

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7 April 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
A	Cllr M Alfrey	Co-opted
A	Cllr I Draper-Morgan	
	Cllr T Ford	
	Cllr A Gibson	
	Cllr Mrs P Hallam	
A	Cllr G Hickton	
	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr R Jenkins	Co-opted
	Cllr J Lowrie	
A	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Bloor – Clerk to the Parish Council
PC Moore & PCSO Hawksworth – First item only

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Three, including 2 candidates seeking co-option

The Chairman permitted Item 227.1 to be taken as the first item on the Agenda in order to allow officers an opportunity to present their report and leave the meeting.

PC Moore and PCSO Hawksworth gave a general update on local incidents and calls for service, including those relating to shop lifting, theft, vehicle crime and off-road bikes being driven dangerously in public open spaces.

Officers endorsed the Parish Council's request for EBC to introduce new entrance gates at Stoney Clouds to restrict off-road bikes from gaining access. It was confirmed the police had powers to seize bikes being driven illegally, including across open spaces without the land owner's permission.

Officers encouraged residents to report all incidents, as the police could monitor and build-up background information in order to pursue convictions.

PCSO Hawksworth confirmed he regularly visited the Hub for community engagement and local schools to help deter youngsters from becoming involved in crime.

The police would continue to patrol Doncaster Avenue RG and Springfield Park, including in plain clothes as warmer weather and lighter nights continued. They confirmed they were aware of damage to a tree guard on Springfield Park.

Officers answered questions and were thanked for attending. They left the meeting at 7.15pm.

221. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
I Draper-Morgan	Prior commitment
G Hickton	Work commitment

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

Cllr Pound had not forwarded apologies for the meeting.

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

The Chairman outlined the co-option process to be followed.

1. To consider applications received

It was confirmed 4 people had completed a questionnaire in order to be considered for co-option, which had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

Apologies were received from 2 candidates unable to attend due to illness and prior engagement.

2. To vote to co-opt two new Members to the Parish Council with immediate effect

Candidates were invited to give a short presentation on their community interest. No questions were raised.

All members of the public were asked to leave the meeting while a decision was taken.

I. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Richard Jenkins be co-opted to the North Ward

II. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Mark Alfrey be co-opted to the South Ward

The Chairman informed both candidates who were present of the Council's decision.

Cllr Jenkins was invited to take his seat and provided with a welcome pack by the Clerk.

The Clerk would notify Cllr Alfrey he had been co-opted and inform the fourth candidate they had been unsuccessful.

3. For new Members to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Jenkins signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form before the Clerk.

RESOLVED: Cllr Alfrey be asked to sign an Acceptance of Office form before the next meeting

4. For new Members to complete a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) form

Cllr Jenkins completed a DPI for display on the Parish Council and EBC websites.

The Clerk would arrange for Cllr Alfrey to complete a DPI at the earliest opportunity.

223. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

224. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation were received.

225. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 230. Planning

Application received after the Agenda was issued

PA/2026/0034 **256 Derby Road**

Widen existing dropped kerb

226. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised concerns over issues of poor air quality created by ongoing HGV movement travelling through Sandiacre to the M1/A52 and the New Stanton Park site.

DCC and EBC were not monitoring air quality levels, so it would help residents if funds were made available for real-time monitoring systems in order to identify current levels of air pollution with a view to limiting the significant flow of HGV movement through the parish.

Councillors considered a small amount of funding could be used to obtain hand held devices, but investment into the services of an expert company would be more reliable and provide EBC and DCC with accurate data to support implementing change.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain costs and include this item on a future Agenda for further consideration.

227. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth's report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- a) Residents were encouraged to continue to report any potholes requiring repair to DCC online giving a precise location. The estimated time for repair was 10 days.
- b) The Council Tax was now set.
- c) The Glossop Waste Recycling Centre was earmarked for closure to save operating costs
- d) The Local Government Review (LGR) outcome would be known shortly and it was expected EBC services would transfer to Derby City Council.

3. Borough Councillors

Since EBC now held a surplus of £4.5m and LGR was expected from April 2028 with excess funds being transferred to another Local Authority, Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie were petitioning for a consultancy feasibility study to forecast outcomes for creating a M1 J25A. The report could also include air pollution data.

228. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2026 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

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

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230. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

PA/2026/0089

Footway of Mornington Close

Prior Notification for proposed installation of telecommunications equipment: Installation of a 20m high slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas, 1 no. transmission dish along with 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. electric meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto including 3 no. Ericsson Radio Systems (ERS's) and 1 no. GPS module.

RESOLVED: no decision was required for prior notification

PA/2026/0106

11 King Edward Street

External wall insulation to all facades with rendered finish

RESOLVED: no objections be made

PA/2026/0110

150 Town Street

External wall insulation to all facades with rendered finish

RESOLVED: no objections be made

PA/2026/0111

263 Derby Road

External wall insulation to all facades with rendered finish

RESOLVED: no objections be made

PA/2026/0149

Land North & West of Larch Drive

Outline Application: some reserved matters: Development of up to 100 dwellings and associated infrastructure, with details of access from Larch Drive and some details of scale and layout for approval and all other details to be Reserved Matters

RESOLVED: to delegate a response by the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, including the following list of objections and with reference to policies in the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan: Limited access to the site, increased traffic and with site construction, loss of an existing natural buffer zone by the M1 creating increased noise, disturbance and air pollution. Loss of greenbelt land and green open spaces creating a negative impact upon the local environment. Loss of public access, loss of wildlife and natural habitats and the need for increased local services and school places to accommodate an increase of up to 100 residential dwellings.

PA/2026/0034

256 Derby Road

Widen existing dropped kerb

RESOLVED: no objections be made

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

PA/2026/0063

17 Woburn Croft

Prior Approval: Proposed single storey rear extension.

EBC decision 19/3/26: Prior approval not required

PA/2026/0029

9 Mark Street

Prior notification for demolition of a property that comprises a brick-built two-story office building under a flat roof with additional single-story areas and an external plant room and a basement boiler house.

EBC decision 19/3/26: Prior approval not required

PA/2026/038689

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)

EBC decision 6/3/26: Approved

ERE/1125/0036

51 Wood Avenue

Erection of 3-bedroom new build property on land adjacent to number 51 Wood Avenue with associated dropped curb & driveway. New dropped curb & driveway installed for number 51

EBC decision 27/3/26: Approved

ERE/0126/0019

19 Spencer Avenue

Raise existing ridge height by approx. 2.4m and add first floor to create 4 no bedrooms and bathroom. Single storey rear extension.

EBC decision 6/3/26: Approved

RESOLVED: to note the above

231. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Major confirmed he had campaigned for Erewash parishes to be allocated grant funding, as EBC currently held surplus funds that could be absorbed by another Local Authority under Local Government Re-organisation (LGR), if not allocated.

Details of two parish grants were expected shortly that met EBC's objectives and criteria:

- Village Investment Fund - £180,000
- Special Projects Grant - £180,000

232. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: Latest shown: January 2025: 63 / January 2026: 60
The above was noted.
2. Audits: Internal audit date 27/4/26 / External audit notification received
The above was noted.
3. Clerk: P60 Year End
The Clerk would shortly be issued with a P60 as payroll details were transferred to the new financial year.
4. DCC: 1 tonne of grit – Delivery arranged by supplier
DCC had arranged for grit to be delivered by the supplier, but no contact details had been provided and access issues remained. The Clerk would continue to pursue.
5. DCC: License for planter – 28-day notice ends 2/4/26 / Delivery arrangements
The 28-day notice had expired and a license was now expected. All arrangements were in place for work to commence and publicity given once installation was completed.
6. Doncaster Ave, RG: Bid to EBC for refurbishment work
As reported above under Agenda Item 231. Chairman's Report

Village Investment Fund

If agreed by the EBC Executive, Sandiacre Parish Council (as the largest parish by population: 9,200) would benefit by £22,500 for refurbishment work to parks and open spaces, which could be shared between Doncaster Avenue RG and Springfield Park.

The Clerk outlined the main priorities for both parks that had been identified over several years, but which relied on sourcing grant funding. These included replacing all existing park waste/dog bins and introducing new benches for Doncaster Avenue RG. The existing waste/dog bins were no longer functional.

New heavy-duty metal bins and colourful metal benches (guaranteed for 25 years) had been sourced from D Ogilvie in Scotland (to include a 10% discount) and would complement existing street furniture supplied to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: to allocate EBC grant funding for replacement benches and waste bins

Once the grant application was made available, the Clerk would provide more detailed information, including an itemised breakdown of costs.

Special Projects Grant: £180,000 for parishes

In anticipation of a second grant becoming available, the Clerk and Cllr Major had submitted an 'expression of interest' bid to EBC in order to be considered for funding of £120,000 for major restoration work to Doncaster Avenue RG, including the BMX track.

7. EBC: New arrangements for collection of waste - Progress update on new system
It was confirmed the new waste collection service was working well and regular collections were being made. No issues had been raised.
8. EBC: Payment of 2026/27 Precept expected w/c 6/4/26
It was confirmed the Precept was received from EBC on 2/4/26.
9. EBC: Stoney Clouds entrances being looked into
This item had been reported under the police report.
10. Newsletter: Progress update
The Clerk was seeking to finalise articles in the coming week ready for submitting to the printers, but not all organisations had responded and provided articles. The Clerk would continue to pursue.
11. Play area inspection reports 20/2/26: Findings & recommendations/Alternative quote being obtained
The latest inspection was carried out on 22/2/26 with only several items requiring attention. The Clerk would prioritise work and seek costs.

It was noted another company had been asked to quote for inspection work to establish a comparison of costs.
12. Premises: Fire Risk Assessment date of inspection 14/4/26
The above was noted.
13. Village sign: Progress update
The new metal village sign and post were expected to be delivered in the coming weeks. The Council was held in a queue by the supplier for prioritising orders.

233. CONSULTATION

Broxtowe Borough Council is consulting on an update to the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday, 8th May 2026 www.broxtowe.gov.uk/HMOSPD

RESOLVED: to note the above, without comment

It was noted Councillors could respond individually, if they wished.

234. HEARTWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST PLANTING SCHEME - SPRINGFIELD PARK

1. Fox Landscapes & Grounds Maintenance: 54 saplings planted
2. Grant £10,688.75 + VAT paid for trees and planting, to include £150 for mulch
3. Mr M Smith (DCC) visited park for completion of project and publicity material
4. Tree guard mesh vandalised. To be replaced by Parish Council

RESOLVED: to note the above and that publicity would shortly be given on the website and in the newsletter.

235. CEMETERY MATTERS

Burials since the last meeting

None to date.

Interment of Ashes since the last meeting

20/3/26 A88

21/3/26 A182

31/3/26 A231

Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

Area 2, Row F, G3 In area fees

Area 2, Row F, G4 Out of area fees

236. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

To consider any incidents or maintenance issues since the last meeting

Springfield Park: A quote for removal of shrubs and a hedge was being obtained that would allow access to a neighbouring property fence line.

It was confirmed there had been tree damage and graffiti on Doncaster Avenue RG.

237. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

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

RESOLVED: to note the above

238. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report to be presented at the meeting

The Clerk confirmed the following transfers had been made between accounts:

31/3/26	£3,000	To the Current Account ready for issuing payments at month end
03/4/26	£100,000	To the Deposit Account to gain interest on funds held (Precept of £111,400 received from EBC on 2/4/26)
03/4/26	£2,000	To the Savings Account in readiness for polling station/administration costs to EBC in May 2027: (Part of the annual budget allocation: Year 3 of 4)

RESOLVED: to approve the transfer of £100,000, with the Clerk having delegated authority to make transfers below £10,000, while reporting any transactions to Council

The Clerk gave a financial breakdown of the following:

- 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. VAT refund claim

A VAT claim of £4,031.27 had been submitted to HMRC on 3/4/26 for the period 1/1/26 – 31/3/26 to include recovering VAT for the DCC Heartwood tree grant.

RESOLVED: the refund of VAT be assigned to the 2nd savings account to gain interest and be used to offset installation costs for the new village sign and planter

3. Payment schedule to be authorised

DD 2/3	Water Plus (48)	Premises supply	18.30
BP 2/3	Water Plus (65)	Burial grounds: Middle churchyard tap	55.43
DD 10/3	British Gas (78)	Premises electricity supply	19.81
DD 30/3	Water Plus (48)	Premises supply: Increase	18.32
BP 3/3	O Heap	Premises: Service fire alarm/emergency lighting	396.65
BP 18/3	Npower	Christmas lights supply	526.45
BP 18/3	Fox GM	Spr. Pk: Seized padlocks replaced	96.00
BP 18/3	Fox GM	Spr. Pk: Supply & plant 54 trees - DCC grant (1st half)	6,413.25
BP 19/3	Fox GM	Spr. Pk: Supply & plant 54 trees - DCC grant (2nd half)	6,413.25
BP 19/3	Fox GM	Grounds Maintenance: February	1,638.13
BP 21/3	PMR	Quarterly play area inspections both parks: 20/2/26	240.00
BP 31/3	Fox GM	Grounds Maintenance: March (12 of 12)	1,638.13
BP 31/3	Mr Bloor	Website hosting & mtce: 1/10/25 - 31/3/26	183.01
BP 31/3	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: March	1,876.27
BP 31/3	HMRC	Tax & NIC: March	588.97
BP 31/3	Mr Wallace	Litter picking (4 weeks)	823.50
BP 31/3	Mr Wallace	Parks: Low level work	20.00
BP 31/3	Spens Garden Serv's.	Burial grounds/Open spaces low level work	637.50
Total:			<u>21,602.97</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the above payments

4. To note income received

3	Lymns ST: Area 2, Row F, G2 Grave/Burial - Out of area	1,722.00
5	Craftsmen in Stone: G199	74.00
17	A88: Pre-paid plot	98.00
17	A88: Pre-paid interment	98.00
23	Row F, G4: Pre-purchase grave / Pre-paid burial (O of A)	1,722.00
23	Row F, G3: Pre-purchase grave / Pre-paid burial	861.00
23	R Smeaton (Mason): A221 Memorial plaque	170.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	30.64
31	Savings A/C: EBC electoral charges	4.44
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	14.30
Total:		<u>4,794.38</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above income

5. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council

No financial risks were identified, the Precept having been received from EBC on 2/4/26.

The carry forward at Year End 2025/2026 amounted to: £39,984.17, but included reserves for a new village sign and a donation of £2,600 for a new hanging basket planter.

RESOLVED: to note the above

239. CORRESPONDENCE

None to date, not already considered on the Agenda.

240. 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.*

241. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

I. TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2026 at 6.40pm ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

II. TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2026 at 7.00pm FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed by the Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Initialed by the Chairman: _____