

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 1 July 2014 at 7.30pm in The Memorial Institute, Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

	Cllr Mrs A Noskwith (Chairman)
	Cllr S Bilbie
	Cllr Mrs J Chandler
A	Cllr Mrs S Dickman
	Cllr G Dinsdale
	Cllr Miss K Hales
A	Cllr A Hardy (Vice-Chairman)
A	Cllr A Hughes
	Cllr Mrs J Hulls
A	Cllr P Hunt
A	Cllr I Judson
	Cllr W Major
	Cllr L White
	Cllr Mrs N White

IN ATTENDANCE:

	Mrs M Bloor - Clerk to the Council
	PCSO H Andrew (Trainee - Long Eaton)
	Sgt L Caldecott

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mr W Priest (Public session only)

PART 1 - NON-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

35. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs S Dickman	Holiday
Cllr Hardy	Illness
Cllr A Hughes	Abroad
Cllr P Hunt	Other commitment
Cllr Judson	Abroad

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies submitted by Councillors

36. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations to the order of business on the Agenda.

37. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no Members' interests declared.

38. DISPENSATIONS

There were no written applications or requests for dispensation from a Member who had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) or Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) to allow them to stay in the meeting and vote during consideration of the relevant item.

39. PUBLIC SPEAKING – 10 MINUTES

a) Members of the public

Mr W Priest – Resident of Barker Avenue East

Mr Priest informed Councillors that East Midlands Housing Association had not addressed problems brought to their attention by the Clerk after the last meeting, although he confirmed that EMHA Inspectors had recently visited his property.

- Mature trees bordering Barker Avenue East needed attention and large branches were overhanging properties and restricting light
- Areas of grass had been left uncut
- Perimeter walls required remedial repair work

The Clerk was asked to contact EMHA to enquire if work was scheduled for completion.

Mr Priest thanked Councillors and left the meeting at 7.35pm

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Sgt Caldecott time to respond to Councillors' questions on a variety of Police matters.

b) Police report

SANDIACRE 2014	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
ASB	11	28	31	33	17
Bicycle theft	1	1	0	1	2
Burglary	7	5	2	7	6
Criminal damage/arson	9	3	8	8	5
Drugs	0	1	4	1	2
Other crime	0	0	0	0	3
Other theft	3	0	3	0	0
Possession of weapons	0	0	1	1	0
Public order	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0
Shoplifting	4	2	2	6	1
Theft from person	1	0	0	0	0
Vehicle crime	6	6	6	3	11
Violent offences	6	4	7	8	5
2014 Total:	81	50	64	69	52
2013 Total:	77	36	76	54	50

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Caldecott to the meeting and thanked him for attending to answer questions on Police matters affecting Sandiacre.

Sgt Caldecott introduced himself and PCSO Andrew. He explained Long Eaton Division's policing structure, comprising 6 areas with PC's and PCSO's undertaking various hours.

Councillors raised questions relating to increased levels of anti-social behaviour and vandalism on local parks and open spaces and information and statistics shown on the Police website for the Long Eaton Division.

Liaising with schools

Sgt Caldecott explained that Officers were now 'demand led' and there was no set process for Officers to visit schools without first being invited. Partner agencies were involved with schools and played an important role.

Road safety awareness

Sgt Caldecott confirmed that DCC organised schemes covering road safety awareness and schools ran cycling proficiency classes. It was difficult to warn young children of the dangers of cycling on pavements when they were avoiding busy roads.

A cycle security marking event would soon be held at Long Eaton and youngsters would be given information and leaflets on road safety issues.

It was noted that children under the age of 10 could not be held criminally responsible for their actions or prosecuted.

Vandalism and ASB

Councillors noted that over the past year, areas maintained by the Parish Council had experienced ongoing incidents of drug taking, ASB and vandalism. Tree branches were currently being damaged and graffiti was often displayed on play items, some being offensive and racist. The cost to the Council was mounting.

