

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 13 January 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 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 J Lowrie	
	Cllr R Pound	
	Cllr T Sanghera	

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One

163. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
I Draper-Morgan	Family commitment

RESOLVED: to accept the apology for absence

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

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

It was confirmed EBC had not received a request to organise an election to fill the vacancy for the South Ward and the Parish Council could now move to co-option for both vacancies.

The vacancies would be advertised on the website, notice boards and newsletter and Cllr Major would promote. Councillors were also encouraged to seek interest.

165. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

166. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation were received.

167. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 171. Planning – To include applications received after the Agenda was issued

ERE/1225/0032 Willow Lodge, Rushy Lane
Demolish existing barn and replace with new dwelling

168. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised concerns over the introduction of a cement works at the New Stanton Site. He highlighted the adverse impact this would have on Sandiacre and surrounding areas due to a significant increase in the number of HGV's travelling to and from the M1 on a daily basis, which could potentially include an additional 180 vehicles per day.

He enquired if the Parish Council could petition EBC or DCC for a capacity review or bring in limitations for HGV movement. The original Traffic Assessment for the commercial site had not considered areas affected that lay beyond Stanton Gate.

The Chairman noted the Parish Council was in favour of a new M1 J25A to alleviate HGV movement through the parish and the local MP had written to the Minister for Roads and Buses to discuss congestion and the negative impact it had on residents. Sandiacre Borough Councillors had also contacted residents living along Derby Road to address their concerns over busy HGV movement in close proximity to their homes.

The resident confirmed he had already contacted EBC and DCC to raise concerns. Cllr Major requested a copy of his correspondence in order to support his case.

The resident was thanked for attending and left the meeting shortly afterwards.

169. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

1. Police

PCSO Hawksworth had submitted his report, which stated he intended to reduce to part-time hours from January 2026.

The Clerk was asked to enquire if his reduced hours would be covered by another officer in order to provide a full-time service for the community.

2. County Councillor

- Cllr Major reported full Council would shortly be setting the 2026/27 budget that included an increase of 5%, which was the maximum allowed for a larger authority.
- As part of the savings plan, the controlling group were looking at closing some recycling centres.
- Repairing potholes remained a priority and required further investment by doubling the budget allocation. Orchard Way was scheduled for improvement work.
- Plans to keep 8 Care Homes open, including Lacemaker Court and Briar Close could no longer proceed as the sale with the preferred bidder had fallen through.

3. Borough Councillors

Retirement of the Chief Executive

Following many years of service to the Council, Mr Jaroszek (CEO) would retire at the end of January. Borough Councillors extended their thanks and appreciation to him for his dedication and commitment to EBC over many years and wished him well.

Mr Gary Smith (Director of Environmental & Community Services) had been appointed as Interim Chief Executive for 6 months until a full-time replacement was found to take the Council forward beyond the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process.

a) Erewash Core Strategy

The EBC Planning Department's Core Strategy was found to be 'unsound' by the Planning Inspector and would now be withdrawn. Due to the introduction of the LGR process, a new Plan could not be produced in time, therefore proposed plans for allowing further development in Sandiacre would cease.

b) Homes of Multiple Occupancy (HMO's) - Consultation

EBC Consultation ended 11/1/26: Article Four Direction (Change of Use) - To give greater control over the creation of Homes of Multiple Occupancy (HMO's)
(*'Local centre and residential area of Sandiacre south of Kings Road and Travers Road, east of Wood Avenue and south of the segment of Derby Road between Wood Avenue & the M1'*).

170. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2025 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 2 December 2025, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

171. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/1125/0036

51 Wood Avenue

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

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/1125/0038

60 Victor Crescent

Erection of Detached garage

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/1225/0032

Willow Lodge, Rushy Lane

Demolish existing barn and replace with new dwelling

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/0126/0001

29 Recreation Road

Prior Notification of single storey rear extension

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/1025/0017

4 Hillside Grove

Construction of a front porch and rear single storey extension

EBC: Approved 9/12/25

ERE/1025/0022

Red Lion, Derby Road

Retention of 6 solar PV roof panels

EBC: Approved 11/12/25

ERE/1125/0031

The Yews, 6 Town Street

To remove trees and shrubs to ground level as the site is in a Conservation Area

EBC: Approved 6/1/26

ERE/0825/0012

St. John Ambulance Grasmere Street

Erection of a new workshop building

EBC: Approved with condition 6/1/26

RESOLVED: to note the above

172. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. It was confirmed a resident had expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Council for introducing a new perimeter footpath on Springfield Park that gave all year round access.
2. It was noted the local MP was continuing to make enquiries to seek Government approval for the introduction of a new M1 J25A, although it could take time.

173. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: November 2024 = 56 / November 2025 = 52
The above was noted.
2. DPI for Cllr Ford to be updated and copy issued to EBC
Cllr Ford submitted his updated Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests (DPI) form.

Councillors were reminded to update their DPI forms to include any changes in their circumstances.

Cllr Hickton and Cllr Mrs Hickton requested a new form in order to provide an update.

3. Grit bin for Larch Drive to be delivered during January
The above was noted.

It was confirmed the green Parish Council grit bins had been re-filled the previous day following a recent spell of snow and ice.

The Clerk would request 1 tonne of free grit from DCC to replenish stocks.

4. LeisureLites: Dismantling and storage of Christmas lights
It was noted the Christmas motifs had been turned off in early January and would shortly be moved to storage.
5. Newsletter: Meeting to be arranged for producing a Spring issue
The Clerk would arrange to meet with Mr Dale to consider the new A4 format, layout and content for the next issue.
6. Notice boards x 2 installed: Padmore Moorings & Austins Drive
The above was noted.
7. Sandiacre Community Network: Vacancy for new Community Activator
It was confirmed a colleague was covering for Clare Ejiofor, who had resigned in December and meetings were currently continuing with local community groups.
8. VAT refund claimed: £4,395.52
It was noted the VAT refund claim of £4,395.52 had recently been received from HMRC.

174. PARISH COUNCIL COMPLIANCE FOR INTRODUCING .ORG.UK ADDRESS

1. To note the Parish Council domain name had changed to:
www.sandiacreparishcouncil.org.uk

The Clerk's email address would also be changed to .org.uk on the website and official documents. Should the old email address be used, it would still be received.

2. For Councillors to consider holding their own Parish Council email address and in what format

Cllr Major and the Clerk outlined the process required to meet compliance for official emails sent and received by Councillors when dealing with the public.

- a) The 3 Borough Councillors confirmed they wished to retain their EBC email addresses for display on the Parish Council's website
- b) Parish Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk if they wished to hold an official Parish Council email address, since using their private emails should not be used under GDPR and the Freedom of Information Act.

It was noted residents usually contacted the Clerk with initial enquiries and she would notify individual Councillors if further contact was requested.

175. TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE VILLAGE SIGN DESIGN

Latest design (Version 4) to be considered for approval.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**:

To approve the 4th version of the design depicting St. Giles' Church, Springfield Mill and a scene from the canal towpath looking up towards Church Farm in the distance.

The Clerk would seek guidance on ensuring the stability and soundness of the existing wooden post that needed to take the weight of a heavier metal sign.

176. BUDGET RATIFICATION 2026/2027

1. To note the budget monitoring position to 31/12/25

The following documents were circulated and considered:

- Comparison of other parish Precepts and Band D charges in Erewash in 2025
- Actual income to 31/12/25 / Actual number of burials & interment of Ashes
- Expenditure monitoring from 1/4/25 to 31/12/25
- Estimated budget for 2026/27 amounting to £111,400
- Cemetery fees for 2026/27 including a 4% increase

Cllr Major and the Clerk itemised predicted budget headings and expected expenditure.

2. To ratify the Precept for 2026/27

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to set the 2026/27 Precept at £111,400 in order to safeguard services and take into account increased costs for utilities, services and contracts

3. To ratify the overall budget for 2026/27, taking into account predicted and known income and expenditure with the following decisions taken:

1. To extend the rental agreement with LeisureLites for a further 3-year period 2026, 2027 & 2028. Plantscape (Ilverde) had submitted a higher quote.
2. To approve an increase of 50p for the litter picking rate to £14 per hour.
3. To note Fox Grounds Maintenance would undertake work on both parks, the burial grounds, Padmore Moorings and the village centre, including providing bedding plants for a further 3-year period.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to ratify the 2026/27 budget, as presented

The Clerk was thanked for all her work in preparing the draft budget.

