

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9 May 2017 at 7.40pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

	Cllr W Major	(Chairman)
A	Cllr Ms C Bilbie	
	Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	
	Cllr S Bilbie	(Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr Mrs J Chandler	
	Cllr Mrs S Dickman	
	Cllr G Dinsdale	
A	Cllr A Hardy	
	Cllr R Harris	
	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: Mrs French, Mrs Turner, Mr Walsh and Mr Westwood (7.45pm)

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Cllr Ms C Bilbie Work commitment
Cllr A Hardy Long term convalescence

RESOLVED: to approve the apologies for absence received

2. COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE RECORD

Councillors considered the proposal put forward by Cllr Mrs Powers to introduce a public record of Parish Councillors' attendance at meetings for display on the website.

Councillors felt this information provided no added benefit at Parish Council level and duplicated existing information already recorded in the Minutes of all meetings.

Councillors were legally summoned to meetings, even as volunteers and were required to provide an explanation of their absence so it could be publically recorded.

Councillors deemed that further scrutiny of absence at Parish Council level was not required. Councillors were available to talk with residents outside of formal meetings.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Mrs Dickman.

A vote was taken: For 2 Against 9 Abstained 1

RESOLVED: not to support the motion

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interested.

4. 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.

5. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations to the order of business.

6. PUBLIC TO RAISE MATTERS

No items were raised.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

a) Police report

Police website statistics: Reported crimes for Sandiacre

SANDIACRE	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
ASB	23	25	24	30	24	22	32	32	23	19	41	38	30
Bicycle theft	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	5	4	0
Burglary	2	6	5	1	2	4	2	2	3	2	7	5	4
Crim dam/arson	7	10	4	6	7	7	6	5	9	5	1	7	6
Drugs offences	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	3	2
Other crime	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Other theft	0	5	4	4	4	3	5	2	3	3	2	7	2
Poss. of weapons	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Public order	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Shoplifting	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
Theft from person	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vehicle crime	8	1	1	3	3	1	1	5	4	1	10	9	10
Violent offences	10	4	8	6	6	8	9	9	5	12	10	7	13
Total:	55	55	52	54	49	47	57	57	52	47	79	81	77

Cllr Major reported that he had accompanied officers on patrol and found his time with them very interesting. He would be pleased to join them again in the future.

Councillors noted a recent rise in reported crime.

b) County Councillor report

Cllr Major outlined a number of changes that had taken place at DCC following the recent County Council elections.

c) Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Major reported that EBC would soon be holding their Annual Meeting and it was expected that Cllr Mrs Hart would be appointed Council Leader, with Cllr Corbett stepping down from the position to become Deputy Major.

Cllr Major would be appointed as the Borough Council's Deputy Leader.

8. TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2017 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2017, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

9. MATTERS FOR REPORT

There were no matters for report not already included on the Agenda.

10. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 APRIL 2017

RESOLVED: to receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2017

11. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2017

RESOLVED: to receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2017

12. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. Mr D Westwood – Local photographer. Requesting permission to photograph Councillors at their meeting as part of a social history record

Mr Westwood was welcomed to the meeting and introduced.

II. Clerk's salary increase of 1% from 1/4/17 applied in line with NJC arrangements

It was noted that the Council followed the NJC arrangements for paying the Clerk's salary and a 1% increase had been applied from 1/4/17, as shown in the 2017/18 budget.

III. Payroll now run through the HMRC site to create saving

It was confirmed that a saving of £245 had been made by the Council moving to the HMRC site for PAYE.

13. REPORT OF THE CLERK

I. E.ON: Reduced costs with 3-year fixed term plan (From £111 to £60 per month), with monthly notice of charges for Vat purposes

It was confirmed that E.on would reduce costs by moving the Council from a fixed-term plan to a variable rate plan and by retaining Direct Debit payments, a further saving of 7% would be made. Monthly billing would be provided on the exact amount of electricity used.

RESOLVED: that the Council accept a 3-year contract to further reduce costs

II. Internal audit of Year End accounts 2016/17 / Notice of announcement

The Clerk would shortly collect the End of Year Accounts from the internal auditor and had been informed that they were in good order.

The statutory public notices would be displayed shortly.

III. DALC Spring seminar 27/4/17

The Clerk had attended the DALC Spring seminar and found it very useful. Training had taken place on the positive and negative outcomes of Councils using social media. Course material would be circulated, once received.

IV. Installation of new play equipment on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground

The new zip-wire had been installed and was proving very popular. The train and carriages from Scotland were expected shortly. The basket swing was on order.

The Clerk had met with representatives from 3 national playground supply companies and specifications for a new play area by the car park and Multi Use Games Area had been considered. Details would be brought to the Council, once received.

V. Website maintenance: Progress to date

This item would be included on the next Agenda.

VI. Car park security: Residents hold keys to the entrance gate

It was noted that 3 residents of Doncaster Avenue held car park entrance gate keys provided by the Parish Council several years ago. The gate was again being locked around 9pm each evening to deter youths from causing disturbance.

Councillors considered that residents were being community minded and should continue, unless any problems were encountered.

VII. SLCC: Regional training seminar for Clerks. June 28th at Kegworth. £69 + VAT

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the SLCC seminar in Nottinghamshire.

Feedback and information on course material would be provided for Councillors.

VIII. EBC Community Grants Scheme open until Friday, 9th June 2017

The closing date for grant applications of up to £2,000 was noted.

It was confirmed that a decision on funding applications received through the last round of the EBC Rural Community Grant Scheme had been delayed, but a decision on bids submitted would be taken in the coming months.

