

**Somercotes Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting on Friday 16
January 2026**

Minutes

**Present: Cllr J Parker
Cllr E Sherman
Cllr C Addison-Lees
Cllr P Wardle
Cllr P Slater
Cllr K Judson
Cllr M Barron**

91/25: Apologies for absence – Cllr Kerry AVBC. Cllr Bent (DCC)

92/25: Social Media: The clerk advised that the meeting was being recorded to assist with the formation of minutes.

93/25: Declaration of Members Interests - None

94/25: Variation in Order of Business - None

95/25: Items to be taken in seclusion - None

96/25: Councillor Request for dispensation – None received

97/25: Public Speaking – (30 minutes)

T Wilson informed council about the veteran group he had formed. He was now on the constitution of DCC and would soon be operating in Somercotes on Wednesday afternoons in the village rooms. Five groups already running and the one in Somercotes would be the sixth.

A member of the public described the issues arising from the rebuild of the school. Problems with parking, debris falling from lorries etc. Cllr Sherman agreed to pursue with the enforcement team at AVBC. Cllr Parker informed the meeting that the contractors would attend the parish rooms the following week to meet residents and listen to their concerns.

98/25: Cooption of councillors – Two candidates stated why they wished to join the council but as the third candidate had been unable to attend council decided to defer the decision until that candidate could present her position in a later meeting.

99/25: R Howard from Overwatch Community Response explained what the group could help with. They aimed to make communities safer by reassuring and advising people, encouraging open communication and addressing anti social issues within communities.

100/25: Council APPROVED the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on 21st November 2025.

101/25: Council APPROVED the following S137 grant applications:
Overwatch Community Group - £1000
Ladies Group - £150
Somercotes Community Singers – deferred to obtain further information
Derbyshire Badger Group - £500
Armed Forces Veterans Group - £600

102/25: Council APPROVED the purchase of a rugged tablet to facilitate real time fault reporting for the wardens.

103/25: Allotments – Council AGREED:

- (a) In principle to pursue the agreement with the Bridle Lane Allotment Association based on the supporting document provided.**
- (b) To refund monies received from ploholders in anticipation of the council managing the site in 2025/26 as this had not materialised.**

104/25: To consider quotes for parish hall cleaning.
Council RESOLVED to defer to a future meeting to identify if there was any local interest in the work.

105/25: Premier Electric Theatre and St Georges Day events
Council RESOLVED to fund the St Georges Day events with a maximum budget spend of £5000 and to form an Events sub-committee. Members of the sub-committee to be determined at next available meeting.

NB: 8.30pm - Council SUSPENDED Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue.

106/25: Donation from Cllr S Bent of £720 has been donated to purchase tickets for the events which will then be donated to local groups and the methodist church. Council ACCEPTED the grant and formally thanked Cllr Bent.

107/25: DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) Checks for Councillors
Council RESOLVED that further enquiries be made on what DBS involved.

108/25: Parish Council Finances – To consider the following: - See supporting documents.

**(a) Income and Expenditure 1 December 2025 to 31 December 2025
Council NOTED the above**

**(b) Bank Reconciliation April 2025 to December 2025
Council NOTED the above**

**(c) Budget and Precept Setting 2026/27
Council RESOLVED to convene an Extraordinary meeting to consider the precept amount request for 2026/27.**

109/25: Planning

AVA/2025/0702 - Change of use of retail premises and 3 bedroom flat to 7 bedroom (Sui Generis) HMO Location 142 Somercotes Hill Somercotes Alfreton Applicant Dr Mark - Letter informing of consideration by planning board – Previously circulated.

Cllr Sherman advised that she would be speaking against the application after consulting with parishioners and advised councillors to provide their objections

110/25: Correspondence

**DALC January Newsletter – Previously circulated
To consider the letter received from Phoenix Bowls Club – See supporting document**

Council NOTED the DALC newsletter and RESOLVED to write to AVBC about the issues raised and alert the Overwatch Community Group to the anti social issues occurring at the bowls club.

111/25: Date of next ordinary meeting: 20th March 2026.

The meeting closed at: 9.10pm