

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 4 November 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
- Cllr Mrs S Dickman
- Cllr G Dinsdale
- Cllr Miss K Hales
- Cllr A Hardy (Vice-Chairman)
- A Cllr A Hughes
- Cllr Mrs J Hulls
- 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
Sgt L Caldecott – Long Eaton Division

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Rev Trelenberg, Mrs Bishton, Mrs Haywood and Mrs Healy

PART 1 - NON-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

89. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hughes	Recovering from illness
Cllr Judson	Prior commitment

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies submitted by Councillors

90. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

91. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest received.

92. 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.

93. PUBLIC SPEAKING – 10 MINUTES

a) Members of the public

Police matters

Sgt Caldecott was welcomed to the meeting, which he was attending to hear residents' concerns regarding a limited police presence in Sandiacre, with the community experiencing ongoing problems of ASB, vandalism and drug use, currently around Starch Lane, Church Drive and Stoney Clouds.

Residents explained that two gangs of youths of varying ages were regularly causing a nuisance in the Rectory grounds and at St Giles' Church. There were also problems of youths drug dealing and using drugs and creating a disturbance around St Giles' Park and the Church Hall. The most recent incident involved a door being locked and lights turned off inside the Church whilst a choir practice was being held.

Residents were experiencing abusive behaviour and recently, a new bench installed at Stoney Clouds by EBC had been set alight and destroyed. Residents did not know what more they could do and were appealing to the police for more support.

It was also noted that inconsiderate parking was repeatedly occurring on the corner of Starch Lane and Church Drive, despite it being reported to the police on numerous occasions. Additionally, number plates had been stolen from a resident's vehicle parked near her property on Starch Lane.

Residents confirmed they reported all incidents to the police as they occurred by ringing 101 and by informing local Beat Officers.

Sgt Caldecott agreed to visit Rev Trelenberg the next day to see what assistance he could offer. He advised that the public must report all incidents directly to the police (on 101 or 999) as soon as they occurred to ensure calls for service were recorded and dealt with promptly.

Any incidents reported directly to the Parish Council delayed action being taken by the police and recorded crime figures for the area were therefore shown to be low.

Councillors raised concerns that there were ongoing occurrences of vandalism to park areas and play equipment, with the Parish Council bearing an unacceptable cost.

With damage sustained in public open spaces, the Parish Council had no way of knowing exactly when incidents occurred, especially those taking place at night.

Councillors raised concerns over a general lack of police patrols and highlighted that vandalism, drug use and dealing were frequently occurring on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground and Springfield Park play areas.

Residents questioned why Sandiacre was only allocated a part-time PC and a full-time PCSO although other areas in Erewash were allocated a full-time PC. Sandiacre being the largest parish in Erewash with the highest number of residents. It would clearly benefit the community to have a full-time officer to allow for extra patrols in the evenings.

Sgt Caldecott outlined how Officers were deployed in different areas of the Division and explained that budget constraints meant Officers were no longer available as they once were and more cuts were possible.

It was noted that the CCTV camera near the Library was provided by EBC, which relied upon volunteers viewing footage. Consideration was given to how this was operated and what process was followed to recruit volunteers.

Councillors noted that Officer hours for Sandiacre did not appear balanced compared to other areas and they were insufficient for the needs of a large urban community.

Sgt Caldecott stated that a full-time PC would not be deployed to Sandiacre and the present police structure would remain unchanged.

Sgt Caldecott recalled that the Clerk had previously refused a suggestion that the Community Safety Partnership provide volunteers through the Community Payback Team to work alongside one of the Parish Council's contractors.

Councillors raised concerns that it was not appropriate for self-employed contractors working for the Council to be asked to supervise Community Payback Team volunteers who required trained supervision, or for long-term and reliable contracts to be amended to trial new volunteer initiatives, which could prove unreliable and costly.

With no further questions raised, residents and Sgt Caldecott were thanked by the Chairman for attending and they left the meeting at 8.10pm.

In response to Sgt Caldecott's remarks regarding her actions, to which she could not respond at the time, the Clerk advised that self-employed contractors working for the Parish Council were reliable, dependable and offered a quality service that ensured good value for money and the smooth running of parks maintained by the Council.