IX. Skegness Children's Home: Response re the number of local children using the facilities

The children's home had confirmed that one child from the area would be attending the facilities in 2017. The home had recently contacted local schools to make them aware of the facilities and that they were available to local families.

As Section 137 funds could not be used for an individual, Councillors would consider this matter when distributing proceeds from the Christmas concert.

X. Erewash Museum: Permission granted to hold roadshow on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground on Tuesday, 8/8/17 between 11am and 2.30pm

The Clerk had given permission for the event to be held and Councillors were invited to attend. A risk assessment had been requested.

XI. Summer play scheme commencing Monday, 24/7/17

It was noted that the play scheme could be held a week earlier than previously arranged, moving from w/c 31/7/17 to w/c 24/7/17, but still over a 4-week period.

Should the school's facilities be available during this week, parents would be notified and a revised booking made.

XII. Parish office notice board: Ordered and delivery expected shortly

It was confirmed the office notice board was on order and would arrive shortly.

14. ZURICH INSURANCE – RENEWAL CONTRACT FROM 2017

The Clerk had discussed long-term cover with the insurance provider now the current contract was coming to an end, which allowed for reduced costs. By entering into an extended long-term agreement, annual fees would reduce, but cover would increase.

RESOLVED: that the Council enter into a 5-year contract with Zurich Insurance thereby reducing annual costs and creating a saving from June 2017 to May 2022

The Clerk was thanked for negotiating favourable terms to ensure good value for money for the Council.

15. BT RENEWAL CONTRACT

The Clerk had discussed the benefits of the Council entering into a further long-term contract with BT, which allowed for reduced monthly line rental costs. Additionally, the Council could pay £5 per month extra for a more efficient broadband service with free router.

RESOLVED: that the Council enter into a 5-year contract with BT thereby reducing costs and creating a saving and would pay the additional £5 per month for improved an improved broadband service

The Clerk was thanked for negotiating favourable terms to ensure good value for money for the Council.

16. THANKS TO CLOUDSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Councillors considered the proposal put forward by Cllr Mrs Stewart that the Parish Council thank the staff and children of Cloudside Junior School for promoting shoe aid, which benefitted children across the world who didn't have access to footwear.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to the school congratulating them on the initiative

17. SANDIACRE TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL AND SOCIAL CLUB

Sandiacre Town Youth Football Club had enquired if the Parish Council would be willing to support their bid to help provide a new artificial grass pitch at Sandiacre Friesland School through the EBC Rural Community Grant, which would benefit children from the local community. They had applied for funding from a number of different sources to reach the required level of funding needed for such a large project.

RESOLVED: that the Club should prepare a bid for the next round of funding and the Council would support the application

The Clerk would notify Mr Ure of the decision.

18. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Councillors were asked to consider their individual training needs for the coming year and if they wished to receive localised training through DALC, which also allowed Risley Parish Councillors an opportunity to attend.

Councillors could inform the Clerk of their preference for a particular training session.

19. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) CIRCULARS

Circ 5	New DCLG guidance on Transparency funding for authorities with a turnover of over £25,000 National Living Wage New Rates from 1 April 2017 Updated Legal Topic Notes New Governance & Accountability Guide published Proposed new NALC model Contract - Information Vacancies on the DALC Executive Committee Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration 10 th Edition Training & Events
Circ 6	Devolution of Services to Parishes: What you need to consider General Election and Purdah Commission on the Future of Localism Neighbourhood Plan Examiners set for new Guidance Village of the Year 2017 Consultation on Park Runs

20. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement presented was received and noted.

21. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>DD 11/4</u>	E.on (3559)	Electricity charges: Bridge lighting	111.00
<u>DD 11/4</u>	E.on (5590)	Bridge lights	16.16
<u>DD 18/4</u>	BT (0468)	Internet/broadband charges	108.00
<u>DD 20/4</u>	Sovereign	Play inspections	47.99
<u>DD 24/4</u>	Peninsula	Business consultancy	187.20
<u>DD 28/4</u>	Veolia	Waste container collection	80.02
3190	J T Hodson	Electrical repairs to MUGA lights	600.00
3191	DALC	Spring seminar (Clerk)	45.00
3192	Viking	Office supplies	113.06
3193	Mrs Bloor	Salary April	1,381.72
3194	HMRC	April: Tax: £134 / NIC's £245.01	379.01
3195	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: April (Incl. new area)	700.00
		Total	<u>3,658.16</u>

RESOLVED: that the Accounts presented be approved for payment.

22. INCOME RECEIVED

03-Apr	A Honarmand: Reserved grave	594.00
03-Apr	Mr Lee: Transfer of Rights	27.50
07-Apr	Precept and Concurrent Functions Grant	74,900.00
07-Apr	DCC: Litter picking (Towpath) 2016/17	1,040.00

10-Apr	Cemetery fees	1,144.00
	Business Account (2)	1.22
	Election Account (3)	0.19
	Grant/s Account (4)	0.00
	Total	<u>77,706.91</u>

RESOLVED: to note the income received

23. CORRESPONDENCE

- I. Campaign for Better Transport: Information on the proposed demolition of the Broadmarsh Bus Station, Nottingham and possible impact on local services
- II. DCC: Confirmation of litter picking reimbursement of £1,040 for 2016/2017
- III. EBC: Confirmation of payment of Precept and Concurrent Functions Grant for 2017/2018
- IV. EBC Rural Community Grant Applications – Distribution of awards will be considered on 13/6/17.

RESOLVED: to note the above correspondence

24. TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960) TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No items were deemed confidential.

25. TO NOTE DATE AND TIMES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE 2017

- Planning Committee 7.00pm
- Cemetery, Parks and open Spaces Committee 7.20pm
- Parish Council 7.40pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed by the Chairman: _____

Date: _____