

# SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the VIRTUAL Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 3 November 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom video conferencing.

**PRESENT:**

A	Cllr W Major	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	
	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	
	Cllr Mrs C Powers	
	Cllr N Raycraft	(Part meeting)
	Cllr T Sanghera	
	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

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

**REMOTELY ATTENDING:** Eight

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the protocol to be followed.

## 71. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apologies for absence received
Mrs L Bilbie	Personal commitment

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

## 72. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

## 73. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

## 74. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item 80. Planning - Matters for consideration after the Agenda was issued

**RESOLVED:** to consider the following applications:

Planning consultation		
ERE/1020/0067	<b>45 Maple Avenue</b>	New
ERE/0920/0025	<b>2 Belton Close</b>	Amended plans
ERE/1020/0038	<b>Ducklings Nursery, 69 Derby Road</b>	Amended plans

## **75. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The Chairman read out 3 questions raised by 2 residents:

I. 111 Longmoor Lane: Resubmission of application – Proposed new entrance

II. 111 Longmoor Lane: Resubmission of application – Number of dwellings

It was noted there was no current submission to consider and Councillors had previously expressed objections to plans for a high number of dwellings on the site.

Should a revised application be received, full consideration would again be given.

It was noted this item appeared later on the Agenda under Item 80.3.

III. Planning applications considered by the Parish Council

In response to a resident's enquiry asking what process the Council followed for considering planning applications, it was confirmed that all applications were now considered by full Council as there was no longer a separate Planning Committee. This system proved more effective and efficient for conducting Council business.

All Councillors had responsibility to consider applications and Councillors did undertake site visits. Each application was fully examined whilst taking into account the latest planning guidance.

It was noted that a great deal of Councillors' time was spent with planning matters, particularly those which related to major developments containing many detailed and lengthy reports.

Residents could draw Councillors' attention to any application, but full Council as a whole responded to consultations taking into account a broad range of issues.

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

1. Police report

Apologies had been received from officers for being unable to attend the virtual meeting, but a report had been provided by PCSO Sangha.

Councillors raised concerns that there had recently been an increase in ASB on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground that had resulted in extensive and offensive graffiti being displayed on play equipment, the picnic area, signs and seating. St Giles' Church Hall had also suffered similar ASB that required immediate attention.

Mr Wallace, Cllr Major and a team from EBC had undertaken removal of the graffiti the following day and the Clerk had obtained a crime number. Graffiti remover had been offered to the Church to assist their efforts in removing graphic images.

The Clerk was asked to contact the police to request they attend the next Council meeting as ASB in the community did not appear to be diminishing. Glass bottles continued to be thrown at the MUGA each evening and groups of young people continued to meet even though social distancing measures remained in place.

## 2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported that new lockdown measures would shortly be introduced and this would increase pressure on DCC services, although additional Central Government funding was expected.

Food banks would be provided to support families and additional money had been sourced for road investment to continue a programme of works. The latest guidance was awaited to continue services and it was unsure at this time about libraries.

Further details were available on the DCC website and Facebook page.

## 3. Borough Councillors

Cllr Bilbie confirmed that EBC maintained grass verges over the autumn with non-toxic weed killer to maintain visibility for drivers by kerbs and roadside edges. The verges appeared yellow as the grass died back, but this was common and the affected areas could be more noticeable if spray was used on a windy day.

Cllr Sanghera reported that parking charges of £1 for 3 hours had encouraged more shoppers and helped support businesses located in the town centres.

It was noted that income from car park charges supported revenue for other EBC services and encouraged people to support smaller local trade.

Cllr Major reported on the scheme for supporting people on low incomes who were required to self-isolate and were giving up the option to work. Grants were available for small businesses.

EBC was looking at designated land for affordable housing, but wanted to ensure a mixture of housing needs that fitted in with the local community and could provide a mixture of housing to reflect both home ownership and rental accommodation.

### **77. TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2020 ARE A CORRECT RECORD**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on 6 October 2020, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record.

### **78. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

There were no matters to report.

### **79. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Major confirmed that arrangements for laying poppy wreaths on Remembrance Sunday had been curtailed this year due to lockdown measures, but it was intended that the office garden remain open between 11am to 2pm for anyone wishing to lay a wreath.

For those wishing to do so and pay their respects in this way, they should ensure social distancing measures remained in place.

