

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11 January 2022 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

	Cllr W Major	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	
	Cllr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
A	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	
A	Cllr T Sanghera	
	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 12

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

131. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apologies for absence received
Mrs S Dickman	Isolating
T Sanghera	Convalescing

RESOLVED: to approve the apologies for absence received, as shown above

132. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interested were declared under this heading.

133. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

134. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following was **RESOLVED:**

Planning consultation received on the day of the meeting - Item 141.1

1. To consider planning application ERE/0122/0014 - 36, Hayworth Road in order to meet the consultation deadline response before the next meeting

Variation of order of business in the following order:

2. To consider the following matters after the Public Session

- Agenda Item 144.1 DCC: Options for the future of care homes: Ladycross House
- Agenda Item 141.1 ERE/1221/0002 Part of former Stanton Ironworks

135. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Ladycross House Care Home – Agenda Item 144.1 refers

Residents raised concerns over the future of Ladycross House following the recent DCC consultation on proposals to carry out repair work to 7 care homes in Derbyshire.

Residents highlighted individual family circumstances and expressed their strength of feeling on the potential disruption and distress it would cause to elderly and vulnerable residents who would have to move out of Ladycross House whilst building repairs were being undertaken. Problems would arise when elderly and frail family members were moved to unfamiliar care homes, especially out of area and to homes that did not offer the same high level of care to meet individual needs.

Those present were petitioning to keep family members in Ladycross House to ensure continuity of care and protect their health. Family members felt strongly that the second consultation was based on an out-of-date conditions report carried out during the first consultation period, over 2 years ago. Refurbishment work had been carried out to sections of the building and some residents had remained on site.

Cllr Major explained that DCC was required to act upon the findings of the original inspection report and issues such as subsidence and rewiring could not be ignored. DCC had a responsibility of care to keep residents safe in fit-for-purpose buildings.

The staff at Ladycross House were excellent, but the fabric of the building needed to be addressed and the facilities for residents needed to be modernised and improved. DCC had set aside £30m to address these issues and this was the reason for the second consultation. Should residents be moved, DCC would fund costs.

It was noted the DCC consultation identified 3 options for consideration:

- I. Rewire and carry out major works to refurbish the homes with residents moving out.
- II. Close the homes and support residents to move to other local, suitable alternative provision.
- III. Close the homes and support residents to move to any available suitable alternative provision.

Numerous residents and Cllr Mrs Powers questioned the validity of the inspection report and noted it would cause more distress if vulnerable residents had to move from familiar surroundings and there were no assurance as to where they would be placed.

Residents were encouraged to respond individually to the consultation so that all views were taken into account.

Residents were thanked for their comments and the Chairman confirmed Councillors would decide the consultation response following the close of the Public Session.

2. Former Stanton Ironworks – Agenda Item 141.1 refers

A resident raised concerns over the potential impact on Sandiacre brought about by the recent major application to develop the former Stanton Site and in particular, that he considered it did not meet the requirements of the Erewash Local Plan.

He highlighted several areas for consideration, including the detrimental impact on the community and environment of HGV vehicle movements. There would be a significant

impact on road surfaces, with an increase in pot holes and the potential for more congestion, queuing, noise and air pollution.

It was noted that Sandiacre Parish Council supported the idea of an additional M1 junction to alleviate traffic moving through local communities.

Residents were encouraged to respond individually to the consultation.

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS – AGENDA ITEMS REFER

ITEM 144.1 CONSULTATIONS - LADYCROSS HOUSE – DCC CONSULTATION

DCC: Options for the future of direct care homes for older people

Councillors considered the views of local residents and gave further deliberation to the consultation response.

Cllr Bilbie highlighted the importance of accepting the findings of a professional assessment report that identified structural deficiencies. If a building was found to be unsound, it would affect the safety of residents and they may need to move out. If a care home had to be demolished, costs would be high. Other local provision would be made available, including in privately run homes.

