

## **SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held on Friday 17th November 2023 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes**

**Present:** Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Barron, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr E Sherman, Cllr P Curran-Bilbie, Cllr J Walker, Cllr S Walker, Cllr S Tomlinson, Cllr P Slater, Cllr J Parker, Cllr P Wardle, Catherine Hedley (Clerk), Kimberley Walker (Asst Clerk/RFO)

#### **PART 1**

**91/2023.24: Apologies for absence: None**

**92/2023.24: Social Media: None present**

**93/2023.24: Variation of Order of Business. – To consider Item 99/2023.24 before item 96/2023.24**

#### **94/2023.24 (i) Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr McCabe – Item 102/2023.24

Cllr Addison-Lees – Item 102/2023.24 & Item 103/2023.24

Cllr S Walker – Item 104/2023.24

**95/2023.24: Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received**

#### **96/2023.24: Public Speaking:**

(a) Representation was made by allotment holders regarding the redesignation of the allotment sub-committee and increases to lease costs.

Members of the community expressed their dissatisfaction regarding planning activities in the parish. Cllr Sherman explained that as this was a parish council meeting it was not the appropriate venue for discussions regarding planning objections. The parish council had already forwarded objections to AVBC and residents should direct further objections to them.

Cllr Tomlinson stated that the public wished the council to send a letter to AVBC advising of the dissatisfaction with the planning board chairman at the recent meeting, as he had behaved inappropriately. Also wished to forward letter complaining about the chairman.

(b) Cllr McCabe advised that the Cinder Road footpath will be opened at the beginning of December.

Council **RESOLVED** that a report with recommendations for a public participation protocol be presented to the next parish council meeting.

**97/2023.24:** The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on 13 October 2023 were **APPROVED**.

**98/2023.24:** The Council **RESOLVED** to consider Item 111/2023.24 in seclusion.

**99/2023.24: Alix Needham - Derbyshire Immediate Justice Scheme**

The representative from Remedi informed the meeting that DCC have been given a pot of money to tackle anti social behaviour. Any hotspots the council can identify to be forwarded to Alix to determine whether they can work with the people involved in an ASB role.

**100/2023.24: Warm Spaces Arrangements** – Warm Spaces scheme now taking place on Mondays and Fridays until the end of March 2024.

**101/2023.24: Street Sweeper maintenance & parts** – To be considered at the next parish council meeting.

**102/2023.24: Charges 2024/25 – Council RESOLVED to:**

- i. To approve the Village Hall charges for 2024.25
- ii. To approve the charges for Drunken Close for 2024.25
- iii. To approve an increase of 3% per annum on allotment lease charges. To take effect from 2025.26
- iv. To bring a further report to the next meeting regarding charges for Birchwood Lane and plot sizes of the various sites.

**103/2023.24: Determination of Allotment sub-committee** – Council **RESOLVED** to redesignate the allotment sub-committee to a Liaison Group. Group to bring back to council draft constitution and terms of reference.

**104/2023.24: Coronavirus Policy** – Council **RESOLVED** to continue with the current arrangements for coronavirus and revisit in 6 months.

**105/2023.24: Parking on Birchwood Lane** – Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to DCC regarding continuing the yellow lines down Birchwood Lane to around the bend. (From garage to past Cockshot Lane to round the corner). Speed limits on the lane to be added as an agenda item to next agenda

**106/2023.24: Refreshments** – Council **RESOLVED** to discontinue refreshments at council meetings.

**107/2023.24: Finances:** Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the following payments.

**(a) Accounts**

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| (i) Accounts for Payment between 1.8.23-30.9.23 | £31,153.56   |
| (ii) Income 1.8.23 to 30.9.23                   | £102,920.03, |

- (iii) Bank Reconciliations Aug & Sep 23
- (iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 30.9.23     **£163,236.62**

**108/2023.24: Budget 2024/25 – Council NOTED the following documents.**

- a. Financial Forecast Report
- b. Precept

**109/2023.24: Correspondence:**

- a. **DALC circulars** – Council **NOTED** the circulars.

**110/2023.24: Parish Council Meeting Dates 2024/25 – Council APPROVED** the meeting dates for 2024/25.

**20.30pm** - Council **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 3(x) to enable consideration of the next item.

## **PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**111/2023.24: Occupational Health Report – Member of Staff**

**Council RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the current arrangements for the stacking and arranging of chairs and tables be continued for this financial year.
- (b) That a welfare meeting takes place with the staff member to identify and obtain suitable equipment to help with cleaning.
- (c) To identify additional suitable work to replace table and chairs duties

**112/2023.24: Date of Next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**