

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ExtraOrdinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 14th April 2023 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Baron, Cllr P Curran-Bilbie, Cllr K Judson, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr J Parker, Cllr P Slater, Cllr J Walker, Cllr P Wardle, Catherine Hedley (Clerk) Kimberley Walker (Asst Clerk/RFO)

Members of the Public: 5 members of the public attended the meeting.

01/2023.24: To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors:

V Bonsall – Work commitment

S Harper (nee McCabe) – Maternity Leave

S Walker – Work commitment

Apologies not received:

A Ryde

02/2023.24: (i) Declaration of Members Interests:

Cllr P Curran-Bilbie – Item 5/2023.24

03/2023.24: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received.

04/2023.24: Public Speaking – (30 minutes)

The attendant members of the public expressed their objections to the planning application AVA/2023/0059 (Birchwood Riding School). Their objections included:

- The area was overdeveloped – 800 houses were already planned.
- The loss of green space.
- Inadequate infrastructure for the proposal (schools, doctors, roads etc)
- Concerns regarding air pollution
- Council were informed that a local resident had experienced ill health which could be linked to the effects of pollution.
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Council considered the matters raised and RESOLVED:

- a. To include the objections raised in the councils response
- b. To write to the resident with health problems and seek permission to obtain a copy of the hospital discharge notice.

05/2023.24: Council response to AVA/2023/0059 – Birchwood Riding Centre

Council considered the application and **RESOLVED** to submit a consultation response containing the matters raised by residents at Item 04/2023.24 above in addition to the following concerns:

- Whether S106 funding would be spent in Somercotes
- That the proposed access and egress from the highway to the site were unsuitable as it was a minor road with speed and weight restrictions.
- That the number of houses planned were too many for the site area.
- The development further decimated the flora and fauna in the area including protected species of badgers and bats.
- Loss of local leisure facilities.
- Close proximity to historical waste sites
- Proven leachate from those sites.
- The area has the sixth worst air quality in Derbyshire according to research commissioned by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities. Additional traffic can only increase this pollution.
- The possible link between pollution and ill health as identified in the public speaking comments.

Date of next meeting: Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Friday 19th May 2023.

The Meeting closed at 19.30