

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 23rd September 2022 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr P Wardle, Cllr J Parker, Cllr Slater, Cllr S Walker, Kimberley Walker (Assistant Clerk)

Members of the Public: 24 members of the public attended the meeting.

24/2022.23: To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors:

M Barron - Illness

S Harper (nee McCabe) – Maternity Leave

A Ryde - Holiday

P Curran-Bilbie - Holiday

25/2022.23: Social Media:

The Chairman read out the Councils Social Media Policy statement.

26/2022.23: Variation of Order of Business – Council **APPROVED to move the item number 39/2022.23 to the first item on the agenda.**

27/2022.23: (i) Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr J McCabe – Item 37/2022.23 – Allotments

Cllr C Addison-Lees – Item 37/2022.23 – Allotments

28/2022.23: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation

None Received

29/2022.23: Public speaking

Various members of the public raised their concerns in relation to traffic issues such as parking and level of vehicles moving on Birchwood Road.

30/2022.23: To approve the Minutes of the Somercotes Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2022.

The minutes were approved.

31/2022.23: **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.”

There was none

32/2022.23: **FOI Request** – Response from DCC regarding FOI request for number of parking penalties issued in Somercotes.

Council **RESOLVED** to write to AVBC and DCC the amount of offences in this village a week and the warden only spending 25 minutes here each week is insufficient. Need to reassess the resource allocation to reflect to continuous complaint the Parish Council receives on a weekly basis.

33/2022.23: **Councillors’ access to minutes of previous meetings** – Cllr Addison-Lees.

Councillor Addison-Lees advised the council meeting that the issue had been **RESOLVED** with Cllr Curran-Bilbie.

34/2022.23: **To approve the following**

Member Officer Protocol Policy

Council Approved Policy

35/2022.23: **St Thomas Church & Cleaning arrangements** – Clerk to advise.

Council **RESLOVED** to monitor the situation and to put a protocol in place for bar employees to clean up.

36/2022.23: : **Policy Revision** – To approve the following reviewed documents:

- (a) Complaints Policy & Procedure**
- (b) Financial Risk Assessment**
- (c) Code of Conduct**

(a) The council **RESOLVED** for further review of document in relation to time frames in dealing with complaints and return to next meeting.

(b) The council **APPROVED** policy

(c) The council **APPROVED** policy

37/2022.23: **Allotments** – As Cllr Addison Lees and Cllr McCabe were required to leave the meeting, Cllr Walker was elected Chair for this item. The Assistant Clerk advised that two thirds of the members were not present so the council was not quorate. Item referred to next meeting.

38/2022.23: **Parish Council Water Bowser** – Clerk update
Council informed water bowser was sold for £150.00.

39/2022.23: **Local Plan – Cllr McCabe** – written report to be circulated at meeting.
Council **RESOLVED** to write to AVBC and local MP in relation to LS01 (former landfill location) asking them if anything goes wrong with the development of this area, who is responsible for it.

Council **RESOLVED** to write to MP to organise a meeting at the village hall in respect of the above issue.

The public was advised to email any additional comments to the Parish Council so they can be added to the draft comments document for AVBC.

40/2022.23: **Christmas Lights & Concert** – To consider arrangements for Christmas events

The Christmas Lights switch on and Christmas Carol Service dates were **AGREED** as 24th November 2022 and 09th December 2022 respectively.

41/2022.23: **To consider applications for S137 Awards** – See supporting document.

The Council **RESOLVED** to award the following grants:

Beavers & Cubs - £500.00

Somercotes Cinerooms - £150.00

42/2022.23: **Relief Bar Staff** – Permission is sought to seek relief bar staff. See supporting document (advert)

Council **RESOLVED** to have current relief staff as first option and to place advert for further member of staff.

43/2022.23: **Road Closures – Cllr McCabe**

Council **RESOLVED** to write to Derbyshire County Council to ask if they have a procedure in relation to shutting off road and blocking bus routes. Pye Bridge and Lower Somercotes were communities are effectively cut off.

44/2022.23: **Finance:**

(a) Accounts

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.06.22 to 31.07.22	£28,629.72
Income 1.06.22 to 31.7.22	£ 9,887.94
(ii) Petty Cash Payments	£0
(iii) Bank Reconciliations for June 22 and July 22	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.7.22	£110,145.69

(b) Quarterly Financial Report – see supporting document.

(a) Council **NOTED** the accounts.

(b) The RFO's finance report was **NOTED**

45/2022.23: Planning – None

46/2022.23: Correspondence – East Midlands Devolution Deal Link & Prospectus

Council **RESOLVED** to write to the relevant person asking how much of the £1.14 billion funds will be earmarked for Somercotes.

PART 2 - Confidential Items - None

47/2022.23: Date of next meeting: Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Friday 18th November 2022.

The Meeting closed at 19:50

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