

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 19th July 2019 in the Village hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr P Smith Cllr B Lyttle, Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Barron, Cllr P Wardle, Cllr V Bonsall, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr S McCabe, Cllr J Parker, Cllr P Slater, Cllr S Walker, Cllr K Judson

50/2019: Apologies for absence: Cllr P Curran-Bilbie

51/2019: No Social Media were present.

52/2019: Councillor Co-option

Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the Co-option subcommittee and welcomed Cllr Judson, Cllr Addison Lees, Cllr Parker and Cllr Wardle to the Parish Council.

53/2019: Variation of Order of Business. - None

54/2019: (i) Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Lyttle – Item 69/2019 – (Planning) (Personal)

Cllr Judson – Item 61/2019 – (S137 Grants) (Pecuniary)

(ii) **Register of Members Interest:** - The Clerk handed out new Register of Interest forms as requested by AVBC.

55/2019: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received

56/2019: Public Speaking

(a) None from Members of the Public.

(b) Councillor Smith (DCC) described a recent incident near Somercotes recreation ground which resulted in serious injuries. Public consultation was underway on proposed parking restrictions in the area. The caretaking and ground maintenance functions were being outsourced by DCC as no longer considered a core function.

Cllr J McCabe & Cllr Lyttle (AVBC). Advised to send complaints regarding Nether Farm development to AVBC. The Pedestrian bridge and benches at Pennytown Ponds were to be installed before the next meeting. Green Flag Award had been awarded. A clean up event in the village was taking place on the 25th July and Councillors were invited. Community Fund was now available at £1000 per Councillor.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk send a formal letter to Derbyshire Police requesting that increased resources including night patrols be deployed immediately into the recreation area and asking for information on the monitoring/patrolling arrangements already in place

57/2019: The Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** and the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** held on 17 May 2019 were **APPROVED**.

58/2019: No confidential items appeared on the Agenda.

59/2019: Review of Council Regulations, Policies and Procedures: The Council APPROVED the following:

Equal Opportunities Policy
Data Protection Policy
Reserves Policy
Asset Register
Members Code of Conduct
Risk Assessments

60/2019: Street Lights – The Council **RESOLVED** to accept responsibility for the maintenance of Street Lights as outlined in the email from AVBC.

61/2019: S137 Grants – The Assistant Clerk/RFO presented urgent items to Council relating to (1) Birchwood Allotments and water leaks. (2) The repair of fencing on Drunken Close.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree

- (a) The **RECOMMENDATIONS** by the Assistant Clerk/RFO on S137 allocations and the **TRANSFER** of £654 from the S137 budget to the Allotment budget.
- (b) To accept the quotation of £1960 ex VAT for the repair of the fence.
- (c) That the Council consider a budget for waterways work for the next financial year.
- (d) That the rental for Drunken Close increase when the current tenants leave.

62/2019: Litter Bins – The Council **AGREED** to Cllr McCabe researching the cost of purchasing and installing new litter bins in partnership with AVBC.

63/2019: Planning Issues – AVBC Letter.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk send a response expressing dissatisfaction at the letters contents and raising recent investigation findings.

64/2019: Football Pitch – Somercotes

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk investigate the feasibility and implications of maintaining the football pitch.

65/2019: Road Sweeper

The Council **AGREED** for Cllr McCabe to investigate the purchase of the road sweeper from Alfreton Town Council

66/2019: Proposed Public Spaces Protection (Control of Dogs) Order Consultation

The Council **NOTED** the Order.

67/2019: Somercotes Market Place Car Park

The Council **NOTED** the concerns expressed by Cllr McCabe regarding improper parking on Somercotes Car Park.

68/2019: Finance:

(a) Accounts

(i) Accounts for Payment between 28.3.19 to 31.5.19	£ 30,390.65
Income 28.3.19 to 31.5.19	£ 85,784.46
Interest	£ 1.96
(ii) Petty Cash Payments 28.3.19 to 31.5.19	£ 61.81
(iii) Bank Reconciliations for April 19 and May 19	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.05.19	£ 159,297.62

69/APCM/2019: To consider Planning Applications & Consultations: 9/5/19 to

(a) **AVA/2019/0634** – Nether Farm Off Birchwood Lane.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should submit objections based on previous comments and query why the application had been re-submitted.

(b) **AVA2019/0466** - Black Horse Inn Lower Somercotes.

The Council had no comments or objections to this application

70/2019: Correspondence

(a) **DALC Circulars 08 and 09.**

Council **NOTED** the Circulars

(b) **Amber Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Council **RESOLVED** to allow the Safer Neighbourhood Team to use the Wardens Hut as a rest area.

71/20192019: Date of Next Meeting: Friday 20th September 2019 starting at 6.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.15pm