

## **SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held on Friday 19th January 2024 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes**

**Present:** Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr E Sherman, Cllr J Walker, Cllr S Walker, Cllr S Tomlinson, Cllr P Slater, Cllr J Parker, Cllr P Wardle, Kimberley Walker (Asst Clerk/RFO)

#### **PART 1**

##### **113/2023.24: To receive apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors:

P Curren-Bilbie

M Barron

**114/2023.24: Social Media:** None present

**115/2023.24: Variation of Order of Business.** To consider Item 127/2023.24 before item 119/2023.24

##### **116/2023.24 (i) Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr Addison-Lees – Item 123/2023.24 & Item 124/2023.24

Cllr McCabe – Item 125/2023.24

Cllr Tomlinson – Item 125/2023.24

**117/2023.24: Councillors' Request for dispensation –** None received

##### **118/2023.24: Public Speaking:**

11 members of the public were present; topics on the agenda discussed were the Ladies Group and updated Public Participation Protocols.

**119/2023.24:** The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were **APPROVED**.

**120/2023.24: 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.”**

**121/2023.24: Policies:**

**Public Participation in Meetings Protocol.** Council **RESOLVED** to adopt protocol with the following amendments:

1. 30 minutes public participation be retained.
2. Clarification on disorderly behaviour to be included.
3. Members of the public are able to speak on any item on the agenda without notice to the council.
4. For any other matter, five clear days written notice should be provided to the Clerk to allow relevant items to be placed on the agenda in the public participation section.

**Safe Guarding Policy.** Council **RESOLVED** to adopt policy.

**122/2023.24: Street sweeper maintenance and parts.** Council **RESOLVED** for the clerk to investigate options for disposal.

**123/2023.24: Terms of Reference and constitution – Allotment Liaison Group**  
Council **RESOLVED** to defer.

**124/2023.24: Birchwood Lane Allotment Plots.** Council **RESOLVED** to set a rate of £0.014 per square metre to be charged to each allotment site, in addition to the annual rental increase in 2025 previously agreed.

**125/2023.24: Speeding on Birchwood Lane.** Council **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to write to the CREST Team regarding this issue and ask them to add their location for speed check sites.

**126/2023.24: S137 Request – Somercotes Rainbows**  
Council **RESOVLED** to award £200 to Somercotes Rainbows.

**127/2023.24: Ladies Group booking**

Council **RESOLVED** not to move ladies Group meeting night, to purchase new tables from the surplus S137 FY 23/24 budget, and current arrangement for room set to continue until new furniture is in place.

Further **RESOLVED** that notice be given to all groups that table and chair set up would cease once new furniture was in place, with the most common room set up being the default arrangement.

**128/2023.24: Christmas Lights tender**

Council **RESOLVED** to tender for two year contracts.

**129/2023.24: Finances:** Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the following payments.

**(a) Accounts**

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.10.23-30.11.23	£42,132.76
(ii) Income 1.10.23 to 30.11.23	£7,649.03,
(iii) Bank Reconciliations Oct & Nov 23	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 30.11.23	<b>£128,898.41</b>

Council **NOTED** accounts.

**130/2023.24: Village Hall chairs.** Council **RESOLVED** to purchase 80 new chairs from capital projects budget for 2024/25 financial year. Instructed to purchase 1 chair to sample to see if suitable for the village hall before full purchase made.

**131/2023.24: Financial Report and Precept:**

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

Precept Report 2024/25 - Council **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2024/2025 be £214,500.

**132/2023.24: Correspondence:**

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

**133/2023.24: Date of Next Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**The meeting closed at 20.00**