

# **SANDIACRE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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**Report of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Tuesday, 7 March 2017 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 (Parish Council Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs J Chandler  
Cllr Mrs S Dickman  
Cllr Mr Dinsdale  
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:** Mrs French and Mrs Turner

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Mr A Hardy  
Cllr Mr T Sanghera

## **3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTEREST**

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

### Police presence in Sandiacre

Residents raised concerns that due to a limited police presence in Sandiacre, there were ongoing incidents of anti-social behaviour, disturbance, drug-taking, youths congregating together and increased crime affecting people and properties.

Residents and Councillors considered that more regular police patrols and visible beat officers were needed to minimise the mounting problem.

Councillors urged residents to call 999 in an emergency and as incidents occurred. 101 could be used for less urgent calls.

The Clerk was asked to write to the police expressing the concerns raised and to bring back the response to full Council.

#### Park lighting

The Council was asked if more lighting could be provided on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground to ensure public safety on darker evenings.

It was noted that the park had recently suffered a spate of vandalism with park lights having been deliberately hit by pellets. Additionally, 2 lamp column lights had not been fixed by DCC, despite several reminders.

It was confirmed that repairs had now been carried out by both the Parish Council and DCC and the park was now fully lit.

Cllr Major confirmed he had been successful in receiving a DCC grant of £20,000 to have new play equipment and seating installed on the park.

#### Overgrown trees – Kings Road

It was noted that overhanging trees on Kings Road were creating problems for pedestrians using the pavement and leaves were blocking gutters.

Cllr Major offered to take action to see if the problem could be resolved.

### **5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2016**

It was noted that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2016, copies of which had previously been circulated, had been approved and signed by the Chairman at the Parish Council meeting held on 5 April 2016.

### **6. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman outlined the work of the Parish Council over the past year and the events held. It had been a busy year with many new areas of investment.

#### Events

- Play schemes
- Civic service
- Remembrance Sunday service
- Carols Around the Tree
- Christmas concert, with donations to local charities

#### Investments

- Providing new items for play areas
- Increasing the number of hanging baskets and flower displays
- Providing new seating in the village centre
- Extending Christmas lights
- Supplementing litter picking along Derby Road to ensure a good service
- Introduction of an electricity supply for the Christmas tree

Cllr Dinsdale joined the meeting at 6.55pm.

Councillors had consulted with the public on HS2 and were aware of the impact it would have on residents, businesses, conservation areas and the nearby countryside. A consultation response had recently been submitted.

## **7. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Major noted that DCC was facing financial pressures to reduce costs resulting in a number of services being cut or reduced.

## **8. VERBAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Major noted the following:

- EBC had introduced savings of over £800,000 by seeking efficiencies, including £200,000 through energy savings
- Services were being shared with neighbouring authorities to ensure they were maintained, but also cost effective
- Changes had been introduced to ensure services continued

## **9. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE SANDIACRE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE TRUSTEES**

Copies of Mrs Noskwith's Chair's report were circulated at the meeting.

*'During term time, Sandiacre Memorial Institute is mainly used by Westfield Pre-School, with other groups, such as Sandiacre Childminders and the Mother and Toddler group meeting on a regular weekly basis.*

*There are also some one-off bookings for children's parties, youth activities and political groups. The Institute is also used by Sandiacre Parish Council, which gives it valuable support.*

*During the year it has been possible to make a number of important building improvements, including re-tiling parts of the roof, replacing the main entrance doors, renovating the entrance door area and undertaking other repairs, where necessary. Renovation work was also undertaken to the kitchen and toilet areas. The County Councillor has also provided money for replacing flooring outside the kitchen area.*

*Thanks to a much appreciated grant from the Co-operative Society, a large outside planter has been purchased to provide the Pre-School children with an area to sow flower seeds and nurture the plants as they grow.*

*Also thanks to the Co-operative Society grant, a picnic table has been purchased to enable the youngsters to work outdoors when it is warm. In addition, the Parish Council has donated a second planter, which allows the youngsters to plant and grow vegetables.*

*We would like to thank Sandiacre Parish Council for their continued support and also the regular users for their continued bookings. Obviously, costs have risen and it is difficult to estimate future upkeep costs.*

*The Trustees are anxious to retain the building as a valuable and well-used community asset, which benefits all ages'.*

## **10. VERBAL REPORT FROM DR BLAND'S ALMHOUSES CHARITY**

Copies of the report provided by their Clerk were circulated at the meeting.

There was no reported change from the previous year.

*'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.*

*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 7.10pm

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