

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held on Friday 21st July 2023 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Barron, Cllr K Judson, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr E Sherman, Cllr J Parker, Cllr P Wardle, Cllr J Walker, Cllr S Tomlinson, Catherine Hedley (Clerk)
Members of the Public = 16

AGENDA

34/2023.24: Apologies for absence: Cllr Curran-Bilbie, Cllr P Slater, Cllr S Walker.

35/2023.24: Social Media: None present

36/2023.24: Variation of Order of Business.

37/2023.24: Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr C Addison Lees – Item 43/2023.24

Cllr J McCabe – Item 43/2023.24

38/2023.24: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received.

39/2023.24: Public Speaking - Concern was expressed by residents regarding:

- the working hours on the Stanley Street development site. Cllr McCabe informed the residents that they should contact AVBC if work was proceeding outside of agreed hours at the weekends.
- The height of the trees on Cinder Road.
- Dirt & disruption on Stanley Street due to development activity.
- An issue with a gulley on Leabrooks Road
- Speeding vehicles on Langley Ave

Cllr McCabe explained the working hours allowed on the Stanley Street development site.

Council RESOLVED:

- (a)** That the Clerk write to the PCSOs regarding the speeding vehicles

- (b) That the Clerk write to the Tree Officer at AVBC regarding the trees on Cinder Road

Borough Councillors Report: Cllr McCabe reported that a litter pick around Penny Town Court was planned for the 10 August 2023 and that a Green Flag award would be sought for the area around the Winding Wheel next year.

40/2023.24: Council **APPROVED** the minutes of the following meetings:

- Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 19th May 2023.
- Extraordinary Parish Council Meetings held on 26th May 2023 and the 11th July 2023.

41/2023.24: Council **RESOLVED** to consider Item 48/2023.24 in seclusion

42/2023.24: Review of Council Regulations, Policies and procedures:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Members Code of Conduct

Council **APPROVED** the Equal Opportunities Policy and the Data Protection Policy. The Members Code of Conduct review was deferred to the September meeting.

43/2023.24: Allotment Sub Committee

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) matters arising from the sub-committee meeting held on 16 June 2023 be deferred until the next meeting of the sub-committee.
- (b) That the title deeds for Birchwood Lane Allotments be obtained from the Land Registry by the clerk.

44/2023.24: Cinder Road Access: Cllr McCabe explained that residents should have been consulted before the access was closed due to health and safety issues. Officers from AVBC were currently looking into alternative access points.

45/2023.24: Floral Displays

Council **RESOLVED** that a competition for schools to design a display for the front flower bed of the Village Hall be held in 2024. In addition that sponsorship should be sought for 2024 display.

46/2023.24: CCTV Update

Council **RESOLVED** that a new system of CCTV at a cost of £1000 (excl VAT) be purchased.

47/2023.24 Finances: Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

(a) Accounts

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.4.23-31.5.23	£36,422.89
(ii) Income 1.4.23 to 30.4.23	£101,624.91
(iii) Bank Reconciliation 30.3.23	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 30.4.23	£138,961.69

48/2023.24: Planning:

- (a) Scope and procedures of Parish Council when responding to Planning Matters – Deferred to next meeting in September**
- (b) Stanley Street development – the Clerk advised of the proper procedure for representations concerning the development on Stanley Street.**

49/2023.24: Planning Applications: Council had no comments on applications AVA/2023/0399 & AVA/2023/0380

50/2023.24: Public Spaces Protection Order – Cockshutt Lane

Council **RESOLVED** that the clerk look into the footpath restrictions on this lane.

51/2023.24: Correspondence: Council NOTED the correspondence from DALC.

52/2023.24: Date of Next Meeting: Friday 15th September 2023

The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs