

SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the VIRTUAL Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12 January 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom video conferencing.

PRESENT:

	Cllr W Major	Chairman
	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	
	Cllr N Raycraft	
A	Cllr T Sanghera	
	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

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

REMOTELY ATTENDING: Three members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.

116. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apologies for absence received
Mr A Gibson	Family commitment
Mr T Sanghera	Work commitment

RESOLVED: to approve the apologies for absence received

117. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interested.

118. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensation.

119. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item 126. Planning - Matters for consideration after the Agenda was issued

RESOLVED: to consider the following:

Planning consultation	
ERE/1220/0058	56 Maple Avenue
Single storey rendered front extension to form porch	

120. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No questions were raised.

121. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Police report

PCSO Sangha had prepared a report for Councillors highlighting recent action taken in the community. (Previously circulated).

The Chairman confirmed groups had been meeting on parks but the police had been notified.

2. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- A Free School Meals campaign was underway to encourage parents to register for vouchers for their children
- Parents should apply for their child's infant or primary school place by 15 January 2021
- Families on low incomes could obtain food vouchers for February through a COVID-19 winter grant scheme.

It was noted that schools promoted the schemes and encouraged parents to apply.

3. Borough Councillors

Cllr Bible reported on the following:

- EBC Planning Committee had recently refused permission for development of 111, Longmoor Lane in its present format. Residents and Councillors had presented evidence and strength of feeling on the current application which was considered to be over development of the existing site.
- Council receptions were currently closed at Long Eaton TH and Ilkeston TH with the introduction of stricter lockdown measures.

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- Business grants were still being offered during lockdown and small businesses were encouraged to apply
- Bin collection services were being maintained
- EBC was currently consulting with the public on determining budget priorities
- Land at Stanton Ironworks, north of Lows Lane had been sold to a local recycling company to create a green business park. Jobs would be created, but it was important to mitigate impact on surrounding communities, especially with traffic flow.

122. TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2020 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on 1 December 2020, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

123. MATTERS FOR REPORT

To receive an update on progress of matters from the last Council meeting not listed on the Agenda.

There were no matters to report.

124. TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2020 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the virtual Finance Committee meeting held on 24 November 2020, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

125. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

111, Longmoor Lane - Planning application

It was confirmed a number of residents had taken time to write to the Parish Council expressing their gratitude to all Councillors for listening to their concerns over the proposed development of the site and for offering support.

Cllr Major read out an item of correspondence that represented the majority of views being expressed and offered his thanks to residents for their compliments.

Christmas lights display

It was noted a number of residents had written to the Parish Council offering their compliments for a good Christmas lights and tree display.

Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan

It was confirmed enquiries had been made on the process to be followed for introducing a Neighbourhood Plan for Sandiacre.

The Chairman provided background information on what was required and noted grant funding was available to cover costs, including for consultancy fees.

The Clerk would include this item on the next Agenda and invite a consultant to speak with Councillors about their services and offer advice on the process required.

126. PLANNING

1. To consider consultations received from EBC

ERE/1120/0073

Springfield Mill, Bridge Street

Listed building consent for full like-for-like reinstatement to Blocks A&B at Springfield Mill following extensive fire and water damage - to include new roof members and covering, brick repairs, window replacements and full internal fit-out for 50 flats.

Delegated decision: No objections raised, but to comment the Parish Council would like a condition included in the Decision Notice to ensure the building is fitted with sprinklers

ERE/1220/0013

44 Lancaster Avenue

Two storey extension to rear of house & single storey to side of house (resubmission in amended form of application ERE/0720/0078)

Delegated decision: No objections

ERE/1220/0040

82 Springfield Avenue

Single storey rear extension to dwelling (kitchen diner)

Delegated decision: No objections

ERE/1220/0050 **39 York Avenue**
Demolition of single storey extension and replacement with new single storey extension to rear elevation
RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/1220/0052 **31 Rushy Lane** Decided by EBC
Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension
RESOLVED: to note the application

