

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council
Held at 6.30pm on Friday 20th March 2026
in the Parish Hall, Somercotes.

PRESENT:

Chairman; J Parker

Councillors; C Addison-Lees, M Barron, E Sherman, P Slater, K Judson, P Wardle, S Marshall, S Harper

ORDER OF BUSINESS

140/25: Apologies for absence

There were none

141/25: Social Media

That a recording was made for the purpose of minute taking only

142/25: Declaration of Members Interests

There were no updates recorded

143/25: Variation in Order of Business

There were none

144/25: Items to be taken in seclusion

That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, such that it would be prejudicial to the Public Interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the meeting resolves that the public and press will be temporarily excluded for Items:

147/25: To consider the quote received for painting the Hall and ratify the work completed so far – See supporting document

148/25: To approve the spend contained in the Events Committee Minutes and to receive a report on the planned events

145/25: Public Speaking – (30 minutes)

- (a) Members heard an update from DCC Cllr S Bent
- (b) A Police Liaison Officer was in attendance

146/25: To approve the minutes of the

The minutes of the following meetings were APPROVED

- (a) Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting on the 16th January 2026
- (b) Ordinary Parish Council meeting on the 23rd January 2026
- (c) Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on the 30th January 2026
- (d) Events Committee meeting on 10th February 2026

(e) Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on the 6th March 2026

147/25: To consider the quote received for painting the Hall and ratify the work completed so far – See supporting document

RESOLVED

- i. That the work completed is ratified for £200.00 by Broom Room Ltd from the Village Hall budget
- ii. That quotes are sought for the painting of the interior, delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair up to £3,000.00

148/25: To approve the spend contained in the Events Committee Minutes and to receive a report on the planned events

RESOLVED

- i. That the costs incurred so far of £4690.00 as per the Events Minutes 10th February 2026 are **APPROVED**.
- ii. That the following are **APPROVED**
 - a. an event on 25th July 2026 at a cost of £562.50, plus deposit
 - b. £150.00 DJ Services 23/04/26
 - c. £150.00 DJ Services 24/04/26
- iii. That the receipt for £750.00 for theatre curtains is paid from the Chairman's Allowance and events budget
- iv. That the remaining events balance and further planned events for SPC were noted

149/25: To consider and approve the IT Policy

RESOLVED

- i. That the IT Policy is adopted and **APPROVED**

150/25: To approve the appointment of East Midlands Audit Services (EMAS) as internal auditor for financial year 2025/26 at a cost of £240

RESOLVED

- i. That EMAS is appointed as internal auditor for 2025/26

151/25: Great Grid Update – Stage 2 Consultation (3 March – 23 April)

That the details are noted

152/25: To consider and approve the level of contribution to P.O.S.T for the catering involved in the Christmas Concert event.

RESOLVED

- i. That a payment of £350.00 is **APPROVED**

153/25: Parish Council Finances – To consider and approve the following: - See supporting documents.

The Accounts were **APPROVED as follows**

- (a) Income and Expenditure 1st January 2026 to 31st January 2026
- (b) Income and Expenditure 1st February 2026 to 28th February 2026
- (c) Bank Reconciliation January 2026
- (d) Bank Reconciliation February 2026

154/25: Planning

There were none

155/ 25: Correspondence

There were none

Part 2

The following items were heard at this point;

Items 147/25: To consider the quote received for painting the Hall and ratify the work completed so far – See supporting document

148/25: To approve the spend contained in the Events Committee Minutes and to receive a report on the planned events

156/25: Date of next meeting: Annual Meeting of Full Council

15th May 2026.

Items for the agenda to be with the clerk no later than seven days before.