

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7 November 2023 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	
	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: One

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

118. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received and noted
Mrs S Hales	Family commitment
Mrs K Stewart	Mobility problem

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

119. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

120. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

121. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: to note planning decisions taken by EBC after the Agenda was issued

ERE/0923/0022	1 Orchard Way
ERE/0923/0040	23 Park Drive

122. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were raised.

123. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth's report was noted.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- DCC was currently undertaking a public consultation on household waste recycling centre operational hours, which included Ilkeston.
- Ladycross House was currently for sale. Cllr Major noted he would have preferred the site to have been cleared first since the building was found unfit for purpose.

3. Borough Councillors

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

- EBC had not consulted on removing the brown bin service and garden waste was now being emptied into black bins, creating an adverse impact on the environment. Residents were expected to retain brown bins at their property.
- Residents were now encouraged to pay for services by Direct Debit.
- EBC appeared to remain unwilling to work with Parish Councils.
- Correspondence had been received that day inviting all Parish Councils in Erewash to a meeting to voice concerns over EBC's decision to withdraw Concurrent Functions grant funding. Cllr Major hoped to attend.
- EBC Executive intended to sell 15 sites within the borough to bring in extra revenue, including at Ilkeston and West Hallam.
- EBC had called an Extraordinary Meeting for 30/11/23 to consider the Core Strategy.

124. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2023 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 October 2023, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

125. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/0923/0047

Land East of 56 Bostocks Lane

Consultation 10/10/23: Erection of 2 no. drive through/eat in cafe/restaurants for the consumption of hot and cold food and drink, vehicular parking and associated works and development to facilitate the proposed uses.

RESOLVED: to object to the application on the following grounds:

- Highways issues: Location within a 100m of the busy M1/A52 junction, congestion, impact on nearby properties, noise & disturbance, increased pollution, pedestrian safety, especially with children crossing 2 busy roads, HGV using the facilities creating hazards when parking on Bostocks Lane, increase in traffic volume at a busy M1 intersection
- Adverse impact on local residents by creating an increase in traffic volume on an area already experiencing a significant amount of HGV and commercial vehicle movement
- Likely increase in criminal activity by creating a central meeting place next to the M1/A52

ERE/0923/0048 Land East of 56 Bostocks Lane

Consultation 10/10/23: Proposed signage including 3 No. internally illuminated free-standing totem signs, various internally illuminated fascia signs for both proposed buildings, directional signage, internally illuminated digital screen menus & associated branding advertisement

RESOLVED: to object to the application for 9 metre high illuminated free-standing totem signs on the grounds of light pollution to nearby residential properties

ERE/1023/0006 The Lodge, 18A Gatcombe Grove

Certificate of Lawful Development (Proposed): Alteration of existing window to form French door.

RESOLVED: to note the above

ERE/1023/0031 39 Wood Avenue

Widen existing vehicle crossing and provide new tarmac hardstanding with drainage channel. Superseded: Certificate of Lawfulness

RESOLVED: to note the above

2. To receive planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0823/0030 21 Maple Avenue

Construction of a new House in the garden of 21 Maple Avenue

EBC: Approved 18/10/23

ERE/0823/0039 The Rectory, Church Drive

Various Works to Trees in Conservation Area

EBC: Approved 27/9/23

ERE/0923/0003 Inglemount, 36 Maple Avenue

Certificate of Lawfulness for widening drive by 2.5m from 2.98 to 5.45 and widening dropped kerb by 0.95m from 2.75m to 3.7m. The existing 3 dropped kerbs and 2 droppers to be changed to 4 dropped kerbs and 2 droppers.