Councillors considered that no assurances had been given at local level that any changes for a strengthened police presence in Sandiacre were being considered.

RESOLVED:

- I. Councillors remained concerned by a reduction in Police Officer hours for Sandiacre and were anxious for the matter to be addressed
- II. That the 3-year Parish Council office lease agreement with the Police Authority, which expires on 28/2/15 be reviewed at the next meeting

Police statistics

<u>SANDIACRE</u>	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
ASB	39	40	30	44	11	28	31	33	17	30	34	32	25
Bicycle theft	1	0	4	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	0
Burglary	3	6	5	5	7	5	2	7	6	3	7	4	0
Criminal damage/arson	4	8	13	7	9	3	8	8	5	10	4	5	10
Drugs	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	1	2	3	1	1	2
Other crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	1
Other theft	1	3	6	3	3	0	3	0	0	1	2	5	5
Possession of weapons	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Public order	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
Robbery	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	1	5	5	5	4	2	2	6	1	3	0	0	0
Theft from person	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle crime	5	6	4	9	6	6	6	3	11	5	4	3	1
Violent offences	5	7	3	4	6	4	7	8	5	8	16	12	7
Total:	59	77	72	81	48	50	64	69	52	67	72	63	54

b) County Councillor's report

There was no report under this heading.

c) Borough Councillors' Report

There was no report under this heading.

d) Representatives from outside bodies report

There was no report under this heading.

94. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2014

Approval of the Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7 October 2014, as previously circulated to Members, were signed as a correct record

Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Page 38. Consultation on changes to community transport

It was noted that the number 14 bus was well used in Sandiacre and Stanton-By-Dale and it would cause inconvenience to residents if the service was reduced.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council respond to the consultation objecting to any changes in service for the local community

b) Page 39. WW1 Centenary bench

The commemorative bench was now installed near the village sign. Several compliments had already been received on the design.

c) Page 39. Memorial brass plaques

The Clerk had personally delivered three brass plaques to Leander Architectural at Buxton and restoration work was now underway. Due to erosion, new wood backing boards were required for two of the plaques. It was confirmed that the Memorial Institute Trustees would cover the cost of the boards.

Cllr Major was thanked for donating £500 from his Community Leadership Fund to cover restoration work of the plaques.

It was expected that work would soon be completed and the Clerk would arrange for collection in person to lessen carriage costs and ensure safe delivery.

d) Page 39. Christmas Tree housing

Two separate chambers and a circular central housing for wiring had been built. The second chamber had been mistakenly added, but without cost to the Council.

One chamber would be used to house the pea-light battery, but some infilling of the chamber was required. Workmen would return shortly to rectify the problem.

e) Page 39. Lamp column by the canal bridge: Replacement lantern

Details on progress would be obtained for the next meeting.

f) Page 39. Diary dates

Civic Service	Sun, 12 October	6.30	St Giles' Church
Remembrance Day Service	Sun, 9 November	6.00	Methodist Church
Christmas Concert	Wed, 3 December	7.00	Friesland School Hall
Carols Around the Tree	Sat, 6 December	4.30	Village Centre

The Chairman noted that it was very disappointing that so few people had attended the Civic Service with approximately only 35 present, including a number of Councillors and several members of the regular congregation.

g) Page 42. Carols Around The Tree

It was confirmed that the Manager of Sandiacre Co-op had kindly agreed for her store to donate mince pies for the event.

95. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2014

Minutes of the Meeting

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 7 October 2014, as previously circulated to Members be received and noted

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

96. 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.

97. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Stanton Regeneration: Outcome of the meeting with EBC

Sandiacre Councillors had attended the briefing meeting, but it was confirmed there was little change to the major development application at this time.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hunt and Cllr Hughes for preparing notes of the meeting. Copies were available from the Clerk.

b) Parish and Borough Forum meeting: Outcome of the meeting

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the Forum meeting mainly to receive information for preparing the Concurrent Functions budget for 2015/2016. However, little information was known at the present time. EBC would be notified of their budget allocation by early December when feedback would be given to Parishes.

