

SANDIACRE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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**Report of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 6.40pm in
The Memorial Institute, Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ**

COUNCILLORS: Cllr S Bilbie Vice-Chairman
Cllr Draper-Morgan
Cllr T Ford
Cllr Mrs Hallam
Cllr J Lowrie

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Bloor Clerk to the Parish Council

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

PARISH ELECTORS: One

1. WELCOME BY THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Cllr Major was on his way to the meeting but delayed in gridlocked traffic on the M1.

Cllr Bilbie took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
S Jarrett	Holiday
T Sangherea	Convalescing

3. ELECTORS TO RAISE ANY MATTERS

No items were raised.

4. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2025

It was noted the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting had been approved by full Council at the meeting of 1st April 2025.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

I. Parish Council Chairman

Cllr Bilbie noted the new footpath on Springfield Park was proving very popular with residents and park users and gave all year-round access.

Tree planting around Springfield Park would take place tomorrow as the Heartwood Community Foundation scheme had funded 54 new trees.

The Carols Around the Tree event had proved popular and Long Eaton Silver Prize Band had led the carols.

II. County Councillor Report

There was no report under this heading.

III. Borough Council Report

Cllr Bilbie reported on the following:

The Local Government Review (LGR) was in the process of undertaking local community consultation, but was expected to be introduced from April 2028.

EBC currently held a surplus of £4.5m and a decision had been taken to freeze Council Tax for the coming financial year.

Due to the surplus, EBC would also reintroduce free parking in the Borough.

IV. Sandiacre Memorial Institute – Board Of Trustees

Cllr Bilbie (Trustee) confirmed things were ticking over and there were no changes to report.

V. Dr Bland's Almshouses – Board Of Trustees

The Clerk to the Trustees had provided a brief report outlining few changes had taken place over the previous year.

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

Cllr Bilbie confirmed one property had recently become vacant and would be advertised. Renovation work had been carried out to maintain it to a high standard.

VI. Risley Education Foundation – Board Of Trustees

Cllr Major: Trustee

There was no report under this item.

VII. Verbal Report from any other group present

Neighbourhood Watch / Sandiacre Friendship Hub

Cllr Ford circulated a list of schemes undertaken by the Hub over the past year and gave a verbal report on how they helped and supported the local community, especially by developing awareness of IT and most recently, by supporting people with autism.

Cllr Ford was thanked for all his good work for the community.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

Cllr Bilbie thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 7pm.

Signed by the Chairman: _____ Date: _____