

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held on Friday 13th October 2023 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Barron, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr E Sherman, Cllr P Curran-Bilbie, Cllr J Walker, Cllr S Walker, Cllr S Tomlinson, Catherine Hedley (Clerk), Kimberley Walker (Asst Clerk/RFO)

PART 1

63/2023.24: Apologies for absence: Cllr Wardle, Cllr Slater, Cllr Parker

64/2023.24: Social Media:

The Council welcomes the use of social media, filming and recording at meetings, provided they do not disrupt or otherwise have an adverse effect on the meeting. Telephones and other such devices should be switched to silent mode or switched off completely.

65/2023.24: Variation of Order of Business. - None

66/2023.24: Declaration of Members Interests:

Cllr J McCabe – Agenda Items 83/2023.24 & 72/2023.24

Cllr E Sherman – Agenda Items 83/2023.24 & 72/2023.24

Cllr C Addison-Lees – Agenda Item 72/2023.24 & 88/2023.24

67/2023.24: Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received

68/2023.24: Public Speaking – No members of the public were present

Cllr McCabe reported that:

- a road sweeper on Stanley Street was now being deployed
- PSPO order to tackle anti social behaviour on the Wimsey way estates had been issued
- He had received correspondence from Cllr Judson informing him of her resignation from the parish council.

Council **RESOLVED** to send a letter of thanks to Cllr Judson for her hard work on the parish council

69/2023.24: The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on 21 July 2023 and the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 11 August 2023 were **APPROVED** with the following amendments:

Minutes - 11 August 2023: Attendance: Amend to Cllr S Walker from Cllr J Walker

Minutes - 21 July 2023: Borough Councillors report – Amend Penny Town Ponds to Penny Town Court

70/2023.24: Items 88 & 89/2023.24 - to be taken in seclusion

71/2023.24: Cllr Sherman – Cllr Sherman explained her role at AVBC and advised that as she was a member of the planning board at AVBC she could not take any part in discussions regarding planning applications as a parish councillor.

72/2023.24: Birchwood Lane Allotment Flooding Issues – Council **RESOLVED** not to pursue the flooding issues on the allotment.

73/2023.24: Consultation - Proposed Pedestrian Refuges – Council **RESOLVED** to support the proposal.

74/2023.24: DALC Training: - Council **NOTED** the training on the 24th November 2023 and were informed that questions could be asked regarding planning, code of conduct and other issues.

75/2023.24: Change of Parish Council Meeting Day – Council **RESOLVED** to reinstate Fridays as the day for parish council meetings.

76/2023.24: Councillor Code of Conduct – Council **NOTED** the extract and **RESOLVED** to accept the revised code of conduct.

77/2023.24: Christmas Carol Concert – Council **AGREED** to the proposed date of 8th December for the Christmas Concert and that 'Santa' should make an appearance.

78/2023.24: Boiler Repair – Council **NOTED** the amount of **£477.51** for the emergency repair of the boiler

79/2023.24: Correspondence from PCC regarding Village Hall – Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk prepare a report detailing proposals for the cleaning of the village hall following weekend events. Report to be available at the next meeting in November 2023.

80/2023.24: Warm Space – Council **RESOLVED** that the Warm Spaces programme be reinstated for the winter of 2023/24. If funding was not available, then related costs to be paid from the Chairmans expenses budget.

81/2023.24: 40th Anniverary of Somercotes Parish Council Inauguration. Council **RESOLVED** that the occasion would be marked in 2024. Proposals to council in New Year.

82/2023.24: Request from tenant on Drunken Close regarding payment method – Council **RESOLVED** to allow monthly payments for the Drunken Close lease from April 2024.

83/2023.24: S137 Applications – Council **RESOLVED** to fund the S137 requests as advised by the Asst Clerk/RFO.

84/2023.24: Financial Quarterly Report – Council **NOTED** the report

85/2023.24: Finances: Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

(a) Accounts

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.6.23-31.7.23	£33,752.21
(ii) Income 1.6.23 to 31.7.23	£ 5,510.62
(iii) Bank Reconciliations June & July 23	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.7.23	£91,470.15

86/2023.24: Planning:

Proposed Application – Redevelopment of existing Junior School – see supporting document – Council **NOTED** the letter.

AVA/2023/0731 – Land To The South Of B600 Lower Somercotes Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire. Council **RESOLVED** to send comments regarding the following matters:

- Reinstatement of land.
- Wildlife concerns and badger sett
- B600 – increase in traffic
- Residents inconvenience
- Wheel wash

87/2023.24: Correspondence:

- a. **DALC circulars – Previously circulated**

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

88/2023.24: How to deal with complaints concerning Allotment Associations. –
Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) to appoint an independent person to look into the complaint .
- (b) that no further contact should be made to the complainant from the Allotment Association member.
- (c) That in the event of a breach of (b) above, the complainant will take gardening leave.

89/2023.24: Occupational Health Report – Council **RESOLVED** that a further report be brought to a future meeting and that discussions with the member of staff should take place.

90/2023.24: Date of Next Meeting: Friday 17th November 2023