

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7 July 2026 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

A	Cllr W Major	Chairman
A	Cllr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr I Draper-Morgan	
	Cllr T Ford	
A	Cllr A Gibson	
	Cllr Mrs P Hallam	
	Cllr G Hickton	
	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
	Cllr S Jarratt	
	Cllr R Jenkins	
	Cllr J Lowrie	
A	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

In the absence of Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie, Cllr Sanghera chaired the meeting.

Cllr Sanghera welcomed everyone to the meeting, including representatives from EBC.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR) – EBC PRESENTATION

Present:

Cllr Atkinson	Chair of General Purposes Committee
S Douglas-Cregan	Senior Democratic Services Officer
H Brailsford	Democratic Services Manager

It was explained the review was a statutory process undertaken by EBC on the future of the Long Eaton and Ilkeston areas, including Kirk Hallam, since they would no longer exist from April 2028 due to changes expected under Local Government Re-organisation (LGR).

The urban areas would lack local representation and a review at this time would determine if local electors wanted to see the establishment of a dedicated Town or Parish Council.

Three Parish Councils were also being directly consulted, as there were implications for parish boundaries covering: Sandiacre, Dale Abbey and Stanton-By-Dale.

Start of public consultation 17/6/26
End of consultation 20/8/26

First public consultation With on-line consultation and drop-in sessions
Long Eaton Town Hall Tuesday, 14/7/26 at 6.30pm
Ilkeston Town Hall Tuesday, 11/8/26 at 6.30pm

Second public consultation
9/10/26 to 4/12/26 To ask residents about draft recommendations received.

The outcome of the Community Governance Review was expected to be published in January 2027, with the government submission expected to be completed in February 2027.

<https://www.erewash.gov.uk/your-council/community-governance-review>

Councillors questions were answered.

Cllr Atkinson and EBC Officers were thanked for attending and left the meeting at 7.20pm.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.20pm

45. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
Cllr Major	Attending local government conference
Cllr Bilbie	Holiday
Cllr Pound	Personal commitment

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

It was noted Cllr Gibson had not forwarded apologies for the meeting.

46. CASUAL VACANCY – SOUTH WARD

It was confirmed EBC had not been asked by local electors to call an election following the resignation of Cllr Alfrey, therefore the Council could move to co-option to fill the vacancy.

This item would be included on the September agenda for further consideration.

47. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest received.

48. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

49. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations of business.

50. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were raised.

51. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth's report was circulated at the meeting.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Sanghera reported on behalf of Cllr Major:

I. Reporting potholes

It was noted residents could report potholes on the DCC website or by ringing through directly: Call Derbyshire Tel: 01629 533190

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/road-maintenance/potholes/potholes.aspx>

II. Outcome of Local Government Re-organisation (LGR)

An announcement on changes to council restructuring through LGR was expected over the Summer recess.

1. Borough Councillors

Cllr Sanghera reported on the following:

- I. An Extraordinary Council Meeting was held on 17/6/26, which considered the proposed Larch Drive development, as part of the revised Local Plan.
- II. At a full Council Meeting to be held on 23/7/26, Cllr Major and Cllr Sanghera would propose a motion to support the creation of a new J25A for Sandiacre

Cllr Jarratt circulated a leaflet produced by Risley Parish Council for its residents, outlining concerns over the significant amount of HGV travelling through the area.

Cllr Jarratt declared an interest as Chairman of Risley Parish Council.

52. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2026 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 2 June 2026, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

53. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC
None to date.

