

# **SANDIACRE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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**Report of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Tuesday, 4 March 2025 at 6.40pm in  
The Memorial Institute, Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ**

**COUNCILLORS:** Cllr W Major Chairman  
Cllr S Bilbie Vice-Chairman  
Cllr T Ford  
Cllr J Lowrie  
Cllr T Sanghera  
Cllr R Stewart

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

**PRESENT:** Non-residents: Cllr Mrs G Hickton, Cllr G Hickton, Cllr S Jarrett  
& Cllr R Pound

Cllr Lowrie noted he was a resident of Sandiacre and should be included in the first list.

**PARISH ELECTORS:** None

## **1. WELCOME BY THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Major chaired the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

## **2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

| <b>Councillor</b> | <b>Apology for absence received</b> |
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| Mrs S Hales       | Holiday                             |
| T Hales           | Holiday                             |
| Mrs K Stewart     | Ill health                          |

## **3. ELECTORS TO RAISE ANY MATTERS**

No items were raised.

## **4. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2023**

It was noted the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting had been approved by full Council at the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## **5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:**

### **I. Parish Council Chairman**

It was noted regular reports appeared in monthly Minutes of meetings.

### **II. County Councillor Report**

Cllr Major, as County Councillor provided the following report:

It had been a difficult year with the introduction of local government reorganisation and the impact this would have on boundaries and existing council services.

Central Government proposals would replace the current two-tier system of county and district/borough councils with unitary councils. Erewash could potentially be merged with South Derbyshire.

Consultation was underway and a final decision on devolution was expected in November 2025.

### **III. Borough Council Report**

The following was reported:

EBC had set aside £50,000 to hire consultants to work on local government reorganisation options. However, it was considered this kind of investment could be better spent on supporting local services.

EBC was currently consulting on the revised Core Strategy, which included identifying proposed sites for new housing. Targets for new housing in Erewash had increased by over 30% as a significant number of new properties were now required.

### **IV. Sandiacre Memorial Institute – Board Of Trustees**

Report provided by Cllr Major (Trustee Chairman).

Trustees: Cllr W Major, Cllr S Bilbie, Cllr S Jarrett, Cllr R Stewart & Cllr Mrs K Stewart.

The past year had been difficult for the Institute as bookings had decreased resulting in less income. Although reserves were held, it was important to encourage more use of the facilities.

It was not intended to increase charges and as the Pre-School was the main provider. However, it was necessary to maintain the building in good order and increase interest for hiring the facilities.

### **V. Dr Bland's Almshouses – Board Of Trustees**

There are 4 Trustees:

|                  |                            |
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| Rev O Trelenberg | Vicar of St. Giles' Church |
| Cllr W Major     | County Councillor          |
| Cllr S Bilbie    | Parish Councillor          |
| Mrs C Lamb       | Appointed                  |

All four properties held by the Trust were now occupied.

Renovations would be undertaken as properties became vacant and there was an ongoing programme of investment to keep the properties in good order.

### **VI. Risley Education Foundation – Board Of Trustees**

A report was provided by Mrs Elaine Warren – Clerk to the Board of Trustees

The Board is comprised of Members from the civil parishes of Dale Abbey, Stanton-By-Dale, Risley and Hopwell, Draycott and Church Wilne and Breaston. Sandiacre is represented by Cllr Major and Rev. O Trelenberg

The Foundation supports students aged 18 to 25 who can apply for a grant of £600 per academic year.

For the year 2024/2025, 87 requests for funding were received, with 41 of those living in Sandiacre (47% of applicants, the same as the previous year).

Grants are advertised within parishes and final year students from Friesland School and Wilsthorpe Academy are notified of the scheme.

Friesland School, Ladycross Infant School and Cloudside Academy receive funding for enhancement of education in music.

## **VII. Verbal Report from any other group present**

### **Sandiacre Friendship Hub**

Cllr Ford had prepared a report that covered all aspects of the work carried out at the Hub.

Venues and opening times, as follows:

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| Monday & Tuesday  | 9.30am to 12 noon | St. Giles' Church Hall        |
| Friday & Saturday | 9.30am to 12 noon | Methodist Church, Butt Street |

There was a range of services offered, including a food bank, free café, training and talks given by different community organisations each month.

The group worked in partnership with DCC, Neighbourhood Watch, Erewash CVS, Derbyshire Voluntary Action and others.

Councillors expressed their thanks for all the good work being undertaken for the benefit of local residents.

### **Friends of Hayworth Road Park**

Cllr Stewart confirmed the Friends of Hayworth Road Park would not be holding an Easter egg competition this year.

The group worked in partnership with EBC who monitored and maintained the park.

## **6. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Cllr Major thanked everyone for attending.

**The meeting closed at 6.58pm.**

**Signed by the Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_