SANDIACRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 6 October 2026 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Institute, 19a Doncaster Avenue, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5FJ

PRESENT:		Cllr W Major	Chairman
		Cllr S Bilbie	Vice-Chairman
		Cllr I Draper-Morgan	
	A	Cllr T Ford	
		Cllr A Gibson	
	A	Cllr Mrs P Hallam	
		Cllr G Hickton	
		Cllr Mrs G Hickton	
		Cllr S Jarratt	
		Cllr R Jenkins	
		Cllr J Lowrie	
	A	Cllr R Pound	
		Cllr T Sanghera	

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

99. APOLOGIES & APPROVAL FOR ABSENCE

Councillor	Apology for absence received
Cllr T Ford	Illness
Cllr Mrs P Hallam	Holiday
Cllr R Pound	Illness

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies for absence received

100. CASUAL VACANCY – SOUTH WARD

The co-option notice was advertised within the community and details were shown in the Autumn newsletter.

To date, no applications had been received.

101. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI) FORMS

Councillors were reminded to update their DPI forms to include any recent changes.

102. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest received.

103. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation made.

104. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no variations of business.

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

105. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were raised.

106. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

1. Police
   PCSO Hawksworth's report was circulated at the meeting.

   I. PC Tom Britland had recently transferred from the Derby East Team and was now becoming familiar with the local area.
   II. The Chairman confirmed Lidl did have CCTV cameras located outside the local store.

2. County Councillor
   Cllr Major reported on the following:

   Government Funding - Little Eaton Roundabout
   The Government had recently withdrawn funding for upgrading the Little Eaton roundabout. As this was intended to ease congestion on a busy route, it brought into doubt Government investment into creating a new J25A for Sandiacre.

   Borough Councillors
   Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie reported on the following:

   I. Planning decisions
      EBC would shortly introduce changes to their delegation process for determining planning applications. Residential developments of up to 9 homes would be decided by an Officer, not a Planning Committee.

      It was felt this significantly reduced transparency, especially as the number of objections submitted no longer determined if an application was decided publicly.

   II. Minor Constitutional Change
      It was being proposed that a Councillor should submit only 1 motion at a meeting, as they were becoming too lengthy, with one recent meeting lasting until 11.30pm.

   III. Policing
      Concerns were being raised over community engagement by local officers and a rise in crime figures. Officers were now less likely to attend Council meetings.

   IV. Severn Trent road repairs
      The Chairman confirmed he had repeatedly tried to address the problem of leaking water on Derby Road, but Severn Trent continued to claim that repairs were planned, but would give no specific date for carrying out maintenance work.

107. TO RESOLVE THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2026 ARE A CORRECT RECORD

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 1 September 2026, copies of which have been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

108. PLANNING

1. To consider planning application consultations received from EBC
   None to date.

2. To note planning decisions taken by EBC
   PA/2026/0495 **17 Chestnut Grove**
   Lawful development: Proposed use: Dropped kerb.
   EBC Decision: Approved 12/8/26

   PA/2026/0436 **37 V & K Garages Ltd, Derby Road**
   Reinstatement of the former petrol filling station as a self-serve/automated facility, including installation of 4no. Pay at pump, Electric Vehicle Charging Points
   EBC Decision: Approved with conditions 4/9/26

   PA/2026/0579 **23 Lancaster Avenue**
   Proposed dropped kerb
   EBC Decision: Approved 23/9/26

   RESOLVED: to note the above

109. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Major reported on the following:

I. Play Safety Surfaces – Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground
   It was confirmed play safety surfaces beneath items of well-used play equipment were now in need of replacement.

   Previous enquiries had indicated costs could be in the region of £20,000 plus. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if funding could be sought through Awards for All.

II. Local Government Review (LGR)
   The Government had recently paused the introduction of LGR due to legal challenge and it now seemed highly unlikely it would proceed. Shadow Authority elections were delayed for the next 12 months and Borough elections were again planned for May 2027.

   It was noted significant investment had been made by Councils across the country to establish the introduction of LGR, with all work now ceased.

   RESOLVED: to note the above

110. REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Crimes reported: July 2025: 56 / July 2026: 67
   The above was noted.

2. Clerk's annual appraisal: Update
   It was confirmed the Clerk's appraisal had been undertaken prior to the meeting by Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie. The Clerk was complimented on delivering a very high standard of work for the Council and for her commitment to the role over many years.

   The Clerk thanked Councillors for their continued support and in particular, Cllr Major and Cllr Bilbie for provided ongoing help and assistance.

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3. Grit supply arrangements and delivery
It was confirmed DCC had offered to provide a 2-year supply of free grit, as delivery did not take place in 2025.

In the interim, Mr Spencer had organised a delivery and refilled Parish Council grit bins.

4. Play area quarterly inspections: Priorities for work identified
The report had identified areas for repair and replacement that included removal of the baby swings on Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground.

Dewbar Fabrications had liaised with the Clerk to arrange repairs and delivery of new swings was being actioned.

5. Premises: Roller shutter check completed
The annual check had been undertaken.

6. Summer play scheme: Feedback report enclosed
Mr Metcalf's report had previously been circulated.
Children attending the 4-week scheme: 107
Average attendance: 43
The scheme had been a great success and parent's feedback had been very positive.

7. Village sign: Progress to date
The Clerk would continue to check on progress with a view to the sign being installed as soon as possible.

The Chairman noted it would be well-timed if the new sign could be installed in advance of the Carols Around the Tree event to be held on Saturday, 28/11/26.

111. NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL (NJC) PAY AWARD 2026/27

The National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services has agreed new pay scales for 2026/27 with Parish Councils recommended to implement the 3.30% pay award at the earliest opportunity, back dated from 1/4/26, as per the NJC agreement.

RESOLVED: to apply the pay award and arrears due to the Clerk from 1/4/26

112. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To approve motif designs and a colour scheme for December 2026, 2027 and 2028.
Following consideration of options available, the following designs were chosen:
Option 1
2.2m Star Fall Scroll in white & gold

Option 3
2.2m Snowflake Ribbon with Crosses in white & gold

RESOLVED: to approve option 1 and 3 for a further 3-year agreement

113. CONSULTATION

Broxtowe Borough Council: New Local Plan
Consultation runs from 15/9/26 to 20/10/26.
Scoping Consultation document can be viewed here:
https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/media/brnfq35e/scoping-document-september-2026.pdf.

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

RESOLVED: to note the above

114. EBC GRANT FUNDING TO PARISH COUNCILS

Village Investment Fund	Amount	Submission end date	Decision
1. Special Projects	Up to £180,000	30 June 26	Awaited
2. Allocated Funding	Sandiacre: £22,500	30 September 26	October 26

1. **Special Projects Grant - Doncaster Avenue RG**
   Refurbishment of 30-year-old BMX Track: Indicative cost £100,000 + VAT

   Decision awaited on the legacy investment programme following pausing of the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) by the Government

2. **Allocated Funding £22,500**
   Grant application submitted to EBC 21/9/26.
   - Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground (DARG): 4 new benches
   - Springfield Park & DARG: New heavy duty waste bins
   - Village centre: Contribution towards new metal village sign
     (Parish Council to match fund costs and cover installation)

It was confirmed the decision of EBC's Grant Panel remained outstanding for both applications.

RESOLVED: to note the above

115. NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN EDITION

- Newsletter produced by Mr Dale
- Draft sent to Printers

It was confirmed the newsletter had been sent to the Printers and distribution was expected the following week.

The Clerk and Mr Dale were thanked for collating and formatting the latest issue.

It was expected the Spring edition would be finalised by the end of February 2027.

RESOLVED: to note the above

116. CEMETERY MATTERS

1. Burials since the last meeting
   None to date.

2. Interment of Ashes since the last meeting
   23/9/26 G183 (Ashes into grave)

3. Reserved Graves / Plots since the last meeting
   None to date.

   RESOLVED: to note the above

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

117. PARKS & OPEN SPACES

To consider any incidents or maintenance issues since the last meeting

Doncaster Avenue Recreation Ground

1. Baby swings removed ready for replacements
2. Swing removed on bay of 4 ready for replacement
3. Elephant rocker repaired
4. Two oak trees by play area branches damaged for picking conkers

RESOLVED: to note the above

118. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (DALC) NEWSLETTERS

Newsletter circulated electronically to Councillors upon receipt.

RESOLVED: to note the above

119. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Financial report to be presented at the meeting
   a. To include bank reconciliation and cashbook balances to month end.
   b. To note Cllr Bilbie and Cllr Sanghera monitored all invoice payments against bank statements to month end.

   The Clerk circulated a financial report to month end, which included the following:
   - Schedule of all payments made
   - Record of all income received
   - Record of all transfers made between accounts
   - Amount of VAT accumulating from 1/4/26
   - Identified potential risks affecting the Council's finances, if any
   - Cllr Major signed the monthly financial report, as meeting Chairman
   - Cllr Bilbie and Cllr Sanghera would monitor payments against bank statements prior to the next meeting.

DD 1/9	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	18.32
DD 30/9	Water Plus (9648)	Premises supply	19.43
BP 1/9	PMR	Play area inspections: August	240.00
BP 3/9	Fox Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance: August	2,159.72
BP 9/9	Ashfield Ind. Doors	Premises: Roller shutter annual checks	120.00
BP 21/9	Carpmail Heating	Premises: Replaced waste pipe	67.20
BP 23/9	Mrs Bloor	Premises: Autumn bedding (office planter)	48.11
BP 30/9	Fox Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance: September	2,159.72
BP 30/9	Mrs Bloor	Monthly salary & Arrears from 1/4/26 (5 months)	2,189.74
BP 30/9	HMRC	Monthly tax & NIC's	776.34
BP 30/9	Spen's Gdn Services	Burial grounds: Low level work	1,000.00
BP 30/9	Mr C Wilford	Litter picking	1,001.00
		Total:	9,799.58

RESOLVED: to authorise the above payments

Initialled by the Chairman: _____

2. Payment schedule to be authorised

7	A234 Plot/Int + P/P Int	409.00
28	Lymns: Area 2, Row G, Grave 1	1,100.00
28	Co-op ST: A138 - Plaque	75.00
28	Co-op LE: Area 2, Row D, G15 - H/S Add. Inscription	75.00
28	Co-op ST: G183 (Ashes into grave)	102.00
30	HSBC Savings (Deposit) A/C - Interest	85.54
30	Savings A/C: EBC electoral admin. costs - Interest	6.67
30	HSBC Savings A/C: Grants - Interest	6.78
	Total:	1,450.99

RESOLVED: to note the above income

4. To consider any financial risks affecting the Council
No financial risks identified to date.

RESOLVED: to note the above

120. CORRESPONDENCE

None to date, not already considered on the Agenda.

121. 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.*

No items were raised.

122. DATE & TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2026 at 7pm

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

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

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

Initialled by the Chairman: _____