Cllrs Mrs Powers voiced her disagreement with the contents of the report and noted that only a few cracks had been found. There were only 7 long-term residents in Ladycross House which had a 35 bedroom facility. She supported Option 1 and felt that the remaining residents should not be moved. Lots of work had been carried out 2 years ago to the building and it was important to invest and maintain.

Councillors considered the needs of elderly care home residents and the problems that could arise if they were moved out of area, such as being moved to different parts of Derbyshire and the impact this would have on them and their families.

A suggestion was made to form a Committee to visit the care home to assess the condition of the building and meet residents. It was highlighted that Covid restrictions were in place and that a professional conditions report had already been undertaken.

Cllr Mrs Bilbie expressed her view that Councillors did not have the expertise to judge the condition of the care home and the report had been professionally produced.

Cllr Mrs Powers accused Cllr Mrs Bilbie of telling lies. Cllr Bilbie challenged Cllr Mrs Powers to retract her statement. The Chairman intervened and strongly advised Cllr Mrs Powers to respect the views of everyone present. It would be very serious if the inspection report was ignored.

Following further discussion and interjection by members of the public, the following was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**:

- I. To respond to the DCC consultation to retain local provision for Ladycross House residents, should they be required to move
- II. To support Option 1, but major refurbishment work should be carried out without moving residents
- III. To ask DCC to look at the closure of care homes in phases

Cllr Mrs Bilbie left the meeting at 8.10pm for another commitment.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes while members of the public left the building. Four residents remained and the meeting resumed at 8.15pm.

ITEM 141.1 PLANNING – FORMER STANTON IRONWORKS

It was noted 132 reports related to the major planning application.

Councillors considered it was important to support the local economy and the creation of 1,600 jobs in the local area, but there was a need to address highway's issues and the detrimental impact increased traffic and HGV movement would have upon Sandiacre and surrounding communities.

The Parish Council wasn't against the land being used for employment, but Councillors are opposed to the lack of mitigation measures for traffic the development will create in Sandiacre.

In order to alleviate these problems it was considered the right time to resurrect the idea of creating a new M1 Junction - J25A.

Following discussion, the following was **RESOLVED**:

- I. that the Parish Council petition the Secretary of State for Transport to support the introduction of a new M1 Junction - J25A, to reduce ongoing and increased heavy traffic movement in the area and alleviate the negative impact it was having on Sandiacre and surrounding communities
- II. to object to the planning application on highways issues and the adverse impact increased HGV traffic would have on local people and the environment
- III. to recommend that the rail head be well utilised for movement of goods to reduce impact on local communities
- IV. to recommend a planning condition be included that a range of high skilled jobs be created

136. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police reports and Officer attending meetings.

The Clerk confirmed that following the last meeting, she had contacted the police to clarify the position with reports and officers attending meetings.

PCSO Sangha had confirmed she would produce a monthly report, but PCSO Connor Bradley was now covering Sandiacre for routine patrols and local issues.

Sgt. Carlisle would attend meetings if a major issue was being raised and the Inspector had confirmed he would attend a meeting, if requested.

A police report had not been forwarded for this meeting.

2. County Councillor

There was no report under this heading.

3. Borough Councillors

- Cllr Bilbie confirmed grant funding had been made available to Sandiacre Cricket Club for a new pitch
- Air monitoring had been carried out around Daniel Mews and The Paddocks
- Cllr Major confirmed Friesland SC had fully reopened and demand would continue to be monitored

137. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2021 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 23 November 2021, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

138. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2021 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 December 2021, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

Cllr Raycraft apologised for the delay in offering his apologies for the last meeting when he had a medical appointment. He offered advance apologies for the February meeting when he would be convalescing.

139. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Item 120.2 Christmas Tree

Mr Massie had verbally confirmed he was willing to provide a 24' Spruce for the future at no additional cost.

140. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Major thanked Cllr Bilbie for chairing the last Parish Council meeting.

Thanks were extended to all those involved in the Carols Around the Tree event and to members of Sandiacre Male Voice Choir for taking part. The Chairman had received many compliments on the Christmas lights display this year.