Sgt Caldecott confirmed it was difficult to catch everyone involved, but enquiries were continuing.

CCTV monitoring

It was confirmed that the CCTV camera on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground is effective, but due for an upgrade. The camera is owned by EBC. Due to budgetary restraints, footage is now only viewed by volunteers, which cannot assure 24 hour coverage.

Volunteers

It was noted that volunteers helping the Police are regularly recruited and are a welcome addition. People are vetted and disclosure checks are undertaken to ensure suitability for the role in order to deal with Police matters.

End of school term: Summer months

Sgt Caldecott confirmed the Police liaised with (Erewash) Community Safety Partnership. Due to ongoing budget cuts, there are pressures for Sandiacre, but there are Borough wide activities for diversionary activities in school holidays, including the 'Summer Vibe' event on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground.

Policing: Hours of operation

Councillors noted that Sandiacre is a large urban Parish, but has seen a reduction in PC hours over the past 12 months, yet other areas within Erewash have retained full-time Officers although lower crime figures are recorded.

Sgt Caldecott confirmed there had been a restructuring of Officers due to seeking savings as part of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

The staffing structure for the Division was outlined. It was noted that if crime spiked, Officers based at Long Eaton could respond to other areas.

Special Constables

It was noted that PC S Harris was shown on the Police website as assisting Sandiacre Officers.

Sgt Caldecott explained that Special Constables are volunteers, not warranted Officers and are not allocated to specific areas, but could be deployed as and when available throughout the Division. PC Harris's 'default area' on the Police website was shown as Sandiacre.

Officers attending Council meetings

Concerns were raised that Officers did not regularly attend Parish Council meetings so Councillors did not receive feedback on progress of Priority Profiles. Councillors were aware of ongoing ASB, vandalism and drug taking, but they were unaware of Police follow-up action and Priority Profiles were dated 2013.

Sgt Caldecott would address these matters and ensure Councillors received a Police report that focused on outcomes.

Panel Meetings / Drop-in Surgeries

Sgt Caldecott reported that Panel Meetings are regularly held for the public to meet with Officers to set new Priority Profiles, but residents are not attending.

The Chairman noted that she had attended an advertised meeting in June, but Officers had not been present. Additionally, the school shown as the venue for the public meeting had not been consulted and was only aware of the arrangements after it had been read in the 'Police Alert' notice.

Sgt Caldecott confirmed that an Officer should have been present. He acknowledged Councillors' concerns and stated that the service to the community could be improved.

Ongoing issues

Councillors enquired what was currently being done to address the issues of drug taking, ASB and vandalism on parks. If Police resources had been reduced, was Officer time being used effectively to focus on periods of greatest ASB activity and were hot-spots being targeted?

Sgt Caldecott noted that Sally Wigginton (Erewash Community Safety Partnership ASB Co-ordinator) could be called upon to help defuse ASB in Sandiacre and offer help and advice to the Council.

Community intelligence

Sgt Caldecott encouraged residents to report all incidents of drug taking, ASB and crime. It was important to receive information from the public as soon as incidents occurred.

Summer period/End of school term

Councillors enquired what more could be done by the Police over the Summer months to deter youngsters from ASB on the parks. Late evenings and weekends seemed to be times of increased activity.

Sgt Caldecott confirmed that a Borough wide operation would be introduced over the Summer to provide some additional patrols for Sandiacre and other Parishes.

The Police are now using Twitter to communicate more with youngsters.

The CCTV camera would be used more effectively on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground to identify specific areas at certain times of the day.

Councillors were invited to view CCTV footage to see its range and effectiveness.

Neighbourhood Wardens

It was noted that Scott Cartledge (EBC's Neighbourhood Warden Manager) had been informed of the problems experienced in Sandiacre and Wardens would introduce additional patrols to the area.

Reporting crime

Sgt Caldecott encouraged residents to report all crimes and incidents and provide as much intelligence information as possible. A small amount of information could prove important. Residents could ring 101 or 999 to report suspected or witnessed crimes and any incidents immediately or at the earliest opportunity.

