

# SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.**

**Present:** Cllr. P. Smith (Chairman); Cllr. B. Lyttle (V. Chairman); Cllr. M. Barron; Cllr. S. Grotier; Cllr. C Langton; Cllr. J. McCabe; Cllr. P. Price; Cllr. S Walker (7.10pm).  
Gordon Blackmore (Clerk/RFO); PC C Anthony (Derbyshire Constabulary)

**1/2014: To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr J. T. Marriott (special dispensation); Cllr J Parker; Cll.r P. Curran-Bilbie.

The council discussed the continued absence of Cllr. A. Stringer due to ill health (attendance Govt. Act 1972). The Council **RESOLVED** to contact Cllr Stringer's daughter to ascertain his continuance as a councillor.

**2/2014: Variation of Order of Business:** None

**3/2014: Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr. B. Lyttle: 12/2014 – All Planning matters

Cllr. P. Price: 11/2014 (e) – Allotment Rents 2014-15

**4/2014: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation:** None

**5/2014: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)**

(a) No members of the public were present.

(b) **Police Liaison Officer – PC C Anthony:** PC Anthony reported that there had been a reduction in ASB incidents, but there were still concerns about the number of thefts at non-dwellings, as well as the increase in shop-lifting. A special operation is being undertaken regarding motor cycle nuisance. Cllr J McCabe raised his concerns re a man who was stripping off naked on the recreation ground near the schools.

**County Council:** Cllr P. Smith reported that Doyle's coach company had gone into administration and the village 152 services was being continued by 'Your Bus', who will operate until March when the route goes out to retender.

The new Sunday evening service started on 1<sup>st</sup> December on a 2 hourly service through Jacksdale, Riddings, Somercotes to Alfreton and another from Pye Bridge – both turn into an hourly service from Nottingham Road (outside Royal Tiger) into Alfreton.

DCC is being required to make extensive cuts in Adult Service Care, as part of the budget reductions.

Capital Programme 2014-15 for highways is being discussed and the outcome should be known for the next meeting.

**Borough Council:** Cllr Lyttle said there was frustration about replacement litter bins since Christmas and the poor quality of the replacement bins being supplied by AVBC

The Clerk reported that AVBC had failed to respond to a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding Prosecutions Litter & dog fouling offences. To be followed up.

**6/2014:** The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**7/2014:** **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:** No items for public exclusion

**8/2014: Chairman's Announcements:** The Chairman said that the Council Christmas Carol Service was excellent and he commended the excellent renditions of the guides, brownies and rainbows, as well as Heage Brass Band.

**9/2014: Report of the Clerk on:**

(a) **Market Place**

(i) **Former Public Toilet area Feature Area/ Transfer of land:** There has been no movement by AVBC re the planting scheme or the former toilet land and the land transfer was still on-going. Clerk to follow up and report at the next meeting.

(b) **Report on Village Hall**

(i) **Roof Repairs:** The roof repairs have been completed

(ii) **Internal Decoration:** The Probation Service, Community Pay Back Scheme, has commenced redecoration of the Village Hall – The Council is providing the paint and necessary equipment.

(c) **Allotments:**

(i) **Bridle Lane:** The new 'Compus' toilet has now been installed

(ii) **Birchwood Lane:** Complaints & New policy: The Allotment Association has failed to respond to the Council's request to comply with the use of the land and sign a formal agreement. The **Council RESOLVED** to arrange a special sub-committee meeting with the Birchwood Lane Allotment Association giving 2 week's notice.

(iii) **Sleetmoor Lane:** The Allotment Association has a draft Management Plan for the redevelopment of the allotment land. The project is to be undertaken in 2014. The **Council RESOLVED** to support the plan.

(d) **Parish Wardens Accommodation:** Transfer of the building to Somercotes PC from St John's Ambulance Service – currently with solicitors for transfer.

(e) **Councillor Vacancies:** Cllr. J. Gardiner has resigned and a vacancy notice was posted on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013, as required by the Electoral Regulations. There have been no applications under the Electoral process therefore the Council may Co-opt a new member.

(f) **Somercotes Events Day – July 2014:** Cllr. J. McCabe – a meeting has been arranged on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014, at Somerlea Centre to discuss the event and form a committee.

(g) **New Model Standing Orders:** The **Council RESOLVED** to adopt the revised SO's

(h) **Register of Members Interest:** As a matter of good governance and best practice, members are reminded that they have a duty to keep their registration forms up to date annually or as and when changes to any of their registered interests occur.

