

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held on Friday 15th March 2024 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr Curren-Bilbie, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr J Parker, Cllr E Sherman, Cllr P Slater, Cllr S Tomlinson, Cllr J Walker, Cllr S Walker, Cllr P Wardle, Kimberley Walker (Acting Clerk)

PART 1

134/2023.24: To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors:
M Barron

135/2023.24: Social Media: None present

136/2023.24: Variation of Order of Business.

137/2023.24 (i) Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr J Walker – Item 147/2023.24

Cllr Addison-Lees – Item 146/2023.24, 147/2023.24, 150/2023.4 & 151/2023.24

Cllr Slater – Item 142/2023.24

Cllr S Walker – Item 147/2023.24

Cllr McCabe – Item 150/2023.24

138/2023.24: Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received

139/2023.24: Public Speaking:

3 members of the public were present; topic on the agenda discussed was 40th Anniversary of Somercotes Parish Council.

Cllr McCabe reported on Amber Valley Borough Council matter including

Air quality checks are being carried out over the whole of Amber Valley.
Nether Farm the enforcement Officer is looking into the issues regarding the site.

140/2023.24: The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on 19th January 2024 were **APPROVED**.

141/2023.24: To determine which items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms:

“In view of the confidential nature of item to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.”

Council **RESOLVED** items 145/2023.24, 147/2023.24 and 149/2023.24 to be taken with public exclusion.

142/2023.24: To consider commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Somercotes Parish Council Inauguration. Council **RESOLVED** to hold a meeting on Friday 12th April at Somercotes Village Hall to discuss further.

143/2023.24: To consider the renewal of the annual Membership of DALC. Council **RESOLVED** approve to continue with standard membership.

144/2023.24: To consider the Woolley Moor summer floral basket quotation. Council **RESOLVED** accept the quotation of £4,750.00 plus VAT

145/2023.24: To consider a response from the Monitoring Officer (Appendix A) reference a complaint concerning Cllr J Orton. **HEARD IN EXCLUSION**

146/2023.24: To ratify the appointment of Shirley HR to investigate a staff grievance. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment at a cost of £600.00.

147/2023.24: To ratify arrangements for the assistant Clerk acting up during the Clerk's absence. **HEARD IN EXCLUSION**

148/2023.24: To receive a report from Cllr S Tomlinson (Appendix B) reference a private meeting held with Amber Valley Borough Council. Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Tomlinson be Parish Council representative on this forum. To request Amber Valley to look into matters arising from the meeting and that they are followed up at a subsequent meeting.

149/2023.24: To receive a report from Shirley HR (Appendix C) reference the outcome of a staff grievance. **HEARD IN EXCLUSION.**

150/2023.24: To consider sharing recently acquired boundaries and deeds for allotment sites. Council **RESOLVED** to share the documents with Allotment Associations.

151/2023.24: To consider commissioning a terms of reference document for the relationship between the council and allotment associations. Council RESOLVED to commission terms of reference document.

152/2023.24: Finances: Council RESOLVED to AGREE the following payments.

(a) Accounts

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| (i) Accounts for Payment between 1.12.23-01.01.24 | £55,662.54 |
| (ii) Income 1.12.23 to 01.01.24 | £8,263.55, |
| (iii) Bank Reconciliations Dec & Jan 24 | |
| (iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.01.24 | £81,499.42 |

Council **NOTED** accounts.

(b) Financial Report

The RFO's financial report was **NOTED**.

(c) To appoint internal Auditor.

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Karen Howe.

153/2023.24: Correspondence:

- a. **DALC circulars** – Council **NOTED** the circulars.

154/2023.24: Date of Next Meeting: 17th May 2024

The meeting closed at 20.15