

# SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 5 February 2019 at 7.40pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

**PRESENT:**

	Cllr W Major	(Chairman)
A	Cllr Ms C Bilbie	
A	Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	
	Cllr S Bilbie	(Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr Mrs S Dickman	
	Cllr G Dinsdale	
	Cllr Mrs C French	
A	Cllr A Hardy	
A	Cllr R Harris	
A	Cllr T Pearson	
	Cllr Mrs C Powers	
	Cllr T Sanghera	
	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Two

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 183. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Councillor	Reason for absence
Ms C Bilbie	Work commitment
Mrs L Bilbie	Family commitment
A Hardy	Convalescence

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

## 184. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Agenda Item 195 - EBC Rural Community Grant / Funds held by Parish Council

- Sandiacre Canal Trust – Allocation of £12,500 from EBC
- Sandiacre Football Club – Allocation of £10,000 from EBC

Cllr W Major	Cllr Major declared an interest as a Member of the EBC Executive
Cllr S Bilbie	Cllr Bilbie declared an interest as a Borough Councillor

## 185. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR 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.

## 186. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations to the order of business.

## **187. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

No matters were raised.

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

### **I. County Councillor report**

- a) DCC was in the process of making savings that would help maintain important services such as Adult Social Care and Children's Services.
- b) The Council Tax levy had been set to rise by only 2% from 1/4/19, 1% less than the maximum allowed.
- c) DCC was revising its Constitution to include greater transparency for spending levels delegated to officers.
- d) The School Crossing Patrol service had been secured, which would ensure the health and well-being of children continuing to walk to and from school.
- e) Restricting the speed limit to 20 mph had been trialled in 2 zones, but the results had not indicated any significant reduction in vehicles reducing their speed or accidents being avoided. It was shown that traffic calming measures did work effectively, but were noisy for residents living nearby.

### **II. Borough Councillor report**

- a) EBC would shortly be finalising their 2019/2020 budget. Cllr Bilbie noted the Borough Council had effectively kept spending within budget over the past year.
- b) Mansfield District Council Building Control would join with EBC Building Control.
- c) Parkwood Leisure Ltd were now operating leisure services throughout the Borough and the transition had gone smoothly.
- d) EBC would assist small high street businesses with business rates.
- e) Trent Meadows, Long Eaton had been given Nature Reserve status.
- f) EBC was in the process of revising their Statement of Community Involvement and comments could be submitted by 25/2/19.

## **189. TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2019 ARE A CORRECT RECORD**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2019, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

## **190. MATTERS FOR REPORT**

### **Item 163 Public Session**

Ladycross Infant School and Civil Enforcement Officers had been notified of concerns raised regarding inconsiderate parking in the area.

**191. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2019**

**RESOLVED:** to receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2019

**192. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY, PARKS & HIGHWAY MATTERS COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2019**

**RESOLVED:** to receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2019

**193. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reminded Councillors of procedural requirements for submitting parish election nomination forms to EBC by the due date.

**194. REPORT OF THE CLERK**

I. Sandiacre reported crime statistics

Details of the latest reported crime figures were circulated: December 2018: 57

II. Boundary sign

Councillors confirmed they had received very positive feedback on the new boundary sign since it was installed. A feature had been submitted to the press.

Cllr Major, as County Councillor, had funded the sign from his DCC Community Grant and the Parish Council had covered installation costs.

Daffodil bulbs had been planted by local members of the Trent Vineyard Church, congregation based in Nottingham and they had offered to plant crocus bulbs in the Autumn. The Parish Council would arrange for grass seed to be sewn and the area maintained. The sign had been insured and included on the Asset Register.

III. Christmas lights/tree: Dismantling / Replacement baubles

The Clerk had met with Millennium Quest's Regional Manager to highlight the reduced service experienced in 2018. A compensation payment of £100 had already been received for missing baubles, which had been replaced and a further £850 was offered as compensation for mislaid pea-lights and motifs that were lit beyond 12<sup>th</sup> night.

The Manager had given personal assurances that the service would be improved in 2019 and all 30 lamp column motifs and the pea-lights would be displayed.

The Clerk would establish if one lamp column was lit at night as the connector had been found to lack power.

IV. DARG: WREN Grant: Progress to date

WREN had issued a contract following approval of the Press Release Plan, which included a timetable for work and how the project would be advertised within the community and to the local media.

Installation work was expected to be completed by mid-April with an official opening ceremony taking place on 21/5/19 led by the Parish Council Chairman.

Wicksteed's Regional Manager and the WREN Grant's Manager would attend the official opening alongside Parish Councillors and children from the Pre-School and Child Minder group. Wicksteed would offer a free 'goody bag' to the children.

Further publicity would be arranged for the start and finish of the project.

V. DARG: Award for All Grant re-submitted

Following approval of the WREN bid, the Awards for All bid had been re-submitted to finalise the play area project with more play equipment for very young children.

**195. EBC RURAL COMMUNITIES GRANT – FUNDS HELD BY THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Sandiacre Canal Trust – Allocation of £12,500

It was confirmed that work to improve Sandiacre Lock had begun and was expected to be completed in the coming week.

Funds would be released upon completion of work and receipt of all necessary documentation.

This item would be included on the next Agenda to confirm work was satisfactorily undertaken and the Parish Council and EBC approved release of funds to the Trust.

Sandiacre Football Club – Allocation of £10,000

No response had been received from the Club despite reminders by EBC and contact from the Parish Council to ascertain the project start date for construction of a new artificial football pitch to be sited at Friesland School.