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/1025/0034 **Land at Station Road, Between Erewash Canal & Lidl Food Store**
Erection of 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.
EBC: Committee approval 10/6/26

PA/2026/0317 **42 Barker Avenue North**
Creation of a new vehicular access across pavement, including the installation of a 5.5-metre dropped kerb and hard-standing parking area at 42 Barker Avenue North Allow driveway to be constructed for x 2 vehicles parking off road 6.5 x 5.5 driveway will be installed by NRSWA approved contractor with drainage and dropped kerb equal to the driveway length
EBC: Approved 28/5/26

PA/2026/0332 **44 Lancaster Avenue**
Lawful development: Proposed dropped kerb
EBC: Approved 3/6/26

PA/2026/0365 **21 York Avenue**
Lawful development: Proposed dropped kerb
EBC: Approved 17/6/26

PA/2026/0385 **21 Lancaster Avenue**
Lawful development: Proposed dropped kerb
EBC: Approved 22/6/26

RESOLVED: to note the above

54. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no report under this heading.

55. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: April 2025: 76 / April 2026: 61
The latest recorded figures were noted.
2. DCC: 1 tonne of grit remains outstanding
This item remained outstanding despite several chaser emails to DCC.
3. EBC: Erewash Investment Fund - Three free packs of graffiti remover received
It was noted the cleaning products had been used and proved very effective.
4. Springfield Park: Graffiti removed from sub-station / Request costs from E.on?
RESOLVED: E.on would be asked to refund the cost of having graffiti removed from their sub-station, which amounted to £170
5. Village sign: Colour version approved / Expected delivery over the Summer
It was confirmed the order for the village sign had been placed and delivery of the metal sign and base post was expected before the Autumn.

Fox Landscapes would take delivery of the base post and sign ready for installation and they would remove the existing post and old wooden sign.

56. HANGING BASKETS (14) & PLANTER

1. Hanging baskets (14) with Parish Council sponsorship signs displayed
Ten summer baskets were now on display in the village centre and four had been placed on the planter by Faircroft Avenue.
2. Hanging basket: Request by local business owner
It was noted a local business owner had enquired if 2 baskets could be displayed in front of her shop on Station Road.

The Clerk confirmed she was currently making enquiries with Plantscape to ascertain what arrangements could be made for individual requests.
3. Planter: DCC Licence to be issued shortly
DCC had issued a license for siting the planter by the highway. Legal fees: £110.
4. Planter: Fox Landscaping installed and flower bed planted
Fox Landscapes had installed the planter on site and planted summer bedding plants for a colourful display.
5. Planter: Sandiacre Male Voice Choir (SMVC) thanked for their donation 30/6/26
Cllr Major, Cllr Bilbie, Cllr Sanghera and the Clerk had attended a presentation of the planter with past members of SMVC, following their donation of £2,600.
6. Publicity for both in next newsletter
The Clerk was in the process of producing an article for the Council's website and the newsletter to record the occasion.

57. LITTER PICKING

To consider a review of the service agreement.

It was considered the litter picking contract had not been reviewed for many years and it should be updated to reflect value for money, a level of service necessary to meet the needs of the Council and to reflect changes that had taken place over the past 12 months by EBC.

- I. **RESOLVED:** the Clerk be delegated to update the current contract to include all tasks considered necessary for the role and invite tenders from interested contractors
- II. **RESOLVED:** Due to a decision being required over the Summer recess, the Clerk would liaise with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Sanghera on the outcome of the tendering process and report back details to the September meeting

58. EBC GRANT FUNDING TO PARISH COUNCILS

Village Investment Fund	Amount	Submission end date	Decision
1. Special Projects	Up to £180,000	30 June 26	July 26
2. Allocated Funding	Sandiacre: £22,500	30 September 26	October 26

Special Projects Grant - Doncaster Avenue RG

Refurbishment of 30-year-old BMX Track – Indicative costing £100,000 + VAT

1. To record Council approval of the project

RESOLVED: to record the Parish Council's approval of the bid to EBC for £100,00 to refurbish the existing BMX track on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground

2. Grant submitted to EBC 29/6/26 and received

The Clerk confirmed there was a significant amount of work involved to collate information, approach people and provide statistics to submit such a large bid, but a successful outcome would make a noticeable difference to the park for local children.

She was also hoping to apply for funding to replace safety surfaces on the play area at Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground and for improvements to the Games Area.

The Clerk was thanked for all her work and involvement with the bid to EBC.

3. EBC Grant Panel to consider applications July 2026

RESOLVED: to note the above

4. Support received from community, local schools, police, pre-school and library

It was confirmed the following had expressed full support for the project:

- Cloudside Academy: Head of School
- Ladycross Infanct School: Head Teacher
- Springfield Pre-School: Pre-School Leader
- Local Parish Councillors
- Responses received from local residents as part of the latest newsletter consultation
- Sandiacre Beat Officers who had spoken with local children using the BMX track
- The police had also recommended a perimeter metal fence

5. Five companies approached: Three submitted indicative quote

The Clerk confirmed 5 companies had been approached for an indicative quote and 4 had submitted their estimated cost.

6. Tendering process

RESOLVED: that should the bid be successful, the Parish Council would follow their Financial Regulations and go out to tender to obtain 3 itemised quotes

Allocated Funding £22,500 – Doncaster Avenue RG & Springfield Park

Previously agreed quote from D Ogilvie with discount & 25-year guarantee:

- To replace existing seating on Doncaster Avenue RG with new benches
- To replace existing waste/dog bins on Doncaster Avenue RG & Springfield Park
- Park welcome signs, if within budget

1. Fox Landscapes: Base and installation quote received: £4,680
2. Grant to be submitted to EBC forthwith

RESOLVED: to note the above

59. EBC CONSULTATIONS

1. New Local Plan - Scoping consultation

Consultation closes 19/7/26: <https://www.erewash.gov.uk/planning/new-local-plan>

2. Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) - Expiry of 3-year orders

Consultation closes 31/7/26: www.erewash.gov.uk/pspo

- Consumption of alcohol (Long Eaton & Ilkeston areas)
Order expires: November 2026
- Dog control orders (Erewash): In all gated and fenced children's play areas
Order expires: December 2026

RESOLVED: to note the above

60. NEWSLETTER

1. Distribution report:

- 3,650 copies + 40 overprints
- Not required by residents: 52
- Properties unsuitable for delivery: 26
- Library: Spare copies: 25
- Parish Council office: Remainder

It was noted over 100 copies had not been distributed, therefore high street businesses could receive copies. This would allow them to be updated on village matters and they could be invited to offer community sponsorship, such as with hanging baskets.

2. Consultation responses received (Enclosed with papers)

Copies of the 13 responses had previously been circulated to Councillors, for information.

It was noted most comments related to EBC issues that were not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

3. Summer issue: Closing date / Content / Printing / Distribution

The Clerk confirmed she would contact local groups and organisations in the coming weeks to invite them to submit articles for the next issue.

It was expected the Summer edition would be sent to the printers before the end of August, ready for distribution at the beginning of September.

61. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To consider new designs as part of the new 3-year contract with Leisure Lites.

It was noted the Council was beginning a new 3-year rental agreement and Councillors would choose colours and designs for the new motifs in September ready for production.

The Clerk would circulate details once received.

This item would be included on the September Agenda.

62. SANDIACRE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (SNP)

To consider reminding EBC Planning Department that policies contained within the SNP should be considered for all planning applications submitted in the parish area.

It was noted EBC had included reference to policies contained within the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan in a recent major application.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED:** to monitor major applications to ensure EBC Planning Department included reference to policies

63. DELEGATION OVER SUMMER RECESS

For the Clerk to be given delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council where such a decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline.

This would include: making BAC's payments, considering quotations for approval, dealing with urgent matters and responding to planning applications, following consultation with the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Cllr Sanghera (any 2 as available) until the date of the next meeting.

Should a major planning application be received, the Clerk would notify all Members.

