

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 19th July 2013 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Persons Present:

Cllr. P. Smith (Chairman); Cllr. B. Lyttle (Vice Chairman); Cllr. M. Barron; Cllr P. Curran-Bilbie; Cllr. J. Gardiner; Cllr. C. Langton; Cllr. J T Marriott; Cllr J. McCabe; Cllr. J. Parker; Cllr A Stringer
Clerk to the Council: G Blackmore

46/2013: To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr S. Walker (Holiday); Cllr P Price (none received).

47/2013: Variation of Order of Business: None

48/2013: Declaration of Members Interests:

Cllr. B Lyttle: Item 57/2013: All Planning Matters

49/2013: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation: None

50/2013: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

(a) **Members of the Public:** No public were present.

(b) **Police Liaison Officer:** Not in attendance

County Council: Cllr P Smith reported that new street lighting schemes on Windmill Rise, Spencer Drive and Sherwood St (Leabrooks) have been completed. Other lighting schemes/ relocation/upgrades of columns are taking place on the public footpaths Sleetmoor Woods and near to ADASC football pitches. 'A' frames and fencing improvements along the Bridle Way, Sleetmoor Woods are to be undertaken to deter motor cyclists.

B600 – Lower Somercotes has been resurfaced and drainage works undertaken. Planned in for this year is resurfacing from outside the Royal Tiger to the Car Wash, along Nottingham Road.

Quarry Road: road surface works still outstanding. The reasons for the delay are unknown. Pedestrian Refuge: Hockley Way, near McDonalds – the central refuge is being designed and agreed.

DCC: Proposed Diversion of Alfreton Footpath No. 56 (part) at Pye Bridge (now in the Parish of Somercotes). The Council's comment is that this is long overdue having been proposed in 1996.

DCC Appointment as: The Chairman stated that he had been appointed as Deputy Cabinet Member for Health & Communities recently as Chair of Derbyshire Sports Partnership.

School Breakfast Clubs: Funding may be made available in September for breakfast clubs at both the Infants and Junior Schools.

Borough Council: Cllr Lyttle reported that Beth Turner has been appointed as 'Community Sports Activator' for AVBC. In order to assist her can the contacts for all the local schools, scouts, guides, brownies etc., be passed to Beth so she can engage with local groups. She is currently looking to start taster sessions in the October half term. The Clerk informed the Council that he had met with Beth and shown her all the facilities in the area that could be used for community sports.

51/2013: The **Council RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary PC Meeting held on 17th May 2013 and the Allotments Sub-Committee held on 20th June 2013.

52/2013: To determine which items if any from Part 1 of 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: None

53/2013 Chairman's Announcements: None

54/2013 Report of the Clerk on (Full report attached):

(a) **Market Place**

(i) **Former Public Toilet area Feature Area/ Transfer of land**

The transfer of land is still on-going and AVBC have yet to determine a planting scheme.

(ii) **Tarmac & relining: cost for tarmac/resurface:** Due to the quoted cost for the works it will be necessary to send this out to tender and any works will have to be after the second precept payment at the end of September.

(b) **Report on Village Hall**

Roof Repairs; Internal Decorations; PWBL

The PWBL was refused due to the insufficient level of capital involved. It was recommended by DALC that the additional government grant received with the precept should be used to cover the Roof Repairs (minimum £6k - £7k) and Internal Decoration. The **Council RESOLVED** that the works will be subject to tender

(c) **Allotments: Sub Committee Meeting**

(i) Funding Requests – Birchwood Lane & Bridle Lane

Bridle Lane (Leabrooks): New Pedestrian Access Gate, Bridle Lane: The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of a new gate at £680.00 + Vat.

Birchwood Lane: The Allotment Association has yet to submit any proposals / cost for improving external security of the land.

(ii) Bridle Lane:

(a) **Awards for All Lottery Award:** The Allotment Association has been awarded £9k to install a Compus Toilet system that is subject to planning approval

b) **Planning Application:** The Parish Council has submitted the application on behalf of Leabrooks Allotment Association – The planning notice has been put up as required.

Boundary Wall (rear of houses – Swanwick Road): AVBC has visited the site and says as the wall is not dangerous they will take no further action.

The **Council RESOLVED** that if the Allotment Association wishes to erect a fence, hedge or other barrier they must first consult with the residents on Swanwick Road who would be affected. Council approval would be required for any proposed works are commenced.

(iii) **Sleetmoor Lane – Site Visit:** To be arranged with Councillors during the summer period

(iv) **Allotments Competition – 2013:** The nominations have been sent to Chris Beal (Competition Judge) who has yet to acknowledge he will conduct the judging, to date.