EBC: Approved 17/10/23

ERE/0923/0016 Rockville Church Street

Tree works in a conservation area notification - T1-6 - Beech - Crown reduction by 1.5 metres, prune away from property by 2 metres. L1-23 -Leylandii - Reduce in height by 2 metres

EBC: Approved 24/10/23

ERE/0923/0022 1 Orchard Way

First floor extension to existing bungalow to include raising roof height and addition of dormer windows to provide first floor accommodation plus alterations to existing fenestration and the dropped kerb

EBC: Approved 10/10/23

ERE/0923/0040 23 Park Drive

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed development: Extend existing dropped kerb

EBC: Approved 7/11/23

RESOLVED: to note the above decisions

126. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Flooding in Sandiacre: Emergency responses

Recent excessive flooding had adversely affected numerous residents in properties surrounding the Westminster Avenue area. Cllr Major, Cllr Bilbie and Cllr Sanghera had visited residents at the time to offer their support. Some properties were left uninhabitable by flood damage and would be left empty for some time.

Cllr Major had liaised with EBC officers to prioritise areas of concern and DCC had offered an emergency response and funding support. A flood report would soon be produced: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/flooding/flooding.aspx>

EBC had offered 1000 free sandbags and 2 tonnes of sand to the parish, but it was considered impractical for the sand to be stored at the Council's office as it was located in a secure compound with restricted access and limited storage space.

It was considered more helpful to those in need if a local business offered to store the sandbags and EBC could leave sand at the Bridge Street car park.

The Clerk was asked to notify EBC of the suggestion.

2. EBC Peer Challenge Focus Group meeting to be held on 8/11/23

Cllr Ford would attend the Focus Group meeting and Cllr Major would attend in his capacity as Leader of the Opposition, later in the day.

127. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crime figures, latest recorded: August 2022: 83 / August 2023: 97

The above latest figures were noted.

2. Christmas Lights: Update on progress

New Christmas lamp column motifs and the Christmas tree would be installed shortly. Mr Christmas Tree had confirmed delivery of a 22' Spruce and rates would remain the same for 2023 and 2024.

3. Newsletter: Distribution / Website copy displayed

Erewash Leaflets had distributed 4,560 newsletters throughout the community during the recent storm weather and their service to meet the October deadline was commended.

Very positive feedback had been received on the newsletter content and consultation responses were being submitted to the office.

Cllr Major was complimented for his report, which thanked everyone working in the community for their services and recognised the good work of volunteers.

If anyone had not have received a copy, electronic copies were displayed on the Council's website and a number of hard copies were available in the library.

4. Newsletter consultation responses to date

A list of replies had previously been circulated for Councillors' consideration.

The Clerk was asked to include this item on the next Agenda so a decision on applying for outside funding for Springfield Park improvements could be taken.

5. Remembrance lamp column poppies displayed / Investment into new poppies

It was noted that poppies had been displayed on lamp columns throughout Sandiacre. However, over time, they started to deteriorate and needed replacing.

RESOLVED: to invest in 25 new lamp column poppies at a 10% discounted price of £111.99 (£137) payable to the Royal British Legion

6. Remembrance Sunday evening service: St. Giles' Church at 6.30pm / Invitations

Of the 58 invitations issued to local groups and organisations, at least 60 to 70 representatives were expected on the night. Councillors were invited to attend and join the Deputy Mayor and MP.

7. ROSPA: Annual play areas inspection reports

The report had been produced and any areas requiring repair had been identified.

128. CONSULTATIONS

Erewash Core Strategy Review – Examination in Public participation

<https://www.erewash.gov.uk/local-plan-section/latest-news.html>

RESOLVED: to note the above without comment

129. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Budget preparation - 2024/2025

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

Proposed meeting: Tuesday, 28/11/23 at 7pm in the Memorial Institute.

RESOLVED: to agree the above date and time

130. FINANCE MONITORING

Cllr Hales and Cllr Mrs Hales had completed a check of income and expenditure payments from 1/4/23 to 31/8/23.

Cllr Hales confirmed the Cash Book was in order and the financial work of the Clerk was clear and concise with no issues raised.

Both Councillors were thanked for monitoring the Council's financial records.

