

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 17th March 2023 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Baron, Cllr P Curren-Bilbie, Cllr K Judson, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr J Parker, Cllr J Walker, Cllr S Walker, Cllr P Wardle, Kimberley Walker (Acting Clerk)

Members of the Public: 5 members of the public attended the meeting.

98/2022.23: To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors:

V Bonsal – Work commitment

S Harper (nee McCabe) – Maternity Leave

A Ryde – Family Illness

P Slater – Illness

99/2022.23: Social Media:

The Chairman read out the Councils Social Media Policy statement.

100/2022.23: Variation of Order of Business – Yes item 110/2022.23 moved to last items.

101/2022.23: (i) Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr J Walker – Item 110/2022.23 – Assistant Clerks Report

Cllr S Walker – Item 110/2022.23 – Assistant Clerks Report

Cllr J McCabe – Allotments

Cllr C Addison – Lees - Allotments

102/2022.23: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation

None Received

103/2022.23: Public speaking

Various members raised concern about the timing and communication of the allotment rent increased. Council **RESOLVED** to 1. Investigate the suggested request that the Clerk had been advised of the importance of the timing of the increase and this had not been reported to members. 2. Future rate reviews are

made in November each year. 3. Any associations caused hardship by this year's increase to have consideration given for a deferral.

PCSO Jenny Lorimer introduced herself as the supervisor for the PCSO service and asked for details of any concerns council had for the parish. Council sited the following issues as those of concern:

- Inconsiderate/illegal parking particularly opposite Windmill Rise.
- Parking on crossings.
- Dangerous Dogs.

PCSO Lorimer explained that the priorities the PCSO service had at present for the area were:

- Nuisance vehicles at the Range car park
- Drug dealing in Somercotes
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Leaflet drops on Quarry road regarding parking on chevrons

She also explained that there would be newsletters circulated every month and the website updated. She welcomed input from the Parish Council for the website. She hoped that where possible officers could attend parish council meetings but when this was not possible, updates would be provided.

Affordable housing. Council **RESOLVED** to write to Amber Valley Borough Council to clarify the policy on affordable housing and who is eligible to buy.

Recycling Non collection – Council **RESOLVED** to write to Amber valley Borough Council for clarification on dealing with this and their policy is in terms of communication. What improvements are being made for next time?

104/2022.23: To approve the Minutes of the Somercotes Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 2023.

The minutes were approved.

105/2022.23: 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** item 110/2022.23 to be taken with public exclusion.

106/2022.23: Road Sweeper Report. Council **RESOLVED** to start the report from the start if Clerks absence continues, and in all events the report be presented to the May Full Council meeting.

107/2022.23: Council **RESOLVED** to accept Woolley Moor quotation at £4750.00.

108/2022.23: Council **RESOLVED** to approve Platinum Jubilee Plaque up to a cost of £200.00, with a preference for a masonry solution.

109/2022.23: Senior Wardens Report.

Council **RESOLVED** cease cleaning the industrial estates with immediate effect and resources be deployed within residential areas.

Council **RESOLVED** to include County, Borough Council and bus stop issues reported on the report.

Council **RESOLVED** to implement timesheets for all activities and record of milometer each time used road sweeper.

Council **RESOLVED** include analysis and dual working in the forthcoming road sweeper report noted in agenda item 106/2022.23.

110/2022.23: Council **RESOLVED** to approve Acting Clerks Report for one hour's additional leave for each part or full week of acting up.

111/2022.23: Finance:

(a) Accounts

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.12.22 to 31.01.23	£44,112.55
Income 1.12.22 to 31.01.23	£9,069.76
(ii) Petty Cash Payments	£35.02
(iii) Bank Reconciliations for Dec 22 and Jan 23	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.01.23	£92,411.23

(a) Quarterly Financial Report.

(a) Council **NOTED** the accounts.

(b) The RFO's finance report was **NOTED**

(c) Council **RESOLVED** to accept Karen Howe as Internal Auditor.

112/2022.23: Planning – None

AVA/2023/0055 – 415 Somercotes Hill, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4JX. Change of use to allow a first floor bedroom to be used for beauty treatment (part of existing dwelling).

Council **RESOLVED** to make comment regarding parking provision as part of the application. Since the meeting the application has been granted.

AVA/2023/0059 – Birchwood Riding Centre, 140 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4NE. Outline planning application for residential development of up to 75 dwellings with associated, open space, drainage infrastructure and associated works (all matters reserved except access from Birchwood Lane).

Council **RESOLVED** to call a sub-committee meeting in April. Write to Amber Valley Borough Council letting them know that we will be making comments after closing date. Dedicate a newsletter to the contamination issues.

AVA/2023/0138 – 206 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4NF. Application for Lawful Development Certificate to construct single storey rear extension. Council **RESOLVED** to make comments regarding contamination.

113/2022.23: Correspondence

(a) DALC Newsletters previously circulated.

(b) Amber Valley Borough Council Response AVA/2022/1104 Council **RESOLVED** to respond with the following question.

1. How much S106 money has been secured over the last five years from development within the parish of Somercotes?
2. How much S106 monies have been spent in the parish of Somercotes over the same period?

(c) Letter Mr S Booth regarding catering trailer. Council **RESOLVED** to write a response declining the offer on the grounds of limited space, potential impact on village businesses and environmental health concerns.

Date of next meeting: Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Friday 19th May 2023.

The Meeting closed at 20:10