

# SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 1 November 2022 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

**PRESENT:**

	Cllr W Major	Chairman
A	Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	
A	Cllr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr Mrs S Dickman	
	Cllr Mrs C French	
	Cllr A Gibson	
	Cllr Mrs S Hales	
	Cllr T Hales	
	Cllr S Jarratt	
A	Cllr Mrs C Powers	
	Cllr N Raycraft	
	Cllr T Sanghera	
	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs M Bloor - Clerk to the Parish Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Over 60 members of the public and press present

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 107. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

	Apology for absence received and noted
Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	School commitment
Cllr S Bilbie	Holiday
Cllr Mrs C Powers	Other commitment

**RESOLVED:** to approve the apologies for absence received

## 108. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest received under this heading.

## 109. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

## 110. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item 92.1- Planning / ERE/1022/0041 40 Spencer Avenue

**RESOLVED:** to consider the planning consultation received from EBC after the Agenda was issued in order to meet the response deadline

## 111. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders to allow a large group of people time to address Councillors

### Concerns over asylum seekers being housed in nearby hotels

Concerns were raised that the Novotel and Best Western Hotel were currently being used as Asylum Contingency Hotels to house 400 single male migrants and this was having a detrimental impact upon local communities. There was increased pressure on local health services and it created tension and a rise in anti-social behaviour as well as cases of intimidation towards local people.

Numerous examples were provided of how local people were experiencing problems. It was noted that in the past, refugee families had been accommodated and security had been provided by Serco, but the situation had since changed.

Discussion followed at length on how the matter could be resolved and what needed to be done to address the concerns of local people in order for the Home Office to reconsider their decision to use nearby hotels.

Cllr Major, in his role as Borough and County Councillor, provided information he was aware of and recommended all incidents of harassment and intimidation should be reported immediately to the police, as they had powers of enforcement. The police had confirmed incidents were not being reported to them.

The Home Office was responsible for the national scheme and residents were encouraged to petition them and the local MP directly to express mounting concerns and to ask for change.

Cllr Major confirmed he would take the matter forward at Borough and County level and speak with senior officers from relevant authorities and the press and police. The police were aware of the situation and were arranging to speak directly with the public. The Parish Council could provide details on their website of meetings with the public.

In conclusion, Cllr Major thanked everyone for attending and raising their concerns.

The meeting was suspended at 8.15pm while members of the public left the premises.

Standing Orders were resumed at 8.25pm.

#### **112. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Police report

A report from the PCSO Supervisor had been circulated.

2. County Councillor

A section of Sandiacre library had recently been hit by a car, but the building was expected to re-open once the premises were made safe and structural repairs could be undertaken. Costs would be met through insurance.

3. Borough Councillors

There was no report under this heading.

#### **113. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2022 ARE A CORRECT RECORD**

**RESOLVED:** the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 October 2022, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

## 114. PLANNING

### 1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/1022/0017      **35 Broadlands**

Works to Protected Trees: T1 (Oak) - Reduce back overhang to previous points. Reduce back lowest limb entering the rear hedge

**RESOLVED:** that no objections be made

ERE/1022/0031      **32 Lock Lane**

Proposed rear conservatory

**RESOLVED:** that no objections be made

ERE//1022/0041      **40 Spencer Avenue**

Removal of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and another Councillor would respond when details were made available by EBC

### 2. To receive planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0822/0030      **44 Springfield Avenue**

Construction of a single storey extension to the rear, dormer windows to the front and rear of the roof and alterations to the roof from hipped to gable.

EBC: Approved 13/10/22

ERE/0822/0081      **44 Kings Road**

Proposed vehicular access off public highway and hardstanding

EBC: Approved 21/10/22

## 115. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### 1. Civic Service 9/10/22: Attendance

Attendance at the service had again been low, with only a small minority of organisations represented.

This item would be included on a future Agenda for further consideration.

### 2. Springfield Park: Volunteer daffodil bulb planting 22/10/22

Cllr Major and Cllr Mrs French had met with a small group of volunteers to plant hundreds of Daffodil bulbs at the top of Springfield Park. Bulbs remaining had been planted on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground or offered to Lock Cottage to ensure the community benefitted from a colourful Spring display.

Cllr Stewart and Cllr Mrs Stewart offered their apologies for being unable to attend.

Cllr Mrs French had produced an article for the Council's website and newsletter.

## 116. REPORT OF THE CLERK

### 1. Crime figures - Latest recorded: July 2022 = 69 / August 2022 = 83

The above figures were noted.

### 2. Canal & River Trust Agreement: Update

The C&RT had proposed a 'volunteer' agreement for maintaining Padmore Moorings with the Clerk being required to provide monthly reports.

The Clerk had responded that work was being carried out by a paid contractor, so this level of agreement was not appropriate for a local authority to enter into.

Further details were awaited.

3. Christmas lights: Installation, dismantling, consumption costs. Year 3 of 3 rental  
Leisure Lites were organising installation and a new rental agreement would be required from 2023, either to retain the existing motifs or replace with new designs.

The Christmas lights consumption charge for 2021 had recently been paid, which had been much higher than expected. The Clerk had contacted Npower to check details were correct and had contacted Leisure Lites who had suggested introducing timers.