(d) **Parish Wardens:**

Accommodation – AVBC arranging for transfer of the building to Somercotes PC through St John's Ambulance Service – still pending AVBC legal

(e) **Councillor Vacancies** – one vacancy

(f) **Relief Caretaker:** A new relief caretaker has been employed

- (g) **Infants & Junior Schools:** 'I want to be .../ Aspiration Week 21 -25 October 2013: Cllr McCabe stated that he had visited Mrs. Sarah Sisson with the Clerk and discussed how the Council may be able to assist – perhaps with showing how a Council Meeting operates and provide pictures/information of local people who have done well so as to inspire the children. The Clerk has already provided photos / information to the school.
- (h) **Skateboard Park Improvements:**
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the tender received from Park Leisure (£15,250.00) on best value that will provide 4 pieces of new equipment. The Installation works will start week commencing 28th July 2013.
- (i) **S137 Grant Requests for consideration:**
The Council Resolved to approve the following grants:
Grow Your Own: £200.00
Shinfield's Special Boxing Gym: £100.00 plus 6 free mentoring session in the Lounge Room.
- (j) **Litter Bin provision in Somercotes:** Windmill Rise Estate (Cllr T Marriott) and other parish locations. The **Council RESOLVED** that a list of places where bins have gone missing or required should be submitted to the Borough Council
- (k) **The Draft Core Strategy for Amber Valley Pt.1** – The 488 page document is available for Councillors to view, in the office if they do not have a computer, but there is no mention of any development in the Parish of Somercotes.
- (l) **Electoral Fraud in the UK – Consultation Paper** (Comments by 9 August 2013)
The 48 page document is available for Councillors' to view, in the office if they do not have a computer, and make comments should they wish.

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12/2013 – 15/2013 available for viewing by Councillors.

56/2013 Finance

- (a) The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for Payment
- (b) **Income / Interest** Total £ 3,482.63
- (c) **Budget Report:** The Clerk provided a budget report for the previous quarter and a projected budget to the end of September. The budget projection is that finances will be extremely tight until October 2013, and no major projects can be undertaken until that time. There is already agreed major budget expenditure from October 2013 to April 2014, thus leaving little financial margin for any new proposals. The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the budget report.

57/2013 To consider planning applications:

2013/0495: Two detached dwellings on private garden to the N.E. of existing dwelling; this is a DEPARTURE from the Development Plan, at Nether Farm, 208 Birchwood Lane, for Mr Harris.

2013/0572: Installation of a 'Compus' toilet facility on allotment land owned by the parish council which includes ramp facility to comply with DDA: Leabrooks Allotment Gardens, Bridle Lane, Leabrooks, Alfreton, Derbyshire. Mr. G R Blackmore (Clerk) for Somercotes Parish Council

2013/0597: Alteration to relocate existing entrance, with additional internal alterations, at Equip Outdoor Technologies Ltd., Wimsey Way, for Mr Ryan Bennett

2013/0502: Outline Planning Permission for Residential Development of land with primary access off Cinder Road to include the Black Horse PH. – Resubmission AVA/2012/0778.
Mr. D Lane

2013/0612: Reserved matter application for Erection of 5 no., town houses and a pair of semi-detached dwellings. Springfield House, Ralph Drive, Somercotes: Mr. J. Melrose

The **Council RESOLVED** to make the following comments with regard to **2013/0502**:
To enquire with AVBC Planning, as to the removal of the covenant on the field, to the rear
To give due consideration for a pedestrian crossing facility within close proximity of the development or at least a central refuge. To require that a contribution be made by the developers for community recreational improvements and lighting improvements on Cinder Road. To request the improvement of Street Lighting on Cinder Road to ensure safe movement of road users with the additional traffic movement. of the Black Horse PH and how the covenant removal was achieved/granted?

Planning Matters Determined

2013/0134 Time extension to AVA/2009/0579 – Construction of access road at Street Record, Birchwood Way.
Permitted

2013/0338 Proposed new site entrance at Mining Machinery Development Ltd., Cotes Park Lane.
Permitted

2013/0198: Change of use for A3 and A5 at T/A & J A Boutique, 43 Main Road, Leabrooks.
Permitted

2013/0262: Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey extension and detached garage at 49 Brenden Avenue.
Permitted

2013/0224: Free standing private garage on land adjacent to 579 Lower Somercotes.
Permitted

58/201: Items for information only:

- AVBC: Problems with Pests – Notice
- Vitalise: Support for disabled people and their carers

59/2013: To Council moved the following resolution - “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

(i) **Staff Matters:** The Council was updated on staff issues and expenditure

(ii) **CCTV:** The current on-going contract issues may take until November to resolve. The **Council RESOLVED** to write to AVBC Executive Member (operations) to clarify the CCTV situation.

60/2013: Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm, Friday, 19th September 2013

The meeting closed at 7.25pm