RESOLVED: to approve the above

64. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIAR INTEREST (DPI) FORMS

1. For Councillors to consider updating their DPI's.

- Cllrs Jarratt had prepared his DPI, but would include his role as Chairman of Risley Parish Council before resubmitting
- Cllr Pound would be reminded to update his form on his return
- Cllr Sanghera had submitted his form prior to the meeting

2. To note Councillor addresses are required be redacted on published DPI forms.

It was noted Councillor addresses would be included on the form and then redacted by the Parish Council and EBC prior to display on public websites.

65. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting

None.

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting

5/6/26 A232

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
None.

66. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

Springfield Park

- Reports of dog waste not being picked up by owners
 - Goal posts ordered and expected shortly
 - New tree missing
 - Small spillage from damaged mower during grounds maintenance work
 - Trees being watered each fortnight over Summer months
 - Several tree guards replaced following vandalism
1. The Clerk confirmed she had contacted Matt Smith at DCC to enquire if the tree grant allocation would cover the cost of replacement trees and guards, as the Council was meeting additional costs at this time.
 2. EBC had been asked if Dog Wardens could visit the park with a view to placing notices on entrance gates to remind dog owners to be responsible and pick up after their dogs.

RESOLVED: to note the above

67. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

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

To note: Recruitment of a new DALC Chief Executive Officer to begin in the Autumn.

RESOLVED: to note the above

68. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report to be presented at the meeting
The Clerk circulated a financial report to month end, which included the following:
 - Schedule of all payments made
 - Record of all income received
 - Record of all transfers made between accounts
 - Amount of VAT accumulating from 1/4/26
 - Identified potential risks affecting the Council's finances, if any

Date	Amount	From A/C	To A/C
01-Jun	7,305.88	9980	9872
15-Jun	1,500.00	9906	9872
30-Jun	5,000.00	9906	9872

Cllr Sanghera checked all invoices paid within the month to monitor accuracy of payments made against monthly bank statements. No items were raised.

Cllr Bilbie would be asked to counter sign invoices upon his return.

Cllr Sanghera signed the monthly financial report, as meeting Chairman.

2. Payment schedule to be authorised

DD 1/6	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	18.32
DD 9/6	British Gas (78)	Premises: 26/4/26 - 26/5/26	62.57
DD 30/6	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	18.32
BP 1/6	Viking	Toner x 4 (Scanner)	233.36
BP 1/6	Fox Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance (May)	2,159.72
BP 1/6	Fox Landscapes	Parks: Tree and hedge work	216.00
BP 2/6	PMR	Play area inspections: 23/5/26	240.00
BP 4/6	M Bloor	Office planter (Summer)	89.90
BP 9/6	Burleys	Hanging baskets x 10 / Planter baskets x 4 (Summer)	1,564.80
BP 15/6	Fox Landscapes	Village centre: Vegetation removal / Installation of planter	1,500.00
BP 15/6	Rotajet	Spr. Park: Removal of graffiti at E.on sub-station	170.00
22-Jun	Fox Landscapes	Planter (Planting)/Spr. Pk: Replace tree guards/Padlocks (2)	720.00
22-Jun	Erewash Leaflets	Newsletter (Spring) distribution: 3,650 copies	338.00
BP 30/6	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary	1,876.07
BP 30/6	HMRC	Monthly Tax & NIC's	589.17
BP 30/6	Mr Wallace	Litter picking: 4 weeks	924.00
BP 30/6	Mr Wallace	Low level work	70.00
BP 30/6	Spen's Gdn Serv's	Burial grounds & Low-level tree work on parks	1,285.00
			12,075.23

RESOLVED: to authorise the above payments

4. To note income received

26	Baileys: A193 Plaque - Additional inscription	75.00
26	Baileys: Row E, G6 - Headstone inscription	206.00
30	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	115.40
30	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	6.65
30	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	7.22
Total:		410.27

RESOLVED: to note the above income

5. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council

No financial risks identified.

RESOLVED: to note the above

69. CORRESPONDENCE

None to date, not already considered on the Agenda.

70. 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.*

71. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7pm

FOLLOWING AUGUST RECESS

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

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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

Initialed by the Chairman: _____