

# SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

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

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 10

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 172. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

	Apology for absence received and noted
Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	Work commitment
Cllr A Gibson	Work commitment
Cllr S Jarratt	Work commitment
Cllr N Raycraft	Unwell
Cllr Mrs K Stewart	Unwell

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

## 173. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interested.

## 174. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

## 175. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations in order of business.

## 176. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### 111 Longmoor Lane – Tree Report

It was noted Cameron Homes had recently obtained the site for redevelopment and construction work would begin the following week.

Several residents raised concerns that the original tree assessment from 2020 was now outdated and it was felt a new report should be undertaken before work began.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Birkinshaw, Head of Planning, to notify him of the residents' concerns.

#### Car Wash – Derby Road

Concerns were raised over high pressure jet washers being used next to pavements, causing a build-up of ice in cold weather and run-off water and mud were filling nearby drains. The existing eco-drain on site was damaged and waiting cars were parking on pavements.

The Clerk was asked to contact EBC for them to notify the new owner of their environmental responsibilities and ensure the above problems were addressed.

Members of the public thanked Councillors for considering their concerns and left the meeting at 7.20pm. Two residents remained.

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

#### 1. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- DCC had undertaken the £675m budget setting process in order to maintain essential services and continue investment into others, such as highways
- Council Tax had been set at 3.75%, the lowest in the region
- A public consultation was currently being held to determine if Long Eaton should become a 'Greener Town', which would see the introduction of 20mph zones

#### 2. Borough Councillors

- Council Tax had been set at 2.99%
- Savings had been sought to reduce ongoing pressures, but it was expected further savings would be needed
- To increase revenue, charges would be introduced for pre-planning advice and office space would be let
- Local elections would take place on Thursday, 4/5/23 and results would be known the following day, prior to the coronation and Bank Holiday Monday
- EBC had been unsuccessful in its bid for £20m for Ilkeston through the Government's Levelling Up Fund
- Mr Davis (Director of Property Services – East Midlands Housing) had met with Borough Councillors to explain the service they offered to improve and maintain EMH properties for their tenants

### **178. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2023 ARE A CORRECT RECORD**

**RESOLVED:** the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 January 2023, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

## 179. PLANNING

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

ERE/1122/0056      **15 Daniel Mews**  
Erection of a single storey rear extension plus installation of ground floor window to south-east elevation  
**RESOLVED:** that no objection be made

ERE/0123/0009      **38 Shaftesbury Avenue**  
Two storey and part single storey side extension, open canopy front porch, external alterations to existing front bay window, new brick wall to front boundary and addition of external render.  
**RESOLVED:** that no objection be made

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

ERE/1222/0013      **23 Shafestbury Avenue**  
Proposed single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension, rendering of existing dwelling and extensions, erection of detached garage and wall to front  
*EBC: Approved 6/2/23*

## 180. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### Cemetery and church grounds improvements

The Chairman confirmed ongoing compliments were being received on work carried out by Mr Spencer to improve the appearance of the Parish Council's Cemetery and St Giles' Church burial grounds.

The Clerk was asked to convey Councillors thanks and appreciation to Mr Spencer for all his hard work in making the areas look well maintained again.

## 181. REPORT OF THE CLERK

### 1. Crime figures - Latest recorded

Latest recorded crime figures shown: Nov 2021 = 52 / Nov 2022 = 90

### 2. Clerk' appraisal: Date to be confirmed

The Clerk's appraisal meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday, 21/3/23, to follow the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting.

### 3. E.on: 3-year fixed term contract ends 26/4/23

It was noted the Council's 3-year contract with E.on for metred supply to the office, car park and MUGA lights was due to end on 26/4/23.

Energisave had produced a comparison of providers to show energy costs were fluctuating daily, but prices were currently the lowest shown since June 2022.

The Council could move to British Gas Light who provided the best deal available at the present time and lowest increase of 42.6%, if entering into a 2-year agreement.

**RESOLVED:** that the Council enter into a 2-year agreement with British Gas Light from 26/4/23 to 25/4/25 with an expected increase in supply costs of £428.63

### 4. East Midlands Audit Services formed by Mr B Wood. Mr Wood would remain with Sandiacre Parish Council as internal auditor.

The letter from Mr Wood outlining his future audit service to Councils was noted.

5. Litter picking: Mr Spencer taking over service from Mr Wallace on 18/2/23  
Mr Wallace was expected to go into hospital the following week for a routine operation and convalesce for approximately 5 weeks.  
  