Thanks were extended to the head teacher of Cloudside Academy for all her work for the community as she had recently retired for health reasons.

141. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC

ERE/1221/0002 **Part of Former Stanton Ironworks, Lows Lane, Stanton-by-Dale**
MAJOR APPLICATION
EXTENSION FOR RESPONSE - JANUARY 2022

Hybrid planning application for the comprehensive redevelopment of the site comprising:

Outline Application for demolition of existing buildings and structures to provide; a maximum 261,471 sqm of employment (a mix of Class Eg (iii) (Industrial Processes), B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Storage & Distribution) with associated car, cycle and HGV parking; service yards; gatehouse(s) and security facilities; electrical substations; provision of cycle and walking infrastructure and foul and surface water infrastructure; removal of trees; retention of open space for biodiversity enhancements and landscaping; utilities; provision of land for safeguarding for future highway improvements; relocation and consolidation of existing railway line; provision of intermodal rail hub, and other associated works and improvements.

FULL APPLICATION for provision of new access points from and alterations to Lows Lane and an internal estate road; diversion of a section of National Cycle Route 67; associated

surface water infrastructure; infilling of part of the disused canal; remediation, and decontamination works and groundworks.

Refer decision shown above after the Public Session.

ERE/1221/0007 **Ground Floor, Chapel House 2a Brooke Street**

Change of Use from Office to Beauty Salon and Training

RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/1221/0019 **9 Cloudside Road**

Two storey side extension

Delegated response: that no objections be made

ERE/0122/0014 **36 Hayworth Road**

Construction of a two storey 4-bed detached dwelling involving associated landscaping to create a hardstanding and amenity space

RESOLVED: that objections be made on the following grounds:

- The proposed 4-bedroom detached dwelling development is overbearing and not in keeping with surrounding properties
- It will create a cramped form of development on a small site
- There are concerns over flooding issues following excavation work of the site banks

2. To receive planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/0821/0028 **2 Kensington Road**

Two storey side extension, part two storey, part single storey front extension, and repositioning of side boundary fencing to enclose land to the side (including change of use of that land to residential use)

EBC: Approved 29/11/21

ERE/0921/0021 **50 Bostocks Lane**

Two storey front extensions, first floor side extension and loft conversion with rear dormers windows and roof lights

EBC: Approved 9/12/21

ERE/1021/0040 **229 Derby Road**

Single storey front extension

EBC: Approved 10/12/21

ERE/1021/0050 **56 Longmoor Lane**

Erection of a single storey rear and a two storey side extension

EBC: Approved 13/12/21

ERE/1121/0006 **6 Woburn Croft**

Two storey side and single storey extension

EBC: Approved 16/12/21

142. **REPORT OF THE CLERK**

1. Latest crime figures, refer enclosed sheet: Nov 2020: 48 / Nov 2021: 52

RESOLVED: to note the above

2. Councillor DPI's to be updated for any changes in circumstances

Updated DPI's were received from Cllrs W Major, A Gibson and R Stewart.

3. Newsletter distribution: £328.50 refund and new team/tracker system offered

RESOLVED: to note a full refund had been provided by Nottingham Local News

Consideration of future distribution companies would be made nearer the time of the next publication.

4. Sandiacre Community Network (SCN): Zoom meetings held every six weeks at 7pm: Thursday, 20 January, Thursday, 10 March and Thursday, 28 April

It was noted that Zoom meetings had been arranged by SCN members for evenings, which narrowed the number of those able to attend. The Clerk had offered to attend in-person meetings, but was unavailable out of office hours.

The Clerk noted she was asked to provide Parish Council approval for small grant requests by other Network members for SCN funding between meetings.

RESOLVED: the Clerk be given delegated authority to respond to SCN funding requests in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

5. Springfield Park play area refurbishment: FCC to pay Kompan £60K direct and Parish Council pay VAT element only. Compliments received

The Clerk confirmed she had submitted details to FCC on 20/12/21 for payment of £60,000 to be paid direct to Kompan for work undertaken. The VAT element of £12,000 had been paid directly by the Parish Council to Kompan.

