

SANDIACRE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Report of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Tuesday, 1 March 2022 at 6.40pm in The Memorial Institute, Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:

	Cllr W Major	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs L Bilbie	
	Cllr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr Mrs S Dickman	
	Cllr Mrs C French	
A	Cllr Mrs S Hales	
A	Cllr T Hales	
	Cllr Mrs C Powers	
	Cllr N Raycraft	
	Cllr T Sanghera	
	Cllr Mrs K Stewart	
	Cllr R Stewart	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Bloor Clerk to the Parish Council

PARISH ELECTORS: Five

1. WELCOME BY THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Cllr Major presided over the meeting and welcomed everyone.

He expressed everyone's condemnation of the invasion of Ukraine at this time and offered sympathy for the Ukrainian people and their situation.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr T Hales and Cllr Mrs S Hales.

Cllr Jarratt had forwarded advance apologies for expected lateness.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Personal Interest	By position held
Memorial Institute Trustee	W Major S Bilbie Mrs S Dickman Mrs K Stewart R Stewart	
Dr Bland's Alms Houses Trustee	W Major Cllr S Bilbie Cllr Mrs C French	County Councillor Parish Councillor Parish Councillor
Ward Cllr	W Major S Bilbie T Sanghera	
County Cllr	W Major	

It was noted this item could be removed from future Agendas as no decisions could be made at the Annual Parish meeting.

4. ELECTORS TO RAISE ANY MATTERS

Sandiacre Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

Mr Ford, as the local NW Co-ordinator, outlined the work he was carrying out in the community, which included linking with residents, the Parish Council, the police and the Methodist Church to encourage take up of the NW scheme, which now had 300 members.

Mr Ford noted meetings were currently being held at the Methodist Church, but he felt it was the right time to establish a new community centre.

Cllr Major noted his support for the scheme and that the Parish Council would be pleased to signpost Mr Ford to outside sources of grant funding.

Sandiacre Community Action

The group had created the 'Heart of Sandiacre' and had introduced a tea dance for senior residents and launched a 'Summer Scarecrow' project.

Sandiacre History Trail

Mr Pinney outlined the work being undertaken to promote the Sandiacre history trail and explained that grant funding had been received from Sandiacre Community Network for 500 flyers to help promote the scheme. He gave his thanks to Sandiacre History Group for all their support.

Councillors expressed their thanks and appreciation to individuals for all their involvement with community wide projects and which benefitted others.

5. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2021

It was noted the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting had been approved by full Council at the meeting of 6th April 2021.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Parish Council Chairman

Cllr Major reported on the following work carried out by the Parish Council over the previous year:

- £60,000 had been received from FCC Communities Landfill to refurbish Springfield Park play areas with new play equipment and picnic tables
- New benches would be provided for Springfield Park for all park users
- £500 worth of daffodils (approximately 4,000 bulbs) had been planted by volunteers around Sandiacre
- Free saplings had been obtained from the Woodland Trust to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, some going to Cloudside School and others planted in the Cemetery
- The annual Summer Play Scheme had been run at Cloudside Academy and had proved popular with families and children
- Sandiacre Neighbourhood Plan would allow for more say on how developments were planned in the area and how development money was spent in the community

II. County Councillor

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- As part of the Government's levelling-up plan, DCC was included in the pilot scheme and could receive additional financial support for services, especially if it became a Tier 3 authority
- DCC had set the 2022/23 budget at 3%
- 50m had been set aside for road improvements, which included infilling pot holes

Cllr S Jarratt joined the meeting at 7pm.

III. Borough Councillors

Cllr Sanghera reported on the following:

- EBC was currently in the process of reviewing its Core Strategy
- Business grants had been well received
- EBC was looking to improve town centre regeneration
- Development of the old Stanton Ironworks site had begun
- Face to face council meetings had resumed

IV. Sandiacre Memorial Institute (MI) - Board of Trustees

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- Due to the pandemic, Trustee meetings had not been held
- The MI was in a sound financial position
- Improvements had been made to inside and outside the building
- A new boiler and radiator had been purchased
- Bookings had reduced over the past year, but were now increasing

V. Dr Bland's Alms Houses

Cllr Major reported on the following:

- The 4 Alms Houses had seen refurbishment over the past year and investment had been made

VI. Risley Education Foundation

The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk of the Foundation to seek a report.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

Cllr Major thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

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