

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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To: The Chairman and Members of Somercotes Parish Council

Dear Councillor

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 21st January 2022 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present:

Cllr P Smith, Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Barron, Cllr P Wardle, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr J Parker, Cllr S Walker, Cllr P Slater, Cllr Ryde, Catherine Hedley (Clerk), Kimberley Walker (Asst Clerk/RFO)

1/2022: Apologies for absence: Cllr Curran-Bilbie, Cllr Bonsall, Cllr S McCabe, Cllr K Judson, Cllr Rose(DCC).

2/2022: Variation of Order of Business – To consider Late Items:

- (a) Response from Government regarding Planning Application AVA/2021/0880 and
- (b) Response from Julian Townsend regarding planning enquiries under Agenda Item 18/2022 (Correspondence)
- (c) To consider Item 16/2022 under Item 5/2022 as resident concerned was present and wished to speak about the issue.

3/2022: Declaration of Members Interests - None.

4/2022: Request for Dispensation The request received from Cllr P Curran-Bilbie for dispensation to attend Council meetings for a further 6 months was **AGREED** by Council.

5/2022: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

(a) Mr Bentley reported an incident involving a near miss on the Range car park and requested the Council's assistance in obtaining speeding avoidance measures on the site.

Council RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk write to the Safety Officer at AVBC and to Derbyshire County Council to explore the options for preventing future incidents
- (ii) That the Clerk contact CREST with regard to the above and general speeding on Nottingham Road/Somercotes Hill.

(b) Ms Bamforth requested assistance in obtaining planning permission for her drive.

Council **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the Clerk raise the matter with AVBC regarding inconsistencies with planning permissions and also request comments from Derbyshire County Council.
- (ii) That the Clerk contact Cllr Rose (DCC) to enquire whether residents had been consulted regarding possible parking permits in the area.

Borough Councillor Report.

Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Cllr Rose requesting what youth provision was available in Somercotes.

6/2022: The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19 November 2021 were **AGREED** with the following amendment:

Cllr Walker requested that it be recorded that he wished for his details to be redacted from the Register of Interests

7/2022: Wardens Update – The Senior Warden introduced himself and gave a brief overview of work to date.

Council **RESOLVED** that contact be made with Future Housing regarding outstanding matters on the Spires estate

8/2022: Barrier on Nix's Hill – Council **RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the Clerk write to DCC regarding provision of a barrier for the bridge over the A38
- (b) That the Clerk write to the Highways Agency England regarding the height of the bridge and barrier recommendations
- (c) That the Clerk source a plaque offering information about the Samaritans with a view to it being placed on the bridge subject to appropriate permissions.

9/2022: Slip Road – A38 Somercotes to Ripley – Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Highways department at DCC requesting that measures be taken to ease the problems with vehicular access.

10/2022: NHS Bench – Council **RESOLVED** that a quote for the purchase of 2 benches should be sought.

11/2022: Queens Platinum Jubilee Arrangements – Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact local organisations and agencies with a view to forming a Planning group for the Jubilee arrangements.

12/2022: Precept 2022/23

Council **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the precept be increased by **5.5% to £167,699 for 2022/2023**
- (b) That the **Reserves Policy** be **ADOPTED** with the following amendments:

- (i) Reserves set to **£44K for 2022/2023** with a commitment to increase incrementally to recommended figure in future years.

(c) RFO Financial Report – Council **NOTED** the report

The Assistant Clerk/RFO wished it to be noted that the precept option chosen was not their recommended option.

13/2022: The Range Car Park – Considered at Item 5(a)/2022

14/2022: Finance: Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

(a) Accounts

- (i) Accounts for Payment between 1.10.21 to 30.11.21 £ 25,224.14
- Income 1.10.21 to 31.11.21 £ 11,982.58
- Interest £ 0
- (ii) Petty Cash Payments £ 0
- (iii) Bank Reconciliations for October 21 and November 21
- (iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 30.11.21 **£133,912.97**

15/2022 – Planning Applications - Council NOTED the applications

16/2022: Correspondence - Late Items

- (a) Response from Julian Townsend re planning enquiries. The Council **NOTED** the response,
- (b) Response from Government regarding Vote of No Confidence. Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk replied requesting that application AVA/2021/0880 be referred to the Secretary of State for determination

Correspondence:

- (a) **Amber Valley Borough Plan** – Council **NOTED** the correspondence
- (b) **DALC Newsletters** – Council **NOTED** the newsletters.

PART 2 - Confidential Items - None

17/2022: Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting Friday 18th March 2022.

The meeting ended at 20.40