Leaflets were currently being distributed by Officers to residents living adjacent to parks to highlight the importance of reporting any vandalism or ASB promptly.

Police and the community

Sgt Caldecott confirmed that all areas within the Division are now experiencing different working practices and additional Officers and resources were no longer available due to funding restrictions.

It was noted that the Parish Council's budget had also reduced over time and the Council is facing increased financial pressures following repeated vandalism.

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged the following day with Cllr Mrs Noskwith, the Clerk and Sgt Caldecott to see how the Council and Police could liaise more effectively.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Caldecott for providing an opportunity to discuss important community issues.

Both Officers were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

c) County Councillor's report

There was no report under this heading.

d) Borough Councillors' Report

There was no report under this heading.

e) Representatives from outside bodies report

There was no report under this heading.

Standing Orders were resumed.

40. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2014

Approval of the Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3 June 2014, as previously circulated to Members, were signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Page 14. Hanging basket sponsorship

Information for local businesses to sponsor hanging baskets from EBC was tabled.

Page 15. Borough and Parish Councils' Forum meeting

It was noted that the meeting had been cancelled due to lack of items for discussion.

41. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2014

Minutes of the Meeting

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 3 June 2014, as previously circulated to Members be received and noted

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

42. TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA, IF ANY, FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

No items were deemed confidential.

43. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No items were raised.

44. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK ON: -

a) Play Scheme: Cloudside Junior School: Ages 6-11 - w/c 11th & 18th August

Details of publicity arrangements for the Summer Play Scheme were noted.

b) Meeting with Youth Services 9/7/14: Youth provision over Summer months

The Chairman and Clerk would meet with Rachel Sidebottom (Integrated Youth Services Manager) on 9/7/14 to establish the full extent of youth provision in Sandiacre.

The outcome of the meeting would be reported back to Council in September.

c) Western Power: Springfield Park – Improvements to sub-station 24/7/14 to 8/8/14

It was noted that Western Power had been given permission by the Clerk to access Springfield Park to undertake refurbishment work at the sub-station.

d) Commemorating WW1 / War memorials grant funding

The Clerk was investigating if renovation work to several commemorative WW1 plaques could be funded through the War Memorials Trust.

e) Children's Centre: Request for public event on Doncaster Ave Recreation Ground

RESOLVED: that permission be granted for parent volunteers from Sandiacre Children's Centre to hold a public event on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground on 13/8/14 between 11.00am and 3.00pm

A copy of the Volunteer Group's Public Liability Insurance and Risk Assessment had been submitted to the Clerk.

Councillors were invited to attend the Fun Day.

f) Local Councils Explained – Latest edition: Complete reference guide (£49.99)

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would obtain an office copy

45. STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE: DCC CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: to submit the following consultation response:

- Besides priority locations, replacement light bulbs should be installed wherever possible to ensure highway and community safety
- The Council recommend that an inspection regime should be introduced by DCC to establish which lights required attention, especially as not all failed bulbs would be reported
- Investment into more efficient LED light bulbs could create long-term savings

46. DELEGATION OVER THE SUMMER RECESS / SIGNING OF CHEQUES

RESOLVED that the Clerk be given delegated authority to raise cheques and consider quotations over the Summer recess, following consultation with the Chairman

47. PENINSULA

a) Revised Cemetery Rules issued to Funeral Directors and Stone Masons

The Clerk reported that she had issued revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations to local Funeral Directors and requested copies of their Public Liability Insurance and Risk Assessments, as previously agreed, with a deadline of 30/6/14.

Following a reminder and confirmation that correspondence had been received, only one local Funeral Director had then submitted the required documentation. The remainder had been asked to provide it at the earliest opportunity.

b) Meeting with Mr Hawley 18/6/14 (Stone Mason)

The Clerk had met with Mr Hawley to discuss headstones in the Parish Council Cemetery that required remedial attention.

Families would be asked to contact Mr Hawley so restoration work could be undertaken as part of the Stone Mason's 10 year guarantee.

48. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) CIRCULARS

Circ 11	Keeping of old documents
Circ 12	DALC Annual Executive Meeting & AGM
Circ 13	DALC President 2014/2015
Circ 14	Financial Regulations Training Courses SLCC/DALC joint event Clerks and RFOs Networking Lunch CLG/Community Development Foundation CPRE Local Authority Survey about Lighting Parishes Encouraged to Make Direct Proposals to DCLG Under Sustainable Communities Act, 2007 NALC's Larger Local Councils Committee Light up the night in support of Marie Curie Nurses Vacancies Training
Circ 15	Governance and Accountability for Local Councils Rural Housing Policy Review Have your say on the future of the rural economy Reminder – LGPS 2014 Discretions – Statement of Policy Individual Electoral Registration (IER) Pensions Briefing administered by Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils Making Localism Work Vitalise Essential Breaks

RESOLVED: to note the above DALC circulars

49. FINANCE

I. Accounts for payment: June 2014

			<u>Gross</u>
DD	Eclipse	Internet	17.94
2567	HAGS-SMP	Playground inspections: May	72.00
2568	HAGS-SMP	Spr Pk: Swing repairs	164.40
2569	Viking	Office supplies: Envelopes	53.26
2570	BT	Calls, rental	201.51
2571	Mrs Bloor	Salary: June	1,220.68
2572	HMRC	Tax: £119.80 & NIC: £198.62	318.42
2573	Park Hal Designs	Website mtce: Dec 13 - May 14	120.00
2574	Mem Inst	Meeting room hire Jan to June	136.25
2575	Mr D Ingman	Internal audit: 2013/2014	200.00
2576	Horizon	Spr Pk: Roundabout repairs/wet pour	1,440.00
2577	Horizon	Grounds mtce: June	1,321.50
2578	Andrew's GS	Litter Picking: June	468.00
2579	Andrew's GS	Spr Pk: Remove graffiti	20.00
2580	Andrew's GS	DARG: Remove branch/table	30.00
2581	Andrew's GS	Cem/Ch: General mtce/Litter picking	72.00
2582	Andrew's GS	Cemetery: Infill 3 graves	50.00
2583	Andrew's GS	Padmore: Remove 13 broken branches	10.00
2584	Andrew's GS	Spr Pk: Remove graffiti	20.00
2585	Andrew's GS	Cem/Ch: General mtce/Litter picking	72.00
2586	Andrew's GS	DARG: Remove shopping trolley	20.00

2587	Andrew's GS	DARG: Remove large broken branch	20.00
2588	Andrew's GS	Spr Pk: Remove shopping trolley	10.00
2589	HAGS-SMP	Playground inspections: June	72.00
DD	Peninsula	H/S Consultancy	240.00
DD	SITA	Waste collection from 2 parks	75.89
Total			<u>6,445.85</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the above payments.

II. Income and Interest

13-Jun	Transfer of Rights: A132	25.00
13-Jun	Gillotts: Interment: G176	108.00
30-Jun	HSBC Business Account	4.87
30-Jun	HSBC Election Account	0.25
		<u>138.12</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above income and interest received

III. Quotations

There were no quotations to receive.

IV. Financial Report

RESOLVED: to note the budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation statement from January to June 2014, as circulated at the meeting

50. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY – CORRESPONDENCE

EBC Today: Magazine

A-one+ Integrated Highway Services (Area 7)

Notice that M1 Junctions 24 and J25 north bound carriageways would be undergoing road marking and stud replacement work for approximately 14 nights from 30/6/14

PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

51. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

No items were deemed confidential.

52. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

FOLLOWING THE AUGUST RECESS: TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2014

- Planning Committee meeting 7.00pm
- Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed by the Chairman: _____ Date: _____