At the present time, a Final Report was required to be submitted to FCC for payment to be made to Kompan. The Clerk would complete the following day.

It was noted numerous compliments had been received on the new play facilities.

143. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NP)

Progress to date

The Clerk had contact Evie Poxon (Planning Officer) to note matters for consideration:

1. EBC boundary maps of parish boundary: Identify key areas and green spaces
2. Spatial Policies from the Core Strategy / Including 3 Conservation Areas
3. SHLAA sites in Sandiacre put forward as part of the Core Strategy Review
4. LPA housing requirement figure for Sandiacre
5. Application to EBC for Sandiacre to be designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area

I. **RESOLVED:** to note the above

II. **RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council apply to EBC Planning Authority for Sandiacre to be designated as a Neighbourhood Plan area

The Clerk and Mrs Metcalfe (Planning Consultant) were scheduled for a telephone meeting on 18/1/22 to cover applying for consultancy fees.

144. CONSULTATIONS

1. DCC: Options for the future of direct care homes for older people

Including Ladycross House, Travers Road, Sandiacre

Public consultation opened: 8/12/21 and closes: 4/3/22. Proposal options:

- Rewire and carry out major works to refurbish the homes with residents moving out.
- Close the homes and support residents to move to other local, suitable alternative provision.
- Close the homes and support residents to move to any available suitable alternative provision.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultation-details/options-for-the-future-of-direct-care-homes-for-older-people.aspx>

The above item was considered after Agenda Item 135. Public Session to allow residents the opportunity to be present during decision making of the response.

2. Notts CC: Draft Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan
Advance notice of public consultation. Opens 7/2/22 and closes 4/4/22
Details: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/waste
RESOLVED: to note the above consultation without comment
3. Broxtowe BC: Chetwynd: The Toton & Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum Designation
The current Forum designation expires 9/3/22.
Public consultation for inviting comments on re-designation of the Forum.
www.broxtowe.gov.uk/chetwyndneighbourhoodplan
RESOLVED: to note the above consultation without comment

145. BUDGET RATIFICATION 2022/2023

- I. To note the level of Concurrent Functions grant to be set by EBC
EBC had issued notice to the Parish Council that the CF grant was expected to reduce by 5% for 2022/23, subject to approval by full Council.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: that the CF budget be set at £25,382, subject to confirmation by EBC

Should the CF grant remain the same at £26,718 (2021/22), any unallocated funds would be held in Precept contingency.

- II. To set the Precept from 1/4/22 to 31/3/23 as recommended by the Finance Committee

It was noted that Sandiacre was the largest parish within Erewash with 14 Councillors, but had the second lowest Band D charge (0.3p above the lowest)

- a) **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** to set the Precept at £53,320, subject to any change in CF allocation by EBC
- b) **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** that Line 6 of the budget that showed Nil be adjusted to include £465 for Christmas lights lamp column testing (required in 2023) with adjustment made on Line 24 to reduce by £465

- III. To set the draft budget as recommended by the Finance Committee

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to ratify the budget, as follows:

Concurrent Functions Budget	From £26,718 to *£25,382 *Subject to confirmation of change by EBC
Precept Increase of 3.5%	From £51,510 to £53,320
Total	£78,702
Estimated Band D charge	£19.92 per year = 38p per week

146. CEMETERY FEES 2022/2023

To set the level of Cemetery fees from 1/4/22 to 31/3/23, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to set the Cemetery fees as listed with a 3.5% increase.

147. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
20/12/21 Area 2, Row C, Grave 14
2. Interments since the last meeting
None.
3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
None.

RESOLVED: to note the above

148. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

It was noted that parks and open spaces were quiet at the present time due to ongoing wet weather conditions and darker evenings.

The Clerk was meeting with Glendale the following week to assess tree work in St Giles' closed churchyard, which had not been carried out in accordance with the quote.

149. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) CIRCULARS

January Newsletter: Electronically circulated to Councillors upon receipt.

150. FINANCE

1. To note the monthly financial report and bank reconciliation
Details were presented at the meeting.
2. To authorise payments

<u>DD 1/12</u>	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	16.03
DD 14/12	E.on (5590)	Padmore: Bridge Lights 1/10/21 to 30/11/21	19.32
<u>DD 16/12</u>	BT (3066)	Phone: Line rental / Usage	175.61
<u>DD 21/12</u>	E.on (8660/6719)	Office/DARG/Car park: 2/11/21 - 30/11/21	96.60
BP 9/12	D Ogilvie	Springfield Park bench (DCC CLF) Test payment	10.00
BP 10/12	D Ogilvie	Springfield Park bench (DCC CLF) Payment completed	1,329.20
BP 10/12	SMVC	Carols Around the Tree (Chair's allowance)	50.00
BP 13/12	Shaw & Sons	Office: Cemetery receipt book	25.40
BP 13/12	Royal British Legion	s137: Annual donation (Minute 120.3 2021)	25.00
BP 19/12	Kompan	Springfield Park: VAT only: (FCC grant paying remainder)	10,000.00
BP 20/12	Kompan	Springfield Park: VAT element paid in full	2,000.00
BP 26/12	Mr J Bloor	Office IT: Kaspersky internet security	17.49
BP 31/12	Mrs Bloor	Salary: December	1,486.14
BP 31/12	HMRC	Tax/NIC's: December	389.81
BP 31/12	Andrew's GS	Litter picking: December	830.50
BP 31/12	Andrew's GS	Low level work: December	280.00
BP 31/12	Glendale	Grounds maintenance: Parks & Open spaces: December	599.57
		Total:	<u>17,350.67</u>

RESOLVED: to approve the schedule of payments

3. To note receipt of income

9	Lymns: A2,Row C,G10	810.00
9	Transfer of Rights: A188	45.00
9	Lymns Craftsmen in Stone: Plaque UN-C area	82.00
9	Lymns Craftsmen in Stone: A2, Row C, G17 H/S	165.00
9	Co-op LE: A2, Row C, G16 H/S	165.00
9	Hawleys: A193 plaque	82.00
15	HMRC VAT refund: 1/8/21-30/11/21	4,343.93
31	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	0.53
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Polling station costs - Interest	0.03
31	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	0.09
	Total	5,693.58

RESOLVED: to note income received

151. CORRESPONDENCE

EBC Director of Resources: Concurrent Functions allocation 2022/23: £26,728 to £25,382, subject to final confirmation by full Council on 3/3/22

RESOLVED: to note the above item of correspondence

152. 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.*

153. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

1. Springfield Park: Stream bank section report

It was noted that an independent assessment of the stream bank had recently been carried out and it was concluded that there was no evidence of erosion being caused by water from the stream beneath.

There was evidence of soil erosion caused by water flowing off the above garden and under gravel boards and down the bank to the stream below.

The resident would be notified of the findings.

2. Cemetery boundary: Solicitor's response

It was noted legal advice had been sought on this matter and the response from the Solicitor confirmed the onus to prove ownership of the land in question lay with the neighbouring property owner as documents identified ownership by the Council.

The resident would be notified of the findings.

3. To review the Clerk's/RFO's working hours

The Clerk left the meeting for this item and was informed by the Chairman on her return that Councillors appreciated all the work she carried out for the Council and the following had been agreed:

RESOLVED: that the Clerk receive one extra hour per week (24 to 25 hours) from 1/4/22 to cover her workload commitments and support the introduction of the Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan. Hours to be worked flexibly from home out of normal office hours: Monday to Wednesday 9.30am to 2.30pm.

The Clerk expressed her thanks to Councillors for all their support.

154. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.00pm

The Memorial Institute, 19A Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre NG10 5FJ

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed by the Chairman: _____ **Date:** _____