

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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21 March 2022

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 18th March 2022 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present:

Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr P Wardle, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr S McCabe, Cllr K Judson, Cllr S Walker, Cllr P Slater, Cllr Ryde, Catherine Hedley (Clerk), Kimberley Walker (Asst Clerk/RFO)
Cllr P Rose (DCC), Gene Towndrow (MOP)

19/2022: Apologies for absence: Cllr Bonsall, Cllr Smith, Cllr Curran-Bilbie, Cllr Barron, Cllr Slater

20/2022: Variation of Order of Business – To consider Item 47(b) before Item 27/2022

21/2022: Declaration of Members Interests:

Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr S McCabe, Cllr J McCabe – Item 41/2022
Cllr K Judson – Item 34/2022

22/2022: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received

23/2022: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

(a) Gene Towndrow introduced himself as a member of Amber Valley Volunteers. He thanked the Council for their efforts in the Ukraine appeal and requested further assistance.

Council **AGREED** to investigate appropriate routes for assistance.

(b) Cllr Rose (DCC) circulated a briefing note regarding available funding for community youth projects,

Council **NOTED** the information

(c) Council discussed parking and anti social issues in the parish.

Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the police regarding the matter and invite the Police Commissioner to a future meeting

24/2022: The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 21 January 2022 were **APPROVED**.

25/2022: In view of the confidential nature of items 50/2022 and 51/2022 the Council **RESOLVED** 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 items.

26/2022: Highways Response – Bridge over A38 – Council **NOTED** the response

27/2022: Government Response – Vote of no Confidence/ Rugby Club – Council **NOTED** the response

28/2022: Slip Road – A38 – Response from Highways England – Council **NOTED** the response

29/2022: NHS Bench – Council **RESOLVED** to purchase one bench and site on Somercotes park

30/2022: Queens Platinum Jubilee Group Minutes – Council **NOTED** the minutes. Cllr McCabe confirmed that £300 would be donated from the Chairman's allowance if necessary

31/2022: Rugby Club & NHP Sub Committee – **NOTED**

32/2022: Street Sweeper – Council discussed the purchase of the street sweeper and associated costs. Decision deferred to allow Clerk to investigate Standing Orders.

33/2022: The Range Car Park – Response from CREST and AVBC – Council **NOTED** the response.

34/2022: Christmas Lights Contract Tender/Extension – **Deferred.** Clerk to obtain more information on contract prices for possible extension.

35/2022: Policy Adoption:

- (a) **Social Media Policy**
- (b) **SPC Risk Register**

Council **APPROVED** the above policies.

36/2022: Meeting Dates 2022/23 – Council **APPROVED** the dates.

37/2022: Village Hall Rates Review – Council **APPROVED** the revised rates to be implemented from 1 May 2022.

38/2022: Allotment Rates Review – **Deferred** – Clerk to obtain further information regarding number and size of plots.

39/2022: Request from occupants of Drunken Close to pay by DD – Council decided to **REFUSE** the request.

40/2022: Parish Council Water Bowser – Council **DIRECTED** the Clerk to advertise the water bowser for sale.

41/2022: Bus Shelter Refurbishment – Clerk to investigate feasibility of wardens painting the bus shelters

42/2022: Provision of S137 Awards – Council **RESOLVED** that the S137 awards would be available for 2022/23 but no advertising would take place.

43/2022: Youth Provision – Somercotes – Council **NOTED** the update from the Clerk concerning DCC provisional proposals.

44/2022: Finance: Council **APPROVED** the following payments

(a) Accounts

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.12.21 to 31.1.22	£ 46,514.13
Income 1.12.21 to 31.1.22	£ 10,155.32
Interest	£ 0
(ii) Petty Cash Payments	£ 100
(iii) Bank Reconciliations for December 21 and January 22	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.1.22	£97,554.16

(b) Reserves Confirmation: Council **CONFIRMED** the Reserves amount for 2022/23 as £42K

45/2022 – Planning

Applications

AVA/2022/0053: Council **NOTED** the application

Consultations

AVA/2021/0880: Clerk to write to Scientific Officer at AVBC and request meeting to discuss technical aspects of the application. Stephen Fryer (consultant) to be invited to attend.

77/2022: Correspondence – Council **NOTED** the DALC Newsletters of February and March 2022

PART 2 - Confidential Items

46/2022: LGPS - Employers Discretion Policy – Council **APPROVED** the LGPS Employers Discretion Policy.

47/2022: Pay Award – Council **NOTED** the LGPS pay award of 1.75%.

48/2022: Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting following the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 20th May 2022.