177. CEMETERY FEES 2026/2027

To ratify Cemetery fees from 1/4/26 with a 4% increase

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to set the level of fees, including a 4% increase (rounded up)

178. HEARTWOOD COMMUNITY FOREST PLANTING SCHEME - SPRINGFIELD PARK

1. The 'Trees for Climate' grant to the Council: £23,074.70 for 54 trees.
2. Total project costs: £26,299.70, to include a general project management fee.

Claim 1	53%	£12,304	Obtain tree suppliers / quotes for planting	Completion 23/4/26
Claim 2	2%	£450.60	Establishment of trees (inspection)	By April 2028
Claim 3	22.5%	£5,160	Inspection: Within 10 years of planting	By April 2030
Claim 4	22%	£5,160	Inspection: Within 10 years of planting	By April 2033

RESOLVED: to note the above

The Clerk would obtain 3 quotes for supply and installation of the trees.

179. CONSULTATION

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service

Consultation on the current Community Risk Management Plan and 2026/27 budget closes 25/1/26. Details can be found at: corporatecomms@derbys-fire.gov.uk

RESOLVED: to note the above

180. NATIONS HIGHWAYS

To note overnight carriage closures to the end of May 2026 between M1 Junctions 23 and 30 for resurfacing work.

RESOLVED: to note the above

181. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
13/1/26 G181

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
None to date.

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

4. New grave digger
To note Mr Nigel Wilford has recently confirmed retirement from all grave digging, but will continue with Ashes Plots in Sandiacre Cemetery for the foreseeable future.

Mr Ross Miller has replaced Mr Wilford and is used by local Funeral Directors.

174. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

Doncaster Avenue RG

- Reports of mopeds being ridden at speed across the park causing damage to the surface and being used for suspected drug dealing.
- Equipment repairs being prioritised with PMR.
- EBC not collecting waste bags on a Saturday due to staffing shortages.

Springfield Park

- Equipment repairs being prioritised with PMR.
- EBC not collecting waste bags on a Saturday due to staffing shortages.

Cllr Major would contact EBC to enquire why they were no longer delivering a regular weekend service.

RESOLVED: to note the above

175. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Councillors had been sent an electronic copy of the latest DALC newsletter: January

RESOLVED: to note the above

176. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report

The Clerk circulated the following financial information for December:

- Bank reconciliation aligned to month ending statements
- Details of income received
- Potential risks affecting the Council's finances
- Schedule of payments to be authorised
- Transfer between accounts by the Clerk to fund payments: 3/12/25 & 31/12/25
- VAT accumulated from 1/4/25 to 31/12/25 = £19,079.68

2. Payment schedule to be authorised

DD 1/12	Water Plus (48)	Premises supply: November	18.30
DD 11/12	British Gas (78)	Premises electricity supply	84.38
DD 31/12	Water Plus (48)	Premises supply: December	18.30
BP 03/12	Fox	Grounds maintenance	1,638.13
BP 5/12	DALC	Cllr induction training x 2 on 24/11/25	110.00
BP 5/12	Fox	Springfield Park: Tree reduction work	360.00
BP 7/12	LESPB	Carols Around the Tree (Training Band)	50.00
BP 9/12	Slater Electricals	Premises: PAT testing	34.20
BP 9/12	DALC	DALC Day on 8/10/25 (Clerk)	45.00
BP 9/12	Fox	Springfield Park: Tree work (Additional)	300.00
BP 9/12	Plantscape	Hanging baskets: 10 sponsorship signs	293.15
BP 10/12	Plantscape	Hanging baskets: 10 replacement brackets	354.00
BP 11/12	Plantscape	Hanging baskets x 4	307.20

BP 15/12	PMR	Play area inspections 15/11/25	240.00
BP 31/12	Fox	Install notice boards x 2 & remove existing	582.00
BP 31/12	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary: December	1,876.07
BP 31/12	HMRC	Tax & NIC: December	589.17
BP 31/12	Mr Wallace	Litter picking	783.00
BP 31/12	Mr Wallace	Low level work	45.00
BP 31/12	Spens GS	Cemetery x 2 weeks	400.00
Total:			<u>8,127.90</u>

3. To note income received

31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	44.77
31	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	4.70
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	<u>7.71</u>
Total:		<u>57.18</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above

4. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council

The Clerk recommended careful and limited spending to Year End with no large items of expenditure.

RESOLVED: to note the above

177. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to date, not already included on the Agenda for consideration.

178. **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.*

179. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2026 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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

Initialed by the Chairman: _____