ERE/1220/0053 **33 Broadlands**
Works to protected Oak tree (T1) - Crown reduction (4 metres off the top and 3 metres off the sides) due to excessive overhang over garden restricting light and dead branches falling into our garden and neighbours garden
RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/0121/0002 **19 Linden Grove**
Single storey side extension to existing dwelling
RESOLVED: that no objections be made

ERE/1220/0058 **56 Maple Avenue**
Single storey rendered front extension to form porch
RESOLVED: that no objections be made

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC

ERE/1120/0037 **7 Chatsworth Close**
EBC: Approved 24/11/20

ERE/0920/0025 **2 Belton Close**
EBC: Approved 9/12/20

ERE/10/20/0067 **45 Maple Avenue**
EBC: Approved 14/12/2020

ERE/1120/0037 **23a Barker Avenue North**
EBC: Refused 23/12/20

127. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crime figures: Latest recorded

A breakdown of statistics covering the last 13 month period had been circulated.

November 2019	57	November 2020	48
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2. Bench and planter: Progress to date

The Clerk continued to ask DCC for progress on permitting a bench and planter to be sited on Derby Road, but to date, no response had been received.

The Clerk would continue to contact Highways and include Cllr Major in correspondence in order to move the project forward to completion.

3. Christmas Lights and Tree: Compliments received / Dismantling arrangement

It was noted the Parish Council had received numerous compliments on the new Christmas lights display.

Arrangements for dismantling and storage were in place.

4. Community notice board Coronation Avenue: Order placed (6-8 week delivery)
The notice board was on order and Mr Wallace had agreed to install.
5. National lockdown w/c 4/1/21: Clerk working from home / Premises visit
It was noted the Clerk was again working from home as lockdown measures continued. She was calling at the office once per week for premises checks and to collect post and cheques.
6. Play area inspection report findings: Springfield Park & Doncaster Avenue RG
Each report had identified only low level work was required in some areas and the Clerk had requested a quote from Kompan for all remedial work listed.

128. DONATION S137

To consider a s137 donation to East Midlands Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED: that a one-off s137 donation of £50 would be made to the organisation

129. CEMETERY MATTERS

- I. Burials since the last meeting

Area 2, Row C, Grave 8	23/12/20
Area 2, Row D, Grave 3	6/1/21
- II. Interments since the last meeting

A173	9/12/20
A181	19/12/20
- III. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting

A172	Future interment: Date TBC 2021
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The Clerk confirmed 21 burials had taken place in 2020, double the predicted number. Three interments were planned for the future once lockdown measures eased.

130. SPRINGFIELD PARK

To consider creating a 1m wide natural wildlife area running the length of the stream.
Councillors considered the benefits of creating a small wildlife area adjacent to the stream running the length of the park, which would attract wild flowers and increase bio-diversity. It could also aid ground surface drainage in that area.

Councillors considered that the park was regularly used by dog walkers and it would be necessary to initially trial the project to see if it was well received. Any problems or complaints would be reported back to the Council for further consideration.

It was also considered that the introduction of trees on the park would benefit the area and this was a possibility if a new play area was developed.

RESOLVED: that a strip of land (approximately 1 metre wide) be allowed to develop naturally adjacent to the stream running the length of the park

131. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

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

The Clerk reported that both parks were saturated at the present time as excessive rain had fallen in recent months and continued to do so.

Residents continued to exercise their dogs as usual and this had created problems of uncollected dog waste and areas of excessive mud as the ground could not recover.

It was advised that EBC Dog Wardens could be notified if dog owners did not clear waste and fines could be imposed.

It was noted that the Dog Wardens had been notified of the ongoing problem on Springfield Park and they would be displaying signs on pavements around the area.

132. BUDGET RATIFICATION 2021/2022

I. To note the level of Concurrent Functions grant set by EBC

It was noted that at the present time, EBC had not proposed a change to the amount of Concurrent Functions (CF) grant paid to parishes and Sandiacre was expected to receive £26,718 based on last year's allocation.

