

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 15th November 2013 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Present: Cllr. P. Smith (Chairman); Cllr. B Lyttle; Cllr. P Curran-Bilbie; Cllr. M Barron;
Cllr. J. Parker; Cllr. P Price; Cllr. S Walker; Cllr. J. McCabe; Cllr. S Grotier (Co-opted)

Co-option of Parish Councillor: Mr. S G Grotier was co-opted as a Councillor to the Parish Councillor. Mr Grotier signed the Declaration of office and it was countersigned by the Clerk.

76/2013: To receive apologies for absence: Cllr J. T. Marriott - request for special dispensation for non-attendance. Due to the nature of the illness the Special Dispensation was granted for 6 months. Cllr. A Stringer (illness); Cllr. C. Langton; Cllr. J Gardiner (Resigned – received after meeting)

77/2013: Variation of Order of Business: None

78/2013: Declaration of Members Interests: Cllr. B. Lyttle – 87/2013: All Planning Matters

79/2013: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation: None

80/2013: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

- (a) **Public Speaking:** A complaint was made about the activities on Birchwood Lane Allotments – parties, drinking, selling of produce, bonfires and a bonfire/fireworks display.
The Council is to discuss this matter under 84/2013 (c) (ii)
- (b) **Police Liaison Officer:** PC Laura Dashfield introduced as new SNT member. Reported that burglaries still remain low but an increase of plus two thefts from motor vehicles. Issues connected to drugs/mental health is being addressed. A male person approached two females at a cash point and was aggressive towards them asking for money. Other issues being looked at are motorcycles and shoplifters.
Parish Council: Cars from behind Birchwood Road garage being driven off at speed. Bicycles being ridden without lights by teenagers and adults.

County Council: Cllr P Smith reported that:

Bus Service: The evening & Sunday bus services through Selston, Pye Bridge & Somercotes and Jacksdale, Leabrooks & Somercotes have been re-instated for a trial period to July 2014, by NCC & DCC when the usage will be reassessed.

New Pedestrian Refuge, Hockley Way funded by DCC.

Somerlea Junior School: New windows installed and hall redecorated.

Bus Shelters being refurbished by DCC

Muga Area Scott Drive: DCC £40k; Future Homescapes £4,300; Parish Council £5k and the Police & crime Commissioner report pending re assistance under Crime & Disorder.

Riddings Cricket Club: Sports facilities used by many Somercotes residents DCC £51k towards refurb of the sports changing rooms. AVBC & Cricket Club will be contributing towards the £75k project and AVBC will be the project managers.

Cllr Grotier asked as to the outcome of the Highways Agency outcome on the A38 South Slip Road. Clerk to follow-up and report to Council.

Borough Council:

Cllr Lyttle reported that a number of litter bins were disappearing and not being replaced. He has raised the matter with AVBC. Fly-tipping appears to be on the increase but AVBC is dealing with removals promptly.

81/2013: The **Council RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the minutes of 20th September 2013 - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting and Village Hall Service User Group Meeting 23rd September 2013.

82/2013: 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

“In view of the confidential nature of item 86/2013 (d) the council considered the resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.”

Item 86/2013 (d) to be taken under ‘Confidential Information.’

83/2013 Chairman’s Announcements:

84/2013 Report of the Clerk on (Full report attached):

(a) Market Place

- (i) Former Public Toilet area Feature Area/ Transfer of land: AVBC is still working on planting projects including the old toilet area and the transfer of land is in progress.
- (ii) Tarmac & Relining: Market Place Car Park : Due to financial constraints this project will not be undertaken in the financial year 2013-14

(b) Report on Village Hall

- (i) Roof Repairs: The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the tender from Mansfield Roofing and the additional works for 4 Velux windows + labour. The work is to be carried out in the next 6-8 weeks, subject to weather conditions.
- (ii) Drains (car park side) – A revised scheme has been undertaken to try to remedy the problem at a reduced cost and appears to be working.
- (iii) Internal Decoration – Request made to DCC (Community Pay Back Scheme)

(c) Allotments:

- (i) Bridle Lane: New ‘Compust’ toilets installed
- (ii) Birchwood Lane – Complaint re new policy & another complaint re bonfire & fireworks.

The **Council RESOLVED** that as landlords had a responsibility to ensure the Birchwood lane and other council allotments are run for the purposes as per the Allotment Act. The Council is to forward the document on the allotments and usage, as drawn up by the Clerk to the Birchwood Allotments Association Committee and seek a response. The allotments sub-committee, if required will meet with the Allotments Association Committee.

- (iii) Sleetmoor Lane – Proposals for Sleetmoor Allotments/ Woods: The committee is working on plans to improve the gardens and surrounds with DCC in 2014.

(d) Parish Wardens

Accommodation – AVBC arranging for transfer of the building to Somercotes PC through St John’s Ambulance Service – a building inspection is to be made on 25th November 2013 with SJA.

(e) Councillor Vacancies: The vacancy has now been filled.

(f) Infants & Junior Schools: ‘I want to be .../ Aspiration Week 21 -25 October 2013:

Cllr. J McCabe reported that the event went well – Cllrs Smith & Lyttle also attended. Many of the children engaged with the services and providers who attended to give inspiration to the pupils.