131. POLICIES

To review / update (*Essential Policies)

1. *Freedom of Information
2. *Internal Audit
3. *Risk Assessment
4. List of policy documents: For information

RESOLVED: to agree the above policies without amendment and note the list of policies held by the Council

132. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

For Councillors to consider their training needs.

The above was noted.

133. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Report on progress by the Chairman/Steering Group Chairman.

1. To approve the final draft of the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan
Copies of the final draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan had previously been circulated.

RESOLVED: to ratify the Neighbourhood Development Plan, as issued

2. To receive and note the Consultation Statement produced by Mrs Metcalf
Copies of the Consultation Statement had previously been circulated

RESOLVED: to receive and note the Consultation Statement prepared by Mrs Metcalf

3. Consultancy fees
The full amount of £18,000 had now been received from grant funding. Should further consultancy fees be required, the Council would be required to cover costs.

Next stages

- Completion of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report by consultant
- Submission of NP to EBC Planning Authority
- EBC appoints independent Examiner
- Examination takes place
- Examiner's report produced
- Referendum: Organised and paid for by EBC
(*Planning Referendum costs are covered by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*).
- The Plan is made

134. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
None.
2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
None.
3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
None.

RESOLVED: to note the above

135. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

To consider any incidents or maintenance issues since the last meeting.
Springfield Park: Flooding

The Clerk reported Mr Wallace had undertaken daily checks, over a 7 day period, to ensure the culvert at Springfield Park remained clear of debris over the time of the recent storm to avoid any flooding to nearby properties.

136. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt. Latest issued: November 2023

137. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report for September

- a) **RESOLVED:** to note the report presented by the Clerk
- b) **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk be given delegated authority to transfer £5,000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account during the month, if necessary, in readiness for payments

2. To authorise payments

DD 2/10	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	15.20
DD 9/10	British Gas (0778)	Office electricity supply: 22/8 - 25/9	183.78
DD 16/10	Npower (3192)	Street lighting: Bridge lights 1/7/23 - 30/9/23	36.77
DD 16/10	BT (3766)	Phone rental	12.53
CHG 21/10	HSBC	Account fee £8 + Activity charges	10.50
BP 3/10	Fox Landscapes	Grounds maintenance: September	1,529.24
BP 4/10	N Wilford	Cemetery: Infill 9 graves	140.00
BP 17/10	EBC	Cemetery: Bin collection 1/10/23 - 31/12/23	221.00
BP 17/10	Viking	Office supplies	67.80
BP 17/10	Viking	Office supplies	62.99
BP 17/10	Diamond Print	Printing: 3,650 newsletters	1,059.00
BP 27/10	Planning with People	Consultancy fees: Paid with final NP grant	5,500.00
BP 27/10	Fox Landscapes	DARG: Uplifting perimeter trees by Travers Rd	480.00
BP 31/10	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: October	1,664.93
BP 31/10	HMRC	TAX/NIC's: October	455.73
BP 31/10	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: October 4 weeks	744.00
BP 31/10	Andrew's GS	Low level work: October	209.00
BP 31/10	Spen's GS	Burial grounds/Park: Low level work	595.50
Total:			<u>12,987.97</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for payment shown above

3. To note income received

3	Transfer of Rights: G173	49.00
6	Baileys: Add inscription Area 2, Row A, G14	65.00
16	Transfer of Rights: G168	49.00
17	Interment of Ashes into grave G41	190.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	142.60
31	Savings A/C: EBC - Electoral costs	11.51
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	0.19
Total:		<u>507.30</u>

RESOLVED: to note income received

138. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

139. 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.

The resident left the meeting.

140. BOUNDARY ISSUE

It was confirmed a Surveyor had been sourced and Cllr Major and the Clerk had arranged to meet the land owner the following day to establish if both parties would agree to abide by his report in order for the matter to be finally settled.

It was considered important that both parties acknowledged the outcome of the report and agreed in writing to accept the findings.

Initially, it would be established if both parties would contribute towards costs.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council would abide by the Surveyor's report

141. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2023 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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