**The members noted the requirement.**

- (i) **Public Consultation: ASDA Supermarket & Petrol Station (Former Aertex Site, Nottingham Road, Somercotes):** Public Consultation was scheduled to will be at the Village Hall, Somercotes on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (daytime), but has now been postponed – **For Information of the Council.**
- (j) **WWI Commemorative Events:** It is not known what, if any, WWI commemorative events will be held in the Parish. The Council has **resolved** to install a flag pole in the St Thomas' church grounds and this will be undertaken in May 2014. The cost will be approx. £700 (inc. Vat).
- (k) **Village Hall Charges:** The **Council RESOLVED** to agree the simplified charges for the Village Hall including set charges for functions. The hire charges were, as agreed, with no further increases in 2014-15.

**10/2014: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils: 22/2013 & 23/2013.**

**11/2014 Finance**

- (a) Accounts for Payment bet 16.11.2013 and 17.1.2014: £42,877.36  
(DCC made a £500 payment to the Council in error and has been refunded)
- (b) Income £ 1,172.00  
Interest £ 22.18  
Total £ 1,194.18
- (c) **Precept 2014-15/Budget Report:** The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the budget expenditure / income report and to set the precept for 2014-15 at £137,656.00 a 0% increase. The Council will request the Govt. Grant of £31,800.00 in addition to the precept and will use it for community projects in 2014-15.
- (d) **Banking arrangements:** Internet Banking & Credit Card: The changeover of bank is still on-going. The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the revised Financial Regulation, Section 5.
- (e) **Allotment Rents 2014-15:** The **Council RESOLVED** not to increase the allotment rents for Bridle Lane, Birchwood Lane or the allotment grazing land, at Drunken Close for 2014-15. Sleetmoor Lane will not be charged rent to support the development plan for the allotments.

**12/2014 To consider planning applications:**

- 2013/1021 Replacement hay barn, stables and secure store/tractor shed at 29 Norman Road, for Mr M Martin.
- 2013/1016 Advertisement hoarding at David Sharpe Studios, 201A Nottingham Road, for Mr David Sharp.
- 2013/1083 Change of use to restaurant – Class A3, at Groundwork Toolbox, Market Buildings, Market Place, for Mr S Hussain, 36 Provident Street, Derby.
- 2013/1074 The removal of a derelict and disused public house and the redevelopment of the site. The proposal is to form 12 new 3 bedroom dwellings with on-site parking. This will consist of 6 terrace style dwelling houses on Birchwood Lane and 3 pairs of semi detached houses on Douglas Road, for Mr Charles Crockford, Jameson and Crown, 38 Rownhams Lane, North Baddesley, Southampton, Hampshire.
- 2013/1120 Change of use of existing A2 use (financial and professional services)to A1 (shops), at T A Pedley & Co., 193 Nottingham Road.

CW6/1213/137: Section 73 application to vary condition 3 of planning permission CW6/0912/74 – Hours of operation, at Alfreton MRF & WTS, Cotes Park Lane, for FCC Environment, 3 Sidings Court, Doncaster.

The **Council RESOLVED** to make comment on Planning Application AVA/2013/1083 in relation to access across the car park, additional traffic movement; parking (support for re-lining cost); improved lighting, financial support for improving the area and erection of an advertising sign (separate application)

### **Planning Matters Determined**

- 2009/1028 Development and operation of energy plant utilising processed waste through gasification and related works at Independent Energy, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate.  
**Application Returned**
- 2013/0879 Extension to existing warehouse, Equip Outdoor Technologies Ltd., 1 Wimsey Way.  
**Pending Consideration**
- 2013/0776 Change of use to tattoo studio at 201 Nottingham Road  
**Permitted**
- TRE/2013/0135: Crown reduce oak (T2) at 6 Farm Close.  
**Permitted**
- 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.  
**Permitted**
- 2013/1021 Replacement hay-barn, stables and secure store/tractor shed at 29 Norman Road.  
**Permitted**
- 2013/1047 To remove existing fence to the rear of the works and install a 2.4 m high palisade fence with palerotating spikes to prevent unlawful entry to the site at BASF Polyurethanes U.K. Ltd., Wimsey Way.  
**Permitted**

### **13/2014: Items for information only:**

- **Volunteer – Spinal Injuries Association**

**14/2014: To move 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 driver training will not be continued by a member of staff, at his own request.
- The Assistant Clerk has advised the Council of her retirement date. The advertisement for the post will be commenced mid/ end of March 2014.
- Staff Pay: The issue of staff salaries was discussed regarding the living wage in 2014-15.

(ii) **CCTV:** AVBC Exec. Committee will be meeting at the end of January to report on the findings of the CCTV report undertaken on the Amber Valley CCTV systems.

**15/2014: Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm, Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014**