- (g) **Litter Bin provision in Somercotes:** Report from AVBC re litter bins provided for the council members.
- (h) **Somercotes Events Day – July 2014:** Cllr. J. McCabe said that there were several interested parties and that they were meeting in January to try to form an events committee
- (i) **Proposed new Muga-area on Scott Drive:** Cllr. P. Smith already reported on this in Item 80/2013 (b) DCC
- (j) **Calendar 2014:** Now on sale at £3.00 each
- (k) **Footpath – Birchwood Lane to Riber Ave:** Cllr B Lyttle reported that AVBC had done an excellent job on refurbishing the play area and installing a new footpath through from Birchwood Lane and have picked up the cost.
- (l) **AVBC: Local Pan Part 1 Pre-submission Core Strategy from 18 Oct to 29 Nov 2013**
– For Information
- (m) **New Model Standing Orders:** To be reviewed and amended, if appropriate.
- (n) **Somercotes Local History Society:** A grant of £27k has been awarded from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a 3 year project – Somercotes ‘An Industrial Corridor Through a Community.’ The group received a £300.00 grant under the DCC Leadership Fund prior to this award and used this for a successful Heritage day on 9th November 2013.
Information Only

85/2013 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils: Circulars: 18/2013 – 21/2013

86/2013 Finance

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| (a) | Accounts for Payment bet 19.09.13 to 15.11.2013 | £19,519.17 |
| (b) | Income | £88,527.57 |
| | Interest | £ 13.45 |
| | Total | £88,541.02 |

- (c) Budget Report: The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the budget report
- (d) **Banking arrangements:** The **Council RESOLVED** to introduce ‘Online’ Banking and CC for payments. The required 3 signatories / approval would be required before any payments could be authorised. The Clerk/RFO would be authorised for CC payments to a limit of his agreed authority. The Clerk to arrange the banking transfer from Lloyds to Barclays Bank. The Council signatories would be all councillors, unless they declined, but with a minimum of five members.

87/2013 To consider planning applications:

Planning Matters

2013/0861: Derbyshire County Council request for observations for retrospective application for the erection of an extension to house a waste baler at Pye Bridge Waste and Recycling, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate, for Bridge Waste Ltd., Unit 11, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate.

TRE/2013/0135: Crown reduce oak (T2) at 6 Farm Close, for Mr Daniel Orwin.

2013/0776: Change of use to tattoo studio at 201 Nottingham Road, for Mr David Thurman, 55 New Road, Codnor Park.

- 2013/0879: Extension to existing warehouse at Equip Outdoor Technologies Ltd., 1 Wimsey Way, for Mr Ryan Bennett.
- 2013/0984: Advertisement consent for illuminated signage at EP Industries Ltd., Unit 1, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate, for Mr Edwin Pilsworth.
- 2013/0972: Installation of 288 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels for the generation of electricity using an inverter, at Rainbridge Timber Ltd., Unit 15, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate, for Mr Martin Williams.

The **Council RESOLVED** not to make any comments on the above planning applications.

Planning Matters Determined

- 2013/0646 The retention of an existing office building on existing foundations built under temporary permission AVA/2007/1223. This is an application for a temporary permission whilst a permanent scheme is designed, at Hellifx Limited, Venture Crescent, Alfreton. Permitted
- 2013/0861: Derbyshire County Council request for observations for retrospective application for the erection of an extension to house a waste baler, at Bridge Waste Ltd, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate. Permitted
- CW6/0210/203: Energy generation plant – gasification and related works – Pye Bridge Generation Site, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate, for Warwick Energy. **Withdrawn**
- 2013/0738 Certificate of Lawful use – Land used as garden in excess of ten years with associated outbuildings, at 29 Norman Road. Permitted
- 2013/0778 Proposed substitution of 19 no. houses on plots 23 to 41 in lieu of 25 no. houses on plots 23 to 41 (previously approved under consent AVA/2004/1104) and minor revision to road 2, at Plots 23 to 41 Greenhill Lane. Permitted
- 2013/0778 Proposed substitution of 19 no. houses on plots 23 to 41 in lieu of 25 no. houses on plots 23 to 41 (previously approved under consent AVA/2004/1104) and minor revision to road 2, at Plots 23 to 41 Greenhill Lane. Permitted

88/201: Items for information only:

- o DCC: Free Safety Checks for Electric Blankets
- o Ashfield District Council – Selston Neighbourhood Area – Neighbourhood Plan Consultation
- o Rural Action Derbyshire: Community Buildings ‘Away Day’ 30th November 2013 at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall.

89/2013: 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.”

Staff Matters:

- (i) **The Parish Warden** undertaking driving lessons withdrew from his development programme.

Staff Salaries: The Council RESOLVED to raise staff salaries in line with those recommended by NJC.

Staff Change: The Assistant Clerk retires in July 2014 – the Clerk to report on the requirements/changes at the next meeting.

- (ii) **CCTV:** AVBC survey on the CCTV facilities should be known this month and reported to cabinet.

90/2013: Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm, Friday, 17th January 2014