A final reminder would be issued in the coming week. Should work not be able to commence by 31/3/19, grant funding for a pitch cleaning machine and storage unit would be forfeit and returned to EBC.

**196. CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Erewash Phoenix Choir (EPC), Long Eaton Silver Prize Band and Sandiacre Male Voice Choir (SMVC) had been consulted on the future of the concert and how best it could be organised to offer a donation to charity from the proceeds.

Letters of response were read out at the meeting.

EPC did not favour holding another concert at the Sports Centre and were currently seeking a new conductor so could not commit to future engagements at this time.

SMVC had suggested several options for continuing with a Christmas concert and would work in conjunction with the Parish Council or independently and seek a smaller venue to ensure that proceeds could be given to charity.

It was noted that SMVC actively promoted the concert within the community and encouraged ticket sales. However, it was becoming more difficult to generate interest.

**RESOLVED:** to consult again with both choirs and the band following feedback received, the following options would be offered:

- I. The cost of concert tickets would rise in order to maintain a spacious venue and ensure a charitable donation could be given from the proceeds
- II. A Christmas concert would continue to be organised by the Parish Council, but a smaller venue would be found limiting audience numbers and performance groups

- III. Sandiacre Male Voice Choir would organise a concert at a smaller venue and the Parish Council would offer publicity, tickets and programmes with Parish Councillors being invited to attend

This item would be included on the next Agenda for a final decision to be taken.

**197. SANDIACRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Mrs French reported on progress of the new Sandiacre Neighbourhood Watch scheme. She had volunteered as Area Co-ordinator and was liaising with the Project and Development Officer at the Community Safeguarding Unit in Derby.

It was proposed to divide the parish into 4 quarters and appoint a main contact for each. Regular meetings would initially be held with volunteers and they would be asked to promote the scheme and raise awareness in the wider community.

Cllr Mrs French would be seeking volunteers to issue leaflets and encourage community support. Cllr Major, Cllr Bilbie and Cllr Sanghera offered to assist. It was confirmed that a local resident had expressed interest to become involved to help deter crime and anti-social behaviour around Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground.

Cllr Mrs French was thanked for all her involvement and for leading the scheme.

**198. COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

Cllr Mrs Powers confirmed the course was very interesting and she outlined the course content, highlighting that Parish Councils were encouraged to develop the Annual Parish Meeting to promote community involvement and participation.

A copy of the DALC briefing notes had been circulated prior to the meeting and Councillors considered that the examples shown already mirrored work being undertaken by Sandiacre Parish Council.

Councillors were invited to contact the Clerk with proposals for changing the current format of the Annual Parish Meeting. This item could then be included on the next Agenda and arrangements discussed in further detail.

**199. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) CIRCULARS**

Circular 3	Spring Seminar Preparations for a no-deal Brexit and local elections Final local government finance settlement Parliamentary Inquiry into ethical standards in local government published HR Advice on Short Service Contracts and Dismissals Open letter to Councillors from NALC Chair Great British Spring Clean 2019 Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration 11 <sup>th</sup> Edition Clerk Tips
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**RESOLVED:** to note the above circular

**200. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** to note the financial statement circulated at the meeting

**201. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

To authorise payments as listed below:

<u>DD 2/1</u>	Waterplus (9648)	Office supply: January	10.17
<u>DD 14/1</u>	E.on (5990)	Electricity charges: Bridge lights	20.54
<u>DD 15/1</u>	BT (3066)	Line rental	63.69
<u>DD 21/1</u>	Sovereign	Play area inspections	47.99
<u>DD 21/1</u>	E.on (8660)	Electricity charges: Office	71.53
3514	Horizon	Grounds maintenance: December	1,288.97
3515	DALC	Training course: Cllr Powers 14/1/19	45.00
3516	Long Eaton SP Band	Christmas concert: Invoice	200.00
3517	Sandiacre MV Choir	Christmas concert: Donation	150.00
3518	Erewash Phoenix Choir	Christmas concert: Donation	60.00
3519	Air Ambulance Service	Donation: Section 137	50.00
3520	EBC	Cemetery: Bin collection 1/1/19 - 31/3/19	89.44
3521	Canopy Tree Services	Padmore: Prune Willow	90.00
3522	Mrs Bloor	Salary: January	1,409.07
3523	HMRC	Tax/NIC: January	380.58
3524	Mr Christmas Tree	Tree/Installation/Dismantling	372.00
3525	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: January	887.50
3526	Andrew's GS	Low level work: January	70.00
Total:			<u>5,306.48</u>

**RESOLVED:** that the accounts presented for payment be approved

**202. INCOME RECEIVED**

01-Jan	N S & I Savings Account: Interest	1.25
02-Jan	Lymns: A2,RB,G10 H/S approved	147.00
11-Jan	EBC grant: Sandiacre Football Club	10,000.00
11-Jan	Concert ticket sales: 4	20.00
23-Jan	MS Bailey: A59 Plaque approved	48.00
30-Jan	Hawleys: A146 Plaque approved	73.00
31-Jan	HSBC Election / Polling costs A/C	0.90
31-Jan	HSBC Deposit (Business) A/C	7.98
31-Jan	HSBC Grant Account	1.82
Total		<u>10,299.95</u>

**RESOLVED:** to note the income received

**203. CORRESPONDENCE**

None, not already included as part of the Agenda.

**204. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

No items were deemed confidential.

**205. TO NOTE THE DATE AND TIMES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2019**

- Annual Parish Meeting 6.40pm
- Planning Committee 7.00pm

- Cemetery, Parks & Highway Matters Committee 7.20pm
- Parish Council 7.40pm

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm.**

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