



Somercotes Parish Council

Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, Derbyshire, DE55 4LY

Telephone: 01773 603 810 | E-Mail:

Info@somercotesparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website: somercotesparishcouncil.gov.uk

Minutes of the Annual Full Parish Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6:30pm on Friday 15th May 2026

in the Main Hall, Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Chairman: Councillor J Parker

Present: Councillors E Sherman, C Addison-Lees, M Barron, P Wardle, K Judson, S Marshall, S McCabe

ORDER OF BUSINESS

01/26: **Election of Chairman of the Council**

RESOLVED

That Councillor J Parker was voted unanimously for the 2026/27 term

02/26: **Election of Vice Chairman of the Council**

That Councillor E Sherman was voted unanimously for the 2026/27 term

03/26: **Acceptance of Office**

RESOLVED

The duly elected officers of the Council signed their acceptance of Public Office.

04/26: **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors P Slater

05/26: **Filming and recording of Council Meetings**

The meeting was not recorded by the Council

06/26: **Declarations of Interest**

(a) Declaration of Members Interests

There were none

(b) Register of Members' Interest:

Members confirmed that they would review their Declarations of Interest

4 members of the council were informed that they will be required to complete new forms.

07/26: **Variation of Order of Business**

RESOLVED

That items 10/26a and b are heard in exclusion due to GDPR

That item 14/26e is heard in exclusion due to commercial sensitivity

08/26: **Public Participation**

2

(a) Members of the Public Section

Two members of the public were present

(b) Local Authority Section

There was no local authority representation

09/26: **To approve the minutes of the Parish Full Council meeting held on Friday 20th March 2026. A copy of which has been distributed with the agenda and may be taken as read. RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting were read and approved

10/26: **To consider Grant application requests from;**

(a) Somercotes Community Kitchen £700

RESOLVED

(b) POST (People of Somercotes Together) £2000

RESOLVED

This item was taken in exclusion

11/26: **To consider the following policies and adopt for 2026/27 RESOLVED**

(a) Code of Conduct

(b) Standing Orders

(c) Financial Regulations

(d) Terms of Reference:

- i. HR Committee
- ii. Events Committee
- iii. Reawaken the Premier Committee

(e) Financial Risk Assessment

- i. All of the above policies were approved with the following recommendations from Officers
 - a. Financial Regulations are amended immediately to increase the individual purchase limits to £5,000 for the Clerk/RFO and £10,000 in consultation with the Chair and/or Council
 - b. That planning responses are delegated to the Clerk/Officers
 - c. That Terms of Reference have a spend up to £5,000.00 before Council approval
- ii. That the template documents are used to adopt new policies and presented to future council meetings

12/26: **Appointment of Committees and Outside Bodies**

To appoint a Lead Member along with a minimum of 2 support members to:

RESOLVED

(a) HR Committee

2

Lead Member E Sherman and Support Members S Marshall and C Addison-Lees

(b) Events Committee

Lead Member J Parker and Support Members K Judson, C Addison-Lees

(c) Reawaken the Premier Committee

Lead Member J Parker and Support members K Judson and E Sherman

3

13/26: **Parish Council Finances**

RESOLVED

(a) Income and Expenditure 2026

The details were noted

(b) Bank Reconciliation

- i. 1st March to 31st March 2026

The details were noted

- ii. 1st April to 30th April 2026

The details were noted

(c) To approve delegation of authority for regular payments in accordance with financial regulations.

This information was not available and will be made available at a future meeting

14/26: **To receive and consider additional agenda items**

(a) To receive and note the Internal Auditors Report

RESOLVED

The Internal Auditor Report was received and noted. The issues identified in the audit are not attributable to the current Officers. They stem from the previous administration and are already in the process of being rectified.

The completion of the AGAR will be brought to a future meeting

(b) To consider a regular recycling collection up to £598.99 and glass bin £190.56

RESOLVED

That a 660l recycle bin is ordered along with a 240l glass only bin on a two week collection

Councillor J Parker voted against this due to regular skip/recycling service and asked for their vote to be recorded

(c) To ratify the purchase of dog waste bags £1424.40 and consider future supply

RESOLVED

- i. That members ratify the purchase 100,000 bags at a cost of £1,424.40 from the Dog Bags budget
- ii. That the Council monitor the issuing of the current supply and bring a report to a future meeting
- iii. The members noted that the budget for 26/27 was £2,500

3

(d) To consider membership to DALC and receive a response to the complaint sent in March 2026

RESOLVED

That the membership to DALC is not renewed
The response to the complaint was noted

4

(e) To receive a report on land ownership - **CONFIDENTIAL**

This item was taken in exclusion.

The recommendations contained in the confidential report were approved

15/26: **To consider planning applications**
[Daily List - Planning and Tree Applications Received](#)

RESOLVED

That all planning responses are delegated to the Clerk/Officers

16/26: **Confidential Item(s)**

(a) Exclusion of The Public:

Council **RESOLVES**: Members of the press and the public are excluded from the meeting during the following agenda item by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted. This is in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Schedule 12A (Access to Information) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following agenda items:

10/26 To consider Grant application requests from;

(a) Somercotes Community Kitchen £700

RESOLVED

This item was taken in exclusion

That the grant request is refused and that further clarity is sought from this group

(b) POST (People of Somercotes Together) £2000

RESOLVED

This item was taken in exclusion

That a grant of £2,000.00 is awarded

14/26 (e) To receive a report on land ownership

- i. That the Clerk be granted delegated authority to seek, obtain, and commission professional or specialist advice necessary to support the Council's consideration of the confidential matter discussed.
- ii. That expenditure for this purpose shall be authorised up to a limit of £5,000, funded from General Balances.
- iii. That the Clerk shall maintain appropriate records advice received and expenditure incurred, and shall provide a confidential report to Council upon completion.
- iv. That this resolution be recorded under Confidential Items and shall not be disclosed publicly.

17/26: **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

4

An extra ordinary will be arranged in June to receive the full Audit and AGAR details; this will be notified at least 3 clear days prior

Full Council
Friday 18th July 2025, at 6:30PM

5

18/26: The meeting was closed