RESOLVED: that the budget would take into account £26,718, subject to any change agreed by EBC as part of their forthcoming budget setting process

If a reduction in the amount of CF was confirmed, the Parish Council would seek to increase the Precept to off-set any shortfall in income in order to retain services.

II. To set the Precept from 1/4/21 to 31/3/22 as recommended by the Finance Committee

It was noted that Sandiacre was the largest parish within Erewash but had the lowest Band D charge.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to set the Precept at £51,510, subject to any change in CF allocation by EBC

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

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to ratify the budget, as presented:

Concurrent Functions Budget	£26,718	<i>Subject to notification of any change</i>
Precept	£51,510	<i>Precept increase 3%</i>
Total	£78,228	
Estimated Band D charge	<i>£19.10 per year = 37p per week</i>	

IV. To close the NS&I Account, as recommended by the Finance Committee

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: to close the NS&I account containing £175.27 and move to reserves

133. CEMETERY FEES 2021/2022

To set the level of Cemetery fees from 1/4/21 to 31/3/22 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

It was noted the fees had not been increased in the previous year.

- I. **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** to set the Cemetery fees as shown with a 3.5% increase.
- II. **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** to no longer offer standard roses with memorial plaques due to difficulty in obtaining

134. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) CIRCULARS

January Newsletter: Electronically circulated to Councillors upon receipt.

135. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RESOLVED: to note the monthly financial report as circulated

136. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

To approve the schedule of payments shown below:

<u>DD 1/12</u>	Water Plus (9648)	Office supply	12.49
<u>DD 16/12</u>	BT (3066)	Line rental / Usage	83.11
<u>DD 24/12</u>	E.on	Credited back 29/12/20 – See below	150.66
BP 3/12	Cllr Major	Zoom conference host: December	14.39
BP 8/12	Mr J Bloor	Kaspersky Internet Security	13.31
BP 9/12	Countrywide GM	Grounds maintenance/Mowing: December	1,225.20
BP 10/12	Leisure Lites Ltd	Christmas Lights/Pea-lights/ Connectors/Upgrades	10,000.00
BP 11/12	Leisure Lites Ltd	As above: Completed payment	6,380.00
BP 22/12	Kompan	Play area safety checks (First)	142.39
BP 22/12	Mr Christmas Tree	Village centre: 20' Spruce	372.00
BP 31/12	Andrew's GS	Litter picking 5 weeks: December	830.50
BP 31/12	Andrew's GS	Low level: Removed poppies/Tree fencing & tinsel	140.00
BP 31/12	Mrs Bloor	Salary: December	1,485.34
BP 31/12	HMRC	Tax/NIC's: December	391.30
Total:			<u>21,240.69</u>

RESOLVED: to approve schedule of payments shown above

137. INCOME RECEIVED

December

4	Precept: Final payment	12,501.50
4	Concurrent Functions Grant (EBC) - Final payment	6,679.50
15	G192: Transfer of Rights: BACS transfer	40.00
15	Plot A172: Plot x 2 / Interment TBC (O of A)	480.00
15	Co-op (ST): A173 Plot x 2 / Interment x 2 (PIF)	320.00
15	Baileys: Area 2, Row B, Grave 8 - Headstone	160.00
29	E.on: Above payment credited back: Details TBC	150.66
29	Wathalls FD: Area 2, Row D, G3 (Out of Area fee)	700.00
31	HSBC Election Account (Polling station costs)	0.02
31	HSBC Savings (Business) Account - Interest	0.41
31	HSBC Grant Account - Interest	0.05
Total		<u>21,032.14</u>

RESOLVED: to note the income received, as shown above

It was noted that E.on had incorrectly taken out a payment of £150.66 in December and then refunded the amount a few days later. The charge was due to be taken out in January. E.on had issued a letter of apology.

138. CORRESPONDENCE

- Census 2021: Information / Posters
- EBC: Concurrent Functions allocation 2021 & Submission of Precept figure required before 31/1/21
- EBC: Exiting the EU Preparations from 1/1/21 - North West Leicestershire District Council. PDF slides for Parish Councils (Electronically circulated)

139. 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.*

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

TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.00pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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