

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 25th November 2022 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr M Barron, Cllr P Wardle, Cllr P Curran-Bilbie, Cllr J Parker, Cllr K Judson, Cllr A Ryde, Catherine Hedley (Clerk), Kimberley Walker (Assistant Clerk)
Cllr J Walker joined the meeting following Agenda Item 61/2022.23

Members of Public: Paul Smith, Susan Smith

53/2022.23: Apologies for absence:

Cllr V Bonsall
Cllr P Slater
Cllr S Walker
Cllr S Harper
Cllr Rose (DCC)

54/2022.23: Social Media:

55/2022.23: Variation of Order of Business.

56 /2022.23: Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr John McCabe – Agenda Item 73/2022.23 – Planning
Cllr Kellie Judson – Agenda Item 73/2022.34 – Planning
Cllr Addison-Lees – Agenda Items 66/2022.23 & 74/2022.23 – Allotments

57/2022.23: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation – None Received

58/2022.23: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

Mr Paul Smith (MOP) stated that he had received a parking fine from the Range Car Park as the cameras had registered that he had been parked there for over 7 hours. He stated that he had visited the car park twice that day and that the camera had missed this and recorded the visits as one.

Susan Smith (MOP) explained that a gully that had been installed by DCC on Leabrooks Road to remove surface water from outside her house had made matters worse.

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) The Clerk contact AVBC Community Safety and the car park enforcement company to explain that complaints had been made and request that they look into whether the cameras are sited properly.
- (b) That information is sought on the contact details for complaints
- (c) That the Clerk contact Ms Smith following the meeting to obtain further information and forward a complaint to DCC

59/2022.23: The Minutes of the Somercotes Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd September 2022 were considered. It was pointed out that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on the 3rd November 2022 were missing from the agenda pack.

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September and to consider the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on the 3 November at the next Parish Council meeting in January.

60/2022.23: Confidential Items – “In view of the confidential nature of Item 75/2022/23, 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 item.”

61/2022.23: Councillor Co-option. The Council **APPROVED** Mr John Walker’s application to become a councillor for Somercotes Parish.

62/2022.23: Council **RESOLVED** to sign up to the **Civility & Respect Pledge**

63/2022.23: Council **APPROVED** the following policy:

Employees Social Media Policy

64/2022.23: Market Place Car Park – The pothole on the market place car park had been repaired.

65/2022.23: Council **APPROVED** the following revised policies:

**Complaints Policy & Procedure (Amended)
S137 Policy and Application Form**

66/2022.23: Allotments

Cllr Addison-Lees requested that the matters raised from the last allotment meetings be annulled as they were irregularities in the way the meetings were held.

Council **RESOLVED** not to support the annulment of the minutes.

67/2022.23: Drunken Close – Council **NOTED** the notice from the current tenant.

68/2022.23: Christmas Concert – Council RESOLVED to provide a ‘Santa’ for the Christmas Carol Concert event

69/2022.23: To consider applications for S137 Awards

Council **APPROVED** the following S137 grants

- 1ST Somercotes Rainbows – Subscription fees £600
- 1st Somercotes Guides – Camping Equipment £300
- 1st Somercotes Rangers – Adventure Activities £300
- 1st Somercotes Brownies – Transport £500
- Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre - £2000

70/2022.23: Warm Spaces Grant

Council **APPROVED** the use of the Village Hall as a Warm Spaces area on Fridays from 6 January 2023 – 31 March 2023 between the hours of 10am-4pm, subject to the award of a grant application from DCC.

71/2022.23: Street Sweeper – Cllr Addison-Lees

The Council **RESOLVED** that a report regarding the street sweeper capabilities be presented to a future meeting.

72/2022.23: Finance: Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

(a) Accounts

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| (i) Accounts for Payment between 1.08.22-30.09.22 | £49,666.57 |
| Income 1.08.22 to 30.9.22 | £88,812.59 |
| (ii) Petty Cash Payments | £11.40 |
| (iii) Bank Rec & Statements for August 22 and Sep 22 | |
| (iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 30.9.22 | £149,291.71 |

Council **NOTED** the following

- (b)** Financial Report
- (c)** Budget Considerations 2023/24
- (d)** Local Government Association Pay Award 2022/23.

73/2022.23: Planning – Council RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders in order to consider the following matter:

(a) Rugby Club Application Decision AVA/2021/0880

Council **RESOLVED** to:

- (a) progress the SPC complaint to stage two and ask S Fryer to participate in composing follow up letter.
- (b) To form working group to pursue
- (c) Working group members: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr J Parker, Cllr J McCabe, Cllr K Judson

Cllr McCabe ADJOURNED THE MEETING DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm

74/2022.23: Correspondence – Not discussed.

75/2022.23: PART 2- Confidential Items – Allotments – Not discussed.

76/2022.23: Date of next meeting: Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Friday 20th January 2023.

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