Further details were being obtained.

4. Premises: Annual Fire Risk Assessment completed  
It was noted the report had identified PAT testing of office equipment was required, but work had been scheduled and subsequently carried out.
5. Remembrance poppies displayed 25/10/22 / Investment into new poppies  
Numerous poppies had weathered and split over time and were in need of replacement. There had been insufficient to display at the office or church grounds.

**RESOLVED:** the Clerk would arrange for replacement poppies from s137 funds

6. Speed Indicator Device: Update  
DCC had been asked to arrange a site visit, but no response had been received.
7. Newsletter: Update  
The newsletter had been produced with articles supplied by different local groups. It would be printed in the coming days ready for distribution the following week.

#### **117. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The meeting scheduled for 11/10/22 was cancelled due to lack of business as consultancy work on the Design Statement was still in progress.

1. To note the Neighbourhood Plan website  
The new website was now live: [www.sandiacre.neighbourhoodplan.uk](http://www.sandiacre.neighbourhoodplan.uk)
2. To ratify the Vision and Objectives produced by the Steering Group  
**RESOLVED:** to ratify the Vision and Objectives, as stated

The Steering Group would meet the following week for an update on progress.

#### **118. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

To set a date and time for the November Finance Committee meeting to prepare the 2023/2024 budget.

**RESOLVED:** to hold the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm in the Memorial Institute.

## 119. CIVIC EVENTS 2022

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| 1. Remembrance Day Service | 13/11/22 | 6.30pm | St Giles Church |
| 2. Carols Around the Tree  | 3/12/22  | 4.30pm | Off Derby Road  |

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath was asked to notify the Clerk.

## 120. CEMETERY MATTERS

- Burials since the last meeting  
None to date
- Interments since the last meeting  
A199            5/11/22
- Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting  
None to date

## 121. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

To consider any incidents or maintenance issues since the last meeting.

### Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground

It was noted that due to colder weather and darker nights, there had been fires set alight on the picnic tables. Mr Wallace had removed the residue on each occasion.

At present, there were no further problems, but the weather was milder.

## 122. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt.

## 123. FINANCE

- To note the monthly financial report  
**RESOLVED:** to note the report presented at the meeting

- To authorise payments

DD 3/10	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	18.05
DD 17/10	Npower 3192	Street lighting: 1/7/22 - 30/9/22	31.94
DD 17/10	BT (3766)	Phone rental	6.00
DD 21/10	E.on (6719)	Parish Council office/car park/MUGA	85.31
DD 21/10	HSBC	Monthly bank charge: To 29/9/22	16.71
BP 8/10	Waterplus	Cemetery water supply: 1/4/22-1/4/23	95.20
BP 13/10	Glendale	Grounds Maintenance: September	1,315.16
BP 13/10	Slater Electricals	Office: Annual Pat test/report	60.00
BP 13/10	Viking	Cable ties for displaying poppies on lamp columns	61.19
BP 13/10	Npower	Christmas lights consumption: 1/12/21-5/1/22	867.37
BP 17/10	Civic Pride	Civic Pride: Annual lamp column testing (Year 1 of 3)	540.00
BP 17/10	Collyer's Nurseries	Daffodil bulbs (2,500)	250.00
BP 30/10	O Heap	Fire Risk Assessment: Annual report	540.00
BP 30/10	Mr J Bloor	Website hosting & maintenance 1/4/22 - 30/9/22	150.00

BP 30/10	Mr J Bloor	Website: Security cert./domain name/Email account	35.15
BP 31/10	Mrs Bloor	Salary: October	1,581.40
BP 31/10	HMRC	Tax/NIC: October	429.59
BP 31/10	Andrew's GS	Litter picking 5 weeks: October	891.25
BP 31/10	Andrew's GS	Low level work: Parks and Cemetery: October	279.00
BP 31/10	Andrew's GS	Amenity area contract: October (Final)	291.43
BP 31/10	Spen's GS (S Spencer)	Litter picking: 4.5 hours	51.75
BP 31/10	Spen's GS (S Spencer)	Low level work: Parks and Cemetery: October	650.00
Total:			<u>8,246.50</u>

**RESOLVED:** to approve accounts for payment, as shown above

### 3. To note income received

3	G199: Headstone (Out of Area)	170.00
6	Area 2, Row E, Grave 1 Pre-paid (Out of Area)	1,160.00
17	A199: Plot x 1/Interment	260.00
21	G199: Headstone (Out of Area)	170.00
25	A24: Transfer of Rights	47.00
25	DARG: National Grid Wayleave payment	8.05
25	Co-op LE: A67 memorial Pl. Add inscription	60.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	32.07
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Polling station costs - Interest	2.01
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	0.00
Total		<u>1,909.13</u>

**RESOLVED:** to note income received

## 124. CORRESPONDENCE

Erewash Phoenix Choir: Rehearsal meetings returned to Sandiacre Methodist Church. Councillors invited to attend the next concert at the above venue on 26/11/22 at 7pm.

**RESOLVED:** to note the above correspondence

## 125. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

*If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: **RESOLVED:** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

## 126. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2022 at 7.00pm**

*The Memorial Institute, Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre NG10 5FJ*

***The meeting closed at 8.55pm***

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