## 80. PLANNING

### 1. To consider consultations received from EBC

<https://register.civicacx.co.uk/erewash/planning/> / (Sort by: Date Valid (newest))

ERE/1020/0013                      **6 Cedar Close**

Single storey front extension

**RESOLVED:** that no objections be made

ERE/1020/0038                      **Ducklings Nursery, 69 Derby Road**      AMENDED

Removal of existing conservatory and porch, erection of three storey side extension and single storey front porch, alterations to windows on rear elevation, erection of fencing to eastern elevation and alterations to boundary wall to Derby Road including installation of decorative steel fence. To include AMENDED plans: Red line on site location plan amended and details of fencing added.

**RESOLVED:** to comment as an observation that the new 2-storey extension to the front and side elevation should have sills and lintels on the windows to be in keeping and sympathetic with the main building and existing design

ERE/0920/0025                      **2 Belton Close**    AMENDED

Change of use of amenity land to be incorporated into residential curtilage to be included in the application and alterations to the design of the proposed extension

**RESOLVED:** that no objections be made, but to comment that the Council would like the public access issue taken into consideration by the Planning Department to ensure legal requirements are adhered to.

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

ERE/0820/0013                      **30 Shafestbury Avenue**

*EBC: Approved 29/9/20*

ERE/0920/0027                      **6 Smedleys Avenue**

*EBC: Approved 8/10/20*

ERE/0820/0041                      **Progress Rail Services, Foundry Osmaston Street**

*EBC: Approved 8/10/20*

ERE/0720/0047                      **Sandiacre Co-op, Market Place**

*EBC: Approved 16/10/20*

**RESOLVED:** to note the decisions taken by EBC

### 3. ERE/0320/0038      111 Longmoor lane

It was noted that the re-submitted application had been withdrawn with regard to information contained in the tree report. Since that time, enquiries had been made about an existing boundary wall having historical value. However, a large part of the wall had recently been (legally) demolished.

Discussion followed on important issues to consider if a new application was submitted to EBC and the Parish Council was again consulted:

- Any new layout and access route should protect existing trees and roots
- The advice of the County Archaeologist should be taken into consideration regarding the remains of the boundary retaining wall
- A new and up-to-date traffic survey should be undertaken by DCC for Longmoor Lane and the surrounding area

- Adequate visual access splays should be provided. The Parish Council had previously considered this matter and would re-submit comments.

Councillors considered it would be useful to have a traffic survey undertaken along Sandringham Road and Springfield Road as congestion caused by parked vehicles was common.

## 81. REPORT OF THE CLERK

### 1. Crime figures

August 2020 72  
September 2020 53

### 2. Christmas lights and tree: Installation and removal

It was confirmed that installation of the Christmas motifs, pea-lights and tree would take place at the same time as Stapleford TC, ready for the 28/11/20 switch-on.

### 3. Electrical testing / fire risk assessment undertaken for premises certificate

**RESOLVED:** to note the above and that reports were expected

### 4. Lamp columns unlit in the centre of Sandiacre: Reported to DCC 14/10/20

It was noted that DCC had been informed that several lamp columns remained unlit around the centre of Sandiacre, but it would not affect the Christmas lights.

### 5. Play Scheme: October half-term outcome

The October half-term play scheme had been a success with 21 children present.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	12	14	15	14

### 6. Tree reduction required in front of Sandiacre Co-op for Christmas pea-lights

DCC had been notified that tree branches in front of the Co-op on Derby Road required significant pruning, but it was unlikely that work would be undertaken before pea-lights were installed.

## 82. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was noted that progress to establish a Neighbourhood Plan had been set-back during 2021 due to the introduction of lockdown restrictions and social distancing measures, which were still ongoing as the pandemic continued. For example, the Clerk was working from home during lockdown periods, as per national guidance.

A consultant had been sourced and costs had been itemised in the budget, but the scheme would require wide community consultation involving a range of groups and involvement from EBC. Neighbourhood Plans established what the community wanted to be introduced in their area, not what shouldn't be introduced.

The Chairman reported that other Parish Councils in Erewash were no further forward with introducing the scheme.

It was considered that the Council should seek to introduce a Neighbourhood Plan once restrictions to hold physical meetings were lifted.

A counter proposal was put forward to set a date for January 2021 to progress this item, but this was defeated: For: 3 / Against: 10

An example of what could be introduced through a Neighbourhood Plan was the installation of a Pelican crossing along Longmoor Lane.

