

**SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL**

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20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 15th July 2022 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes**

**Present:** Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr P Curran-Bilbie, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr P Wardle, Cllr J Parker, Cllr S Walker, Cllr K Judson, Cllr A Ryde, Catherine Hedley (Clerk), Kimberley Walker (Assistant Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** P Fabianski, M Fabianski, [REDACTED]

**1/2022.23: To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Slater, Cllr Barron, Cllr S Harper (nee McCabe), Cllr Bonsall

**2/2022.23: 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.

**3/2022.23: Variation of Order of Business –** To consider Item 17/2022.23 after public speaking (6/2022.23)

**4 /2022.23: (i) Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr K Judson – Item 21/2022.23 – AVA/2021/0880

**5/2022.23: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation –** None received

**6/2022.23: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)**

- (a) Representation was made by a group of young people regarding provision of facilities both generally and on Somercotes park. In particular suggestions were made for:
- CCTV coverage on park
  - Larger football pitch.
  - Separate park areas for different ages
  - Facility for shelter.

Council **RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the clerk write to DCC, Cllr Rose and Cllr Lewis regarding provision of youth facilities in Somercotes. To include Cllr McCabe and Cllr Judson in email sent.

Concern was expressed by two residents about AVBC local plan proposals. Item 17/2022.23 was then discussed.

The Clerk advised that on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July a consultation event organised by AVBC was taking place at Somercotes Village Hall

Council **RESOLVED that:**

- (a) The Clerk make enquiries to AVBC to why Birchwood Lane Allotments had been included.
- (b) Clerk to submit comments on behalf of the council on all plots in Somercotes with the exclusion of Wimsey Way. Comments to raise concerns regarding, local amenities, infrastructure, loss of riding school, contamination and traffic.

**7/2022.23:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting (amended) and the Annual Parish Village Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were **APPROVED**.

**8/2022.23: 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.”**

**9/2022.23: FOI Request** – Discussions took place about the DCC response on parking penalties. Council **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That a further FOI request be submitted requesting dates and times when parking enforcement officers were in attendance in the area both historically and in the future. Also how many times attendance was made in other parishes.
- (b) That the clerk write to the PCC requesting attendance at PC Meetings going forward

**10/2022.23: Queens Platinum Jubilee** – Council **RESOLVED** that the monies raised during the Platinum Jubilee be donated to the local girl guides, scouts and Salvation Army

**11/2022.23: Street Sweeper Housing Quotations** – Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from RSM Home & Garden of **£2875** for the creation of a shelter for the street sweeper.

**12/2022.23: Request from Church of St Thomas Somercotes.** Council **RESOLVED** to refuse the request from the Church.

**13/2022.23: Policy Revision** – Council **APPROVED** the following reviewed documents:

- (a) **Equalities Policy**
- (b) **Data Protection Policy**
- (c) **SPC Training & Development Policy**

**14/2022.23: To consider and review current lease levels for Drunken Close Stables** – Council **RESOLVED** to increase the rental costs for Drunken Close to £3120 for the year 2023.24.

**15/2022.23: Parish Council Water Bowser** – Clerk updated council on the progress. Clerk to chase with DALC.

**16/2022.23: Bus Shelter Refurbishment** – Council were updated.

**17/2022.23: Amber Valley Borough Council Local Plan** - Item was brought forward and considered after public speaking.

**18/2022.23: Footpath 16 diversion consultation** – Council **AGREED** that the diversion was too long and questioned why a direct route could not be installed. **RESOLVED** that these queries would be forwarded to AVBC as comments.

**19/2022.23: To consider applications for S137 Awards** – Council **RESOLVED** to award the following grants:

- Bridle Lane Allotments: - £50**
- Oscari Food Bank: - £500**
- Somercotes Community Singers: - £200**

**20/2022.23: Finance:**

**(a) Accounts**

- (i) Accounts for Payment between 1.04.22 to 31.5.22      £ 43,442.72
- Income 1.04.22 to 31.5.22      £ 96,217.43
- (ii) Petty Cash Payments      £ 30
- (iii) Bank Reconciliations for April 22 and May 22
- (iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.5.22      **£128,895.46**

**(b) Bank Signatory Revision Document** – Document for approval and signature

**(c) Proposal for Contactless Payment System** – See supporting document.

Council:

- (a) **NOTED** the accounts
  - (b) **Witnessed** the bank signatory signature for Cllr Addison-Lees
  - (c) **Agreed** the purchase and introduction of a contactless payment system
- (Sum Up)

## **21/2022.23: Planning**

**AVA/2021/0880 – Rugby Club** – Clerk stated that the comments from S Fryer had been forwarded and I Green (Nelsons) solicitors draft response to planning application was expected. Clerk also advised that the agreed budget for responses to this application was almost depleted. Council **NOTED** the update.

**AVA/2022/0570 - 8 Lower Birchwood Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 4NG -** Council **RESOLVED** that the clerk submitted comments to AVBC objecting to the application on the grounds of contamination.

## **22/2022.23: Correspondence**

(a) **DALC Newsletters** – Council acknowledged the newsletters.

**PART 2 - Confidential Items - None**

**23/2022.23: Date of next meeting:** Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Meeting closed at 20.40**