Parishes were advised to set provisional budgets taking into account a 15% reduction, which could then be ratified once final CF figures were known.

c) Polling Stations in Sandiacre: Consultation

Between 3/11/14 and 19/12/14, EBC would be undertaking a review of existing polling stations. Particular reference is made to new Ward boundaries. Comments should be made to Electoral Services: electreg@erewash.gov.uk

98. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK ON:

a) Incidents since the last meeting

The Clerk reported on the following and referred Councillors to expected costs amounting to £500. Invoices brought to the meeting identified some costs and others were expected for payment in December.

- e) Springfield Park: Swing seat vandalised with a knife. New swing required
- f) Springfield Park: Culvert grill vandalised twice within a few days
- g) Warning sign for culvert required by Peninsula (Identifying water and drop)
- h) Padmore Moorings: Litter bin top removed. New bin ordered
- i) Doncaster Ave Rec Ground: Cannabis smoking over half term during the day
- j) DARG: Fly tipping – Discarded shopping trolley / old office chair
- k) Springfield Park: Household waste discarded daily into park litter bins

The Clerk confirmed that vandalism had been reported to the police and the Neighbourhood Warden had been notified of discarded household waste. Evidence identifying an address had been found and EBC could issue fines.

b) Outcome of the meeting with Youth Services on 27/10/14

The Clerk reported that she had met with John Davies (outgoing Youth Worker for Sandiacre), Adam Metcalf (A M Sports Coaching) and James Beckett (Sporting Futures) to consider extending youth provision in Sandiacre from 2015.

The outcome of the meeting was as follows:

- The Memorial Institute could be used on a trial basis for 3 to 4 months
- There would be an expectation for the premises to be well cared for
- Adam Metcalf (A M Sports Coaching) would run weekly sessions
- Sessions would be held from 6pm to 8pm each Wednesday evening
- Hire of the Institute would be from 5.45pm to 8.15pm to set up and clear
- Ages would be targeted at 12 to 16 year olds
- To sustain the project, a charge of £1 per person would be made
- Youth Service leaders would drop in to offer support as could Coaches from Derby College and Derby University
- A M Sports Coaching would provide an assortment of activities
- Those attending would be consulted on activities they wanted
- Sessions would be inclusive: Football, cricket, basketball, boxing, street dance and Zumba.
- Outside park facilities could be utilised
- Funding could be applied for by the Clerk and James Beckett, potentially from Sports England with a joint bid. Funds paid to the Parish Council
- Sporting Futures would assist with disclosure checks for volunteers

It was noted that Ian Stevens was now the DCC Locality Youth Manager and had previously been the Multi-Agency Team Manager for Sandiacre.

RESOLVED: to proceed with the project and report back further at the next meeting of the Parish Council

c) E.on Direct Debit payments to create saving

In order to create a saving, the Clerk recommended a move to Direct Debit payments with E.on.

RESOLVED: that Direct Debit payments be applied for

d) Christmas concert ticket price

The Clerk advised that the cost of a concert ticket had not increased for many years and enquired if Councillors wanted to increase the price by £1.

RESOLVED: that the price of a concert ticket should increase to £5 (adult/child)

99. FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the Finance Committee would meet on Wednesday, 26 November 2014 at 6.30pm to set a provisional budget for ratification by full Council in the New Year

100. CEMETERY

a) To note all burial records now computerised

RESOLVED: to note that Cemetery records were now available electronically

b) To receive updated Cemetery plans

RESOLVED: to note the updated coloured plans presented by the Clerk noting reserved, used and available grave space and cremated remains plots

c) To consider allowing grave space to be reserved in Area 2

- I. **RESOLVED:** to note that grave space in Area 2 would be available for at least the next 40 years based on an average of 8 burials per year
- II. **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk would report to Council when 8 grave spaces had been reserved in Area 2 so a further review could be undertaken
- III. **RESOLVED:** that the plans should be followed by individual rows and reserved grave space should not be permitted out of alignment, except at the Clerk's discretion in cases of special circumstances

d) To consider allowing Ashes (Cremated Remains) Plots to be reserved

- I. **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk would report to Council when a further 8 cremated remains plots had been reserved so a further review could be undertaken
- II. **RESOLVED:** that the plans should be followed by individual rows and reserved plots should not be permitted out of alignment, except at the Clerk's discretion in cases of special circumstances

e) To consider discretionary powers of the Clerk

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be given discretionary powers when being asked to reserve grave space or cremated remains plots to allow some flexibility for applicants

101. CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

a) Christmas Tree ordered: Increased size to 20' Spruce and foliage

It was noted that a taller tree had been ordered to accommodate the new Christmas Tree chamber, which had a depth of 1 metre.

- b) Delivery by Mr Christmas Tree on Saturday, 6/12/14 to Councillors
Councillors confirmed they were available to receive the tree on Saturday, 6/12/14 at 7.00am ready for fixing into the chamber and arranging the lights.
- c) Donation of £50 towards the tree: Notts and Derbyshire Hemlockstone Lions
It was confirmed that a donation of £50 had again been offered towards the tree.
- d) Removal of the tree in January
It was noted that Mr Coupe (Poplar Tree Services) had confirmed removal of the tree on Monday, 5/1/15 without charge to the Parish Council.
- e) Press and publicity for the Carols Around the Tree event
The Clerk would arrange publicity and for a reporter and photographer to attend.
- f) Carol sheets: Contents / Number of sheets required
A selection of carols had been selected and the Clerk would arrange printing of the sheets for the choir and public.

102. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) CIRCULARS

Circ 22	Pension automatic enrolment: Guide for Town and Parish Councils
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RESOLVED: that details would be brought to a future Council meeting

103. FINANCE

I. Accounts for payment

<u>October</u>			<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
DD 3/10	Eclipse	Internet	14.95	2.99	17.94
2637	Horizon	Grounds Maintenance: September	999.33	199.87	1,199.20
2638	Horizon	Repairs to culvert x 2: Vandalism	200.00	40.00	240.00
2639	Seton	Hazard sign: Culvert (drop/water) H/S	30.12	6.02	36.14
2640	Poplar	Springfield Park: Bank clearance	600.00	120.00	720.00
2641	Mrs Bloor	Salary: October	1,220.68		1,220.68
2642	HMRC	Tax: £119.80 & NIC: £198.62	318.42		318.42
2643	British Legion	Donation: Section 137	25.00		25.00
2644	Methodist Ch.	Donation: Remembrance Day S137	25.00		25.00
2645	Mrs Bloor	Grave markers/grass spray	12.83		12.83
2646	D Ogilvie	WW1 bench/brackets/plaques	734.00	146.80	880.80
2647	SLCC	Annual subscription	165.00		165.00
2648	Andrew's GS	Mem Inst.: Plaques removed for restoration	9.00		9.00
2649	Andrew's GS	DARG: Fly tipping - Chair removed	10.00		10.00
2650	Andrew's GS	Spr Pk: Fly tipping - Shopping trolley	10.00		10.00
2651	Andrew's GS	Spr Pk: Residents notified of work to banks	9.00		9.00
2652	Andrew's GS	Padmore: Bin vandalised - Removed	9.00		9.00
2653	Andrew's GS	DCC MMG: Clearance Footpath 14	120.00		120.00
2654	Andrew's GS	Spr PK: Remove dead branches	20.00		20.00
2655	Andrew's GS	Spr PK: Low level clearance work to bank	100.00		100.00
2656	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: October	468.00		468.00
DD 24/10	Peninsula	H/S Consultancy	200.00	40.00	240.00
DD 31/10	SITA	Waste collection both parks	63.24	12.65	75.89
Total:			5,363.57	568.33	5,931.90

RESOLVED: to approve the payments

II. Income and Interest

03-Oct	Lymn: G203 H/S approval	108.00
03-Oct	Hawleys: A141: Plaque approval	55.00
03-Oct	Co-op: G78 Additional inscription	28.00
03-Oct	Lymn: A141 Plot/Interment (PIF)	163.00
03-Oct	Co-op: G49 Interment	216.00
13-Oct	Western Power: Wayleave pymt	8.05
13-Oct	Lymn: G193 H/S approval	216.00
13-Oct	A137: Reserved plot (PIF)	163.00
	Total:	<u>957.05</u>

RESOLVED: to note the above income and interest received

III. Financial Report

RESOLVED: to note the financial report circulated at the meeting

104. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct: November issue
- b) 'Your Derbyshire' magazine: October issue

RESOLVED: To note the above items of correspondence

PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

105. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

No items were deemed confidential.

106. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2014

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

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed by the Chairman: _____

Date: _____