It was noted that the vast majority of s106 money was being set aside from the sale of 111, Longmoor Lane to benefit Sandiacre, with contributions for Friesland School and Springfield Park and a single payment given to support Long Eaton town centre.

### **83. CONSULTATIONS**

1. Derbyshire & Derby Mineral Local Plan – Sand and gravel consultation  
Following changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, which requires local plans to cover a 15 years period post adoption, the Councils have extended the Plan period to 2036. Sand and gravel should be included. Consultation closes 13/12/20
2. LE Town Deal Board – Projects Consultation  
Online survey ends 9.00 am 23/11/20

**RESOLVED:** to note the above consultations and Councillors could respond individually, if they wished

### **84. CEMETERY MATTERS**

1. Burials since the last meeting  
9/11/20      G169  
16/10/20     G88
2. Interments since the last meeting  
28/11/20     A174
3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting  
None

The Clerk noted that the Cemetery side of her work was busy at the moment and sadly, the number of expected burial and interments for the year had been surpassed and nearly doubled over the past few months.

Three more burials and one interment were already scheduled for November.

### **85. PARKS & OPEN SPACES**

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

- Springfield Park: Theft of metal items used to close top wooden gate
- DARG: Ongoing incidents of ASB during milder evenings and smashed glass against the MUGA fencing

### **86. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) CIRCULARS**

October Newsletter: Electronically circulated to all Councillors.

### **87. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** to note the monthly financial report, bank reconciliation and budget update to 30/9/20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. (Electronically circulated)

The Finance Committee would meet virtually on Tuesday, 24 November at 7pm.

## 88. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

### 1. To approve the schedule of payments

DD 1/10	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	12.49
DD 12/10	E.on (5590)	Bridge lights: 1/7/20 - 30/9/20	25.36
DD 16/10	BT (3066)	Line rental / Usage	109.63
DD 22/10	E.on (8660)	Office/car park/MUGA	80.65
BP 3/10	Dewbar	Spr Park: Repairs to fence/Remove rocker	222.00
BP 3/10	Viking	Office supplies: Cloths/Paper	61.79
BP 3/10	Countrywide GM	Grounds maintenance/Mowing: October	1,225.20
BP 11/10	EBC	Cemetery: Bin collection 1/10/20 - 31/12/20	96.72
BP 13/10	Cllr Major	Zoom conference host: October	14.39
BP 17/10	M Kemp	Premises electrical checks: MUGA/Car park	420.00
BP 30/10	Mrs Bloor	Salary: October	1,485.34
BP 30/10	HMRC	Tax/NIC's: October	391.30
BP 30/10	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: October	682.00
BP 30/10	Andrew's GS	Low level work: October	125.00
BP 31/10	Mr Bloor	DARG: Graffiti remover 5L (Screwfix)	47.99
BP 31/10	Wicksteed	DARG: Basket swing replacement parts	92.42
		Total:	<u>5,092.28</u>

**RESOLVED:** to approve the schedule of payments, as shown above

## 89. INCOME RECEIVED

2	Precept	12,501.50
2	Concurrent Functions Grant (EBC)	6,679.50
2	G149: Transfer of Rights	40.00
20	Western Power: DARG - Wayleave payment	8.05
20	Crawleys FD: Burial fee	320.00
20	M S Bailey: Plaque approval	80.00
22	Craftsmen-in-Stone: Area 2, Row C, Grave 8 - H/S	160.00
22	Hawleys: Plaque A164	80.00
22	Hawleys: Plaque A175	80.00
22	Hawleys: Plaque A179	80.00
22	Hawleys: Plaque A182	80.00
22	Hawleys: H/S Additional Inscription	50.00
22	Hawleys: Headstone A2, Row B, G17	160.00
31	HSBC Election Account (Polling station costs)	0.02
31	HSBC Savings (Business) Account - Interest	0.30
31	HSBC Grant Account - Interest	0.05
	Total	<u>20,319.42</u>

**RESOLVED:** to note the income received, as shown above

**90. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. HS2 Phase 2B: Eastern Leg paused
2. DCC speed limits along B6002 Sandiacre to Long Eaton: No proposed changes to the current speed limits of 30mph and 40mph or their positions
3. DCC: Erewash Public Health Message: Erewash placed on 'high' alert

**91. 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.*

**92. TO NOTE THE DATE & TIMES OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2020 at 7PM**

*Location to be confirmed in line with the latest Government guidance in place when the next Agenda is issued.*

**The meeting closed at 8.55pm**

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