

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9 January 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	
A	Cllr G Hickton	
A	Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
A	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: None

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

167. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received and noted
Mrs S Hales	Family commitment
G Hickton	Prior meeting commitment
Mrs G Hickton	Prior meeting commitment
S Jarratt	Prior meeting commitment
K Stewart	Mobility problems

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

168. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

169. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

170. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Refer Item 175. Planning

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

Application	ERE/1223/0039	7 Maple Avenue
Decision notice	ERE/1123/0017	50 Beech Avenue

171. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were raised.

172. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth's report was noted.

The Chairman reported he had been informed there was a problem with vehicles speeding along Travers Road. The Clerk was asked to notify the police.

It was noted reported crime figures often showed a high number of violent crimes in the area. It was confirmed figures also included those relating to domestic incidents.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- DCC was carrying out remedial work to reduce the impact of re-occurring flooding across the county and had brought in measures to support affected areas, including those around Ilkeston Road, Sandiacre and Risley.
- DCC continued to seek savings to create a balanced budget and it was planned to sell sections of County Hall to bring in extra revenue. Plans included selling one wing for apartments and another to create a hotel and conference centre. Over time, it was predicted at least £150m could be found. Newly created staff offices would be more cost effective.

3. Borough Councillors

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

- EBC would soon introduce charges for brown bin collections with incentives for those paying early on-line. Until 31/3/24, residents could pay a discounted rate. Councillors considered this discriminated against those without website access who could remain unaware of the changes and reduced charges being offered.
- EBC was seeking to make savings by 'mothballing' a Town Hall, but there were no plans to sell the building. Ward Councillors supported plans for closure in order to make savings, but felt a long-term solution was necessary as running costs still needed to be met and there was potential for ongoing vandalism.
- EBC was not seeking to replace the role of Heritage Officer. It was considered their expertise would be greatly missed by local communities.
- EBC would no longer offer free events at Erewash Museum
- Car parking charges would be introduced in both town centres and at Long Eaton station
- Green Space and Street Scene would have 20% of its budget withdrawn in order to create a £400K saving. Their community services covered litter picking and flower beds. Further details were awaited on how cuts would be implemented.

In response to a question, it was confirmed Ladycross CH had now been sold.

In response to a question, it was noted Asylum Seekers at the nearby hotel had created a short cut for leaving the premises at the back of the site, which could cause an accident as the cut through was not obvious to passing vehicles.

The Clerk was asked to inform the police so they could notify the hotel of the hazard to ensure public safety.

In response to a question, it was confirmed if someone presented themselves as homeless, the Borough Council was required to find accommodation and house them, but not necessarily in the same area if housing was not readily available.

173. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2023 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the finance Committee meeting held on 28 November 2023, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

174. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2023 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 December 2023, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

175. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

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.

Delegated response: That no objections be made

ERE/1123/0060 111 Longmoor Lane

Variation of condition 2 (list of approved drawings) to planning permission referenced ERE/1021/0018, to make amendments to plots 1-6, 26-27 and 36-38.

RESOLVED: That no objections be made

ERE/1223/0024 79 Springfield Avenue

Single storey extension to existing garage

RESOLVED: That no objections be made

ERE/1223/0039 7 Maple Avenue

Single storey front extension, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension with raised patio

RESOLVED: That no objections be made

2. To note tree applications submitted to EBC

ERE/1223/0029 123 Longmoor Lane

T1 and T1 - Holly and Sycamore - Fell

RESOLVED: To note the application without comment

3. To note Certificate of Lawfulness applications submitted to EBC

ERE/1223/0026 7 Buckingham Road

Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) - Extension of dropped kerb

RESOLVED: To note the application without comment

4. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/1123/0010 51 Sycamore Crescent

Part retrospective application for retention of decking and proposed new 1.1 metre high handrail

EBC approved 11/12/23

ERE/1123/0031 39 Wood Avenue

Certificate of lawfulness for the widening of the existing vehicle crossing and the resurfacing of the existing frontage with tarmac and channel drainage

EBC approved 12/12/23

ERE/1123/0015 32 Orchard Way

Demolish existing canopy to dwelling, convert existing workshop building to annex

EBC approved 21/12/23

ERE/1123/0049 3 Denton Avenue

Retrospective variation of condition 3 of ERE/0420/0039 - variation of roof tile finishes

EBC approved 21/12/23

ERE/1123/0035 South Of 61 Town Street

Tree(s) in conservation area notification: Leylandii Hedge - 5 metre height reduction.

EBC approved 28/12/23

ERE/1123/0009 Unit 4, Bradley Street

Change of use from light industrial unit (E (g) (iii)) to a Mixed Use – E (g) /B2/B8 to comprise automotive / engineering services

EBC approved 29/12/23

ERE/1123/0017 50 Beech Avenue

Single storey side extension, Installation of render to property.

EBC approved 3/1/24

RESOLVED: to note the above

176. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Major was pleased to announce that numerous compliments had been received over the festive period on the new lamp column Christmas motifs.

The Chairman and Cllr Bilbie would attend the Borough and Parish Councils' Forum meeting to be held at Ilkeston Town Hall on 30/1/24 at 6.30pm.

The Chairman would attend a combined parishes meeting organised by Stanley & Stanley Common PC to discuss a number of issues, including EBC withdrawing funding without consultation.

177. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crime figures, latest recorded: October 22: 56 / October 23: 64

The above was noted.

2. FCC Communities Foundation: Grant application for new perimeter path

The Clerk confirmed she had recently completed the Post Completion Report for Project CF-1886, Springfield Park play area refurbishments, costing £60,000.

She had verified the Council was eligible to submit a further bid for £92,000 to install of a perimeter footpath around the park to create all year round use.

EBC Planning Department had confirmed the Parish Council (as a Local Authority) did not require planning permission, it was permitted development on their land.

The Clerk would submit a bid to FCC before the First Round deadline of 28/2/24. The Parish Council would be required to make a 10.75% contribution of £9,890.

3. Christmas lights dismantling/storage

Leisurelites intended to remove the Christmas tree in the coming days and 37 lamp column motifs were scheduled to be dismantled within the next 3 weeks.

Mr Wallace would remove barrier fencing to storage.

It was noted pea-lights on the trees at Padmore could be in need of replacing due to age. The clerk would confirm details with Leisurelites and obtain a quote.

The Clerk confirmed she had not received any complaints on the Christmas lights.

178. CONSULTATION

East Midlands Airport

East Midlands Airport Future Airspace – Stage 2 information sharing/Q&A engagement sessions including for councils.

RESOLVED: to note the above and continue to receive future engagement information and consultations from East Midlands Airport as it was in close proximity to the area

179. BUDGET RATIFICATION 2024/2025

1. To note the withdrawn level of Concurrent Functions (CF) grant as set by EBC

2024/2025	Removed	£22,046	£2,000 remaining
2025/2026	Removed	£2,000	Nil

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to note the above, as previously discussed

2. To ratify the Precept for 2024/25, as recommended by the Finance Committee at £96,500

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to ratify setting the 2024/25 Precept at £96,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee to safeguard services and aid increased and unexpected costs

Recovery of the withdrawn EBC CF grant of £22,046, sustained through the Precept, would provide an overall budget increase of 16%.

Councillors considered a number of significant costs that could have unexpected bearing on the budget including, significant ongoing investment into repairs for St. Giles' Church wall and future maintenance of play equipment and safety surfaces.

3. To ratify the overall budget, including areas for spending for 2024/25, as recommended by the Finance Committee

2024/2025	Precept	£96,500
2025/2026	CF Grant	£ 2,000
	Total	£98,500

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to ratify the overall budget of £98,500, as recommended by the Finance Committee

180. CEMETERY FEES 2024/2025

To ratify Cemetery fees from 1/4/24 with a 5% increase, as recommended by the Finance Committee

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to set the level of Cemetery fees, as recommended by the Finance Committee with a 5% increase (rounded up)

181. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Report on progress.

The Clerk reported she had contacted EBC that day as the NDP submitted on 29/11/23 was not included on EBC's Planning Committee Agenda for January.

She had enquired with S Birkinshaw (Head of Planning) and E Poxen (NP Officer) if the NDP was shown elsewhere on the website, as per planning law compliance.

To date, she was awaiting a response on progress and in contact with Mrs Metcalf, the Parish Council's consultant.

182. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
23/11/23 Area 2, Row D, G13
2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
None.
3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
None.

RESOLVED: to note the above

183. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

The Clerk reported dog walkers continued to exercise their dogs on both parks on a daily basis although ground conditions were becoming more saturated and muddy.

Councillors noted the introduction of a perimeter footpath around Springfield Park would benefit all year round use and provide a long-lasting and durable route.

It was confirmed Mr Wallace continued to check the culvert on Springfield Park to ensure it remained clear during ongoing wet weather.

184. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt. Latest issue: December 2023: Latest edition: January 2024

185. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report

The Clerk provided a verbal update on Council funds.

2. To authorise payments

DD 1/12	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	15.20
DD 6/12	British Gas (0778)	Office electricity supply: 24/10 - 22/11	126.30
DD 18/12	BT (3766)	Phone rental	7.73
CHG 21/12	HSBC	Account fee £8 + £2.50 activity charges	10.50
BP 1/12	Spen's GS	Burial grounds/Park: Low level work (Nov)	406.50
BP 7/12	Fox	DARG: Tree work	216.00
BP 7/12	Fox	Grounds Maintenance: November	1,529.24
BP 29/12	SMVC	Chair's donation: Carols Around the Tree	50.00
BP 29/12	Spen's GS	Burial grounds/Park: Low level work (Dec)	553.50
BP 29/12	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: Dec	1,738.66
BP 29/12	HMRC	TAX/NIC's: Dec	505.28
BP 30/11	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: Dec	846.00
BP 30/11	Andrew's GS	Low level work: Dec	220.00
Total:			<u>6,224.91</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for payment shown above

3. To note income received

1	Hawleys: A186 Plaque	65.00
8	Lymns: Area 2, Row D, G13 Grave/Burial x 1	790.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	89.72
31	Savings A/C: EBC - Electoral costs	1.93
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	10.20
Total:		<u>956.85</u>

RESOLVED: to note income received

186. CORRESPONDENCE

National Highways: M1 junctions 23a - 25 will be one of the next locations to have new emergency areas added. Work is expected to begin early 2024.

RESOLVED: to note the above

The Clerk was asked to send a letter from the Parish Council supporting the scheme.

187. 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.

188. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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