

# SANDIACRE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Report of the Virtual ANNUAL PARISH meeting held on Tuesday, 2 March 2021 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  
Cllr A Gibson  
Cllr Mrs S Hales  
Cllr T Hales  
Cllr S Jarratt  
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:** 8 residents were present

The meeting commenced at 6.55pm following an earlier presentation by consultants on proposals for developing the New Stanton Park site.

## 1. WELCOME BY THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Cllr Major presided over the meeting and welcomed everyone.

## 2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members of the Parish Council were present.

## 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	

## 4. PUBLIC TO RAISE ANY MATTERS

No items were raised.

**5. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2020**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 3 March 2020, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record

It was noted there were no Council meetings held in April or May 2020 at which the Minutes could be approved.

**6. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Major outlined work undertaken over the past year by the Parish Council and its future aims.

I. Covid-19 Pandemic

Pandemic restrictions had impacted on most things and people had been affected in many different ways, but it was reassuring to see a rise in community spirit. The public had come together and helped each other at a time of need.

II. Springfield Mill

The fire at Springfield Mill had been devastating for residents living there, but renovation work was ongoing to complete building repairs.

III. Parish Council Annual Newsletter

The Parish Council's annual newsletter could not be published last year as delivery would have been a problem.

IV. Parish Council Annual Summer Play Scheme

The Parish Council's annual summer play scheme was held, but in different and limited circumstances to normal.

It was intended to run an Easter play scheme at Cloudside School in April 2021.

V. Springfield Park

The Parish Council had recently submitted a bid for £60,000 to completely refurbish the Springfield Park play area.

VI. Community Litter Picking

Volunteers were congratulated for supporting their community by undertaking litter picking in different areas.

It would be useful to educate the community not to drop litter and avoid anti-social behaviour.

VII. Parish Council Clerk

The Clerk had continued to work from home during lockdown but also visited the office and dealt with a significant number of burials whilst also maintaining Government guidance on restrictions.

She was thanked for all her commitment to the Council over the past year and working 'above and beyond' to ensure everything ran smoothly and services were maintained.

## **7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Major (County Councillor) reported on the following:

1. Services
  - Services had been partially disrupted during the pandemic, but food parcels had been distributed and virus testing was ongoing.
  - Libraries had reduced their service, but opening times were under regular review.
  - Investment into road repairs was at an all-time high and Lows Lane had recently been resurfaced.
  - A significant capital programme was being developed.
  - Schools had remained open, but it was a challenging time for children, especially for Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) pupils and those not able to attend school during periods of lockdown.
2. Grant funding
  - Grants were being offered to help start-up businesses.
  - Grants were made available for those affected by recent flooding
3. Care Homes
  - Ladycross Care Home had been considered for closure, but there were no plans to close the premises until a new Care Home in Sandiacre could be found for the 12 remaining residents.

## **8. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Sanghera reported:

- EBC had worked through a difficult year with maintaining services and looking after funds after pressures faced by the pandemic.
- Business grants had helped support local businesses in the long-term to continue
- Work had been carried out on Vision Derbyshire and the Core Strategy.

Cllr Bilbie reported:

- Thanks were extended to all EBC staff for continuing to ensure services were maintained throughout the pandemic. All their efforts were very much appreciated.
- Council meetings had been cancelled and held virtually.

Cllr Major reported:

- Thanks were extended to Officers from EBC Housing Options Team who had dealt with the Springfield Mill fire. Residents had been rehoused and kept regularly updated on developments at the time.
- The Housing Options Manager had responsibility for locating homeless people and offering accommodation to ensure basic needs were met.
- Budget meetings had been held in March to plan future spending and consider the impact of the pandemic on services. Government grants of £1.7m had been received to support the Council with financial shortfalls.
- Services were maintained over the past year by staff moving to other jobs and everyone worked well.

#### **9. SANDIACRE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE TRUSTEES REPORT**

Cllr Major (Trustee Chairman) confirmed the Institute had been kept open over the past year by the Pre-School using the facilities. Their rent had been reduced to assist them continue their service and provide a regular booking.

The Institute had sustained a small annual loss of £2,000, but a one off grant of £10,000 had been received from business rate relief.

New chairs and a new boiler had been obtained to enhance the premises.

#### **10. DR BLAND'S ALMHOUSES CHARITY REPORT**

Rev. Olaf Trelenberg (Trustee Chairman) confirmed the Trust was in good stead.

A vacancy for a new tenant had been filled in the spring following refurbishment of the property.

There was a rolling programme of modernisation to all properties and new paths and garden gates had been installed.

Residents had not been affected by the pandemic and remained safe.

#### **11. QUESTIONS TO PARISH COUNCILLORS ON THE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE SANDIACRE RESIDENTS**

No questions were raised.

#### **12. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

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