how it was organised.
11. Springfield Park: Entrance gates installed
Dewbar Fabrications had recently installed a new disability gate with radar key and also a new entrance gate to deter travellers gaining future entry to the park.
12. VAT refund claimed from 1/9/22 to 28/2/23 = £5,556.74
The above was noted.
13. Website: Three year contract ended 31/1/23
Mrs Bloor left the room for this item as it referred to her husband.

Upon her return, she was informed by the Chairman that Mr Bloor was being offered a further 3-year contract for managing the Parish Council's website.

222. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Report on progress by the Chairman/Steering Group Chairman

Neighbourhood Plan website: <https://sandiacre.neighbourhoodplan.uk/>

Cllr Major reported that Mrs Metcalf had now recovered from a recent operation and would meet with Steering Group members on 21/3/23.

The draft Master Plan was nearing completion and would soon be available for public consultation. However, as local elections were about to be held, it had been agreed to postpone publication until after the elections were held on 4/5/23.

Mr Birkinshaw (Head of EBC Planning Department) was due to attend the March meeting.

Thanks were extended to Group Members for all their involvement and with proof reading extensive documents.

223. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting

8/2/23	Area 2, Row D, Grave 12	Out of area
20/2/23	Area 2, Row D, Grave 16	Out of area
1/3/23	G144	
3/3/23	Area 2, Row A, Grave 14	
6/3/23	Area 2, Row D, Grave 10	

It was noted a further burial was scheduled for 21/3/23.

2. Interments since the last meeting

1/3/23	A195
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3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

None to date.

224. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

Springfield Park - Vandalism

A dog waste bin near the entrance gate to the park had been uplifted and the thick wooden post broken off. The large blue storage waste container had also been uplifted to the pavement side. The police had been notified and patrols introduced. No further incidents had been reported and Mr Spencer had been asked to reinstate the dog bin.

Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie had visited the site later that day to put the container back in situ, but found it had been lifted back into place.

225. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters and information were electronically circulated to Councillors upon receipt.

226. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report

It was noted HSBC had reinstated the last day of the month for issuing statements.

RESOLVED:

I. to note the report presented at the meeting

II. that the Clerk be given delegated authority to transfer funds between accounts when the Precept and Concurrent Functions grant was received, leaving £10,000 in the Current Account and transferring £2,000 to the polling stations costs account.

2. To authorise payments

BP 31/1	Mrs Bloor	Salary: January	1,653.79
BP 31/1	HMRC	Tax/NIC: January	481.84
BP 31/1	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: January	713.00
BP 31/1	Andrew's GS	Low level work: Parks and Cemetery: January	178.00

BP 31/1	Spen's GS - S Spencer	Cemetery/closed churchyards: Low level work	320.00
DD 1/2	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	18.05
DD 2/2	BT (2269)	Broadband: 1/1/23 - 31/3/23	202.79
DD 2/2	BT (3766)	Phone rental	6.00
DR 20/2	HSBC	Monthly bank charge £8 + £2 activity charge	10.00
DD 21/2	E.on Next (6719)	Parish Council office/car park/MUGA	22.93
BP 7/2	EBC	Cemetery: Bin collection x 2	199.16
BP 7/2	Mr Christmas Tree	Tree/installation	510.00
BP 7/2	Glendale	Grounds Maintenance: January	1,315.16
BP 16/2	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: February	437.00
BP 16/2	Andrew's GS	Low level work: Parks and Cemetery: February	100.00
BP 21/2	Ackroyd Electrical	Church wall: Rebuild damaged pillar	3,432.00
BP 21/2	Dewbar Fabrications	Springfield Park: Replace entrance gates	3,553.80
BP 21/2	J Bloor	Sugarsync renewal (Cloud)	21.62
BP 28/2	Mrs Bloor	Salary: February	1,665.13
BP 28/2	HMRC	Tax/NIC: February	455.53
BP 28/2	Spen's GS - S Spencer	Litter picking cover: February	310.50
BP 28/2	Spen's GS - S Spencer	Cemetery/closed churchyards: Low level work	479.00
BP 28/2	Viking	Office: Toner	118.79
Total:			<u>16,204.09</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for payment, as shown above

3. To note income received

14	Lymns: Area 2, Row D, G17 (Out of Area)	1,840.00
14	Hawleys: Plaque A89 + Area 2, Row D, G8 H/S	255.00
14	Lymns: Plaque by graves Row 1	170.00
15	DCC MMG: Footpath 14 & 18 by schools	385.00
23	Lymns: Area 2, Row D, G16 (Out of Area)	1,500.00
23	Co-op LE: Area 2, Row D, G10 (Out of Area)	1,840.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	43.37
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Polling station costs - Interest	5.09
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	0.00
Total		<u>6,038.46</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above

227. CORRESPONDENCE

None to date.

228. 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.*

229. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL 2023 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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