

SANDIACRE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Report of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Tuesday, 1 March 2016 at 6.30pm in The Memorial Institute, Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire, NG10 5FJ

PRESENT: Cllr W Major (Parish Council Chairman)
Cllr Ms C Bilbie
Cllr Mrs L Bilbie
Cllr S Bilbie
Cllr Mrs J Chandler
Cllr Mrs S Dickman
Cllr C Gooday
Cllr R Harris
Cllr Mrs C Powers
Cllr Mrs K Stewart
Cllr R Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Bloor (Clerk to the Parish Council)

RESIDENTS: None present

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr Mr Dinsdale
Cllr Mr A Hardy
Cllr Mr T Sanghera

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

Mr Major	Trustee	Dr Bland's Almshouses
Mrs Dickman	Trustee	Memorial Institute
Mrs Stewart	Trustee	Memorial Institute
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4. PUBLIC TO RAISE ANY MATTERS

No items were raised.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2015

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2015, copies of which have been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

The Chairman outlined the work of the Parish Council over the past year. The Parish Council had established a new office and reserve funds had been used to maintain the perimeter wall surrounding St Giles' closed churchyard.

Budget cuts continued, but the Parish Council sought savings wherever possible and wished to maintain necessary services to benefit the community.

7. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It was noted that regular reports were provided at monthly Parish Council meetings.

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

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9. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE SANDIACRE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE TRUSTEES

The Chairman presented the report on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2015.

During term-time, the hall is predominantly used by Westfield Pre-School. The Childminders, Mother and Toddler Group also meet on a regular basis as well as the Dog Training Club and GKR Karate. There are some one-off lettings such as bookings for children's parties and political groups and Friday evening sessions run by Sandiacre Youth Services.

During 2015, the Trustees were pleased to receive capital grant funding from Awards for All and Erewash Borough Council, which allowed a number of projects to proceed. A small children's toilet was installed and a new non-slip safety flooring was fitted in the existing toilet areas. Areas were redecorated and new radiator covers were fitted throughout the hall.

The cost of gas and electricity is now expected to be slightly higher than in previous years and it is difficult to estimate future upkeep costs, but more building maintenance is expected and additionally, staff costs will increase.

We would like to thank Sandiacre Parish Council for their continued support and also regular users for their bookings. The Trustees wish to retain the building as a community asset, especially for the youngsters of Sandiacre.

10. VERBAL REPORT FROM DR BLAND'S ALMHOUSES CHARITY

The Chairman presented the report on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Dr Bland's Almshouses is a registered charity constituted in accordance with the will of the late Dr Bland.

The Charity is administered by a Board of Trustees: Rev O Trelenberg (Chairman), Cllr W Major and Mrs A Noskwith.

Mrs Jowett as a Trustee, recently stepped down having given valuable service over a number of years. Her contribution was always welcome given her knowledge of Sandiacre and her interest in the welfare of its residents.

The object of the charity is to provide and maintain accommodation at numbers 115, 117, 119 and 121 Derby Road, Sandiacre for the benefit of the residents of the parish.

The properties have listed building status and are retained in good condition, both internally and externally.

All properties are currently occupied by long-term tenants.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Signed by the Chairman: _____ Date: _____