Mr Spencer had agreed to cover him over this time for his litter picking service and undertake any low level work required, in addition to his work at the Cemetery.
6. Play area inspections to commence 6/2/23  
Mr P Guyll was scheduled to undertake his first play area inspection and a report for both parks would be provided shortly.
7. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum: Monday, 13/3/23 at 5pm - DCC, Matlock  
Councillors were reminded of the meeting date and invited to attend as the event would be helpful and informative to highlight a range of DCC's services.
8. Royal Mail: 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps returned to be swapped for new barcode issue  
It was noted stamps were generally used for Cemetery purposes and would not be used all at once. Therefore, those without a bar code had been returned to Royal Mail for replacement before the expiry date of 31/7/23.

#### **182. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Clerk had liaised with Leisure Lites on possible designs that could be introduced for the next 3-year contract and it had been suggested that a competition could be run inviting local school children to submit 3 motif designs as part of the new scheme.

Within the budget, there was potential for Leisure Lites to create 3 motifs designed by children, which could be prominently displayed in the village centre each year.

**RESOLVED:** that the Chairman speak with the Head Teacher of Cloudside Academy over the possibility of running a motif design competition

#### **183. CONSULTATION**

None to date.

#### **184. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Report on progress by the Chairman/Steering Group Chairman

Neighbourhood Plan website: <https://sandiacre.neighbourhoodplan.uk/>

Cllr Major reported that the following documents were displayed on the NP site:

- Housing Needs Assessment – Final Report
- Design & Guidance Codes Report

Thanks were extended to Cllr Mrs French for proofreading the draft Master Plan.

The next Steering Group meeting would be held in March and Mr Birkinshaw (Head of EBC Planning) had been invited to attend to ensure the Parish Council's documents matched EBC's Core Strategy.

Lots of work had been undertaken to identify future areas for improvement in Sandiacre and once everything was in place, public consultation would begin.

## 185. CEMETERY MATTERS

### 1. Burials since the last meeting

It was confirmed 4 burials were arranged from 8/2/23 to the beginning of March.

### 2. Interments since the last meeting

None to date.

### 3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

None to date.

## 186. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

- DARG: Four of five trees by play area vandalised
- Nearby property's fence panels sustaining vandalism
- Springfield Park: Evening activity continuing on play areas
- Springfield Park: Signs displayed to deter people walking on daffodils and bulbs

The police had been notified of ongoing activity and asked to introduce increased patrols. There had been a recent incident on Springfield Park of a rocker being vandalised on the smaller play area and a crime number was issued.

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

Newsletters and information were electronically circulated to Councillors upon receipt. To date, the January and February circular had been issued.

## 188. FINANCE

### 1. To note the monthly financial report

**RESOLVED:** to note the report presented at the meeting

### 2. To authorise payments

BP 31/12	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: December (5 weeks)	891.25
BP 31/12	Andrew's GS	Low level work: Parks and Cemetery: December	250.00
BP 31/12	Royal British Legion	Annual donation: s137 - Minute 137 (6/12/22)	25.00
DD 3/1	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	18.05
DD 16/1	Npower 3192	Street lighting: 1/10/22 - 31/12/22 (Padmore)	25.47
DD 16/1	BT (3766)	Phone rental	6.00
DD 24/1	E.on Next (6719)	Parish Council office/car park/MUGA	63.97
BP 15/1	Glendale	Grounds Maintenance: December	1,315.16
BP 15/1	Viking	Office supplies: Toner / Envelopes	104.86
BP 16/1	Slater Electrical Serv.	St Giles' Ch. Fix outside lighting	309.36
BP 16/1	Slater Electrical Serv.	Fix office lighting	92.88
BP 23/1	Mr Hopkins A204	Refund for payment meant for Mason	350.00
BP 25/1	Jigster.com	NP website maintenance: Grant funding	500.00
		Total:	<u>3,952.00</u>

BP 31/1	Mrs Bloor	Salary: January	1,653.79
BP 31/1	HMRC	Tax/NIC: January	481.84
BP 31/1	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: January	713.00
BP 31/1	Andrew's GS	Low level work: Parks and Cemetery: January	178.00
BP 31/1	Spen's GS - S Spencer	Cemetery/closed churchyards: Low level work	320.00
Total:			<u>3,346.63</u>

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

The last two bank statements had ended on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month, not the 31<sup>st</sup>. Since no change had been requested, the bank would be notified to apply month ending dates, which showed a full list of payments and also interest rates paid on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 3. To note income received

4	Area 2, Row D, G3 - Headstone	170.00
25	Hawleys: A204 Plaque	85.00
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	90.79
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Polling station costs - Interest	8.79
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	0.00
Total		<u>354.58</u>

**RESOLVED:** to note the above

## 189. CORRESPONDENCE

Royal British Legion: Thank you for £25 donation

**RESOLVED:** to note the above item of correspondence

## 190. 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.*

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

**TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 2023 at 7.00pm**

**1. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING at 6.40pm**

**2. FULL COUNCIL MEETING at 7.00pm**

The Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm**

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