



SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 21st March 2014 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Present: Cllr P. Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (V. Chairman); Cllr P Curran-Bilbie; Cllr T Marriott; Cllr S Grotier; Cllr. P Price; Cllr J Parker; Cllr C Langton; Cllr M Barron; Cllr J McCabe
G. R. Blackmore (Clerk to the Council); PC Anthony (Derbyshire Constabulary); No members of the public in attendance

16/2014: To receive apologies for absence: Cllr S Walker (family commitments)
Cllr Stringer's is to resign and his daughter will seek to deal with this matter. Cllr Stringer has been a Council for over 50 years and this is to be remembered in the next newsletter.

17/2014: Variation of Order of Business: None

18/2014: Declaration of Members Interests

To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

19/2014: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation: None

20/2014: Public Speaking

(a) Public - None.

(b) Police Liaison Officer

Pc Anthony reported that the SNT has seen a general drop in crime and ASB. One motor cycle has been confiscated as part of an on-going operation.

County Council Member: Cllr P Smith reported that DCC have given a 12 month contract to 'Your Bus' to provide local services to replace Doyles Buses. The Pye Bridge and Riddings services in the evening and at weekends will be reviewed in July.

Highway resurfacing will take place 2014-15 on Victoria Street and Leabrooks Road. Castle drive F/P is scheduled for 2015-16.

Lighting schemes are currently under consideration.

Additional money has been made available for Graffiti removal and street lighting for general works through the Probation Service Community Pay Back Scheme.

B600 flooding outside the medical centre due to collapsed drains – DCC & STW are dealing. Similar problems are being investigated on Sleetmoor Lane.

Refuge Crossing – Hockley Way has been damaged.

A speed activation sign is to be installed on Leabrooks Road.

Cllr Grotier asked about the current situation concerning the south bound slip road (off the B600) onto the A38. No replies have been received from AOne+ regarding the survey. This is a Highways Department responsibility and not DCC and this is why no reply to enquiries have been made.

Footpath from Pennytown Court to B600 (by Winding Wheel). The path has narrowed and requires edging (PW's) and needs stoning up.

Chris Monk at DCC still waiting for property services to do the work from Pennytown to B600.

Borough Council Member:

Resurfacing from the Park entrance to the old tennis pavilion is to be resurfaced.

Interpretation Board re facilities on site

Footpath from former Groundwork Toolbox building (Market Place) to the recreation ground (outside the school) has been completed.

21/2014: The Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on: 17th January 2014 - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting and Special Allotments Sub-Committee Meeting, on 7th February 2014; Allotments Sub-Committee Meeting 27th February 2014.

The VH User Group Meeting held on 17th March 2014 for resolution at the next meeting.

22/2014: To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. No items

23/2014: Chairman's Announcements: None

24/2014: Report of the Clerk on:

(a) **Market Place**

- (i) **Former Public Toilet area Feature Area / Transfer of land:** AVBC have planted the area and conducting repairs of the footpath and concrete post, prior to transfer of the land. Head of Terms have been received from our solicitors and there are some queries that have been raised with AVBC that are still pending.
- (ii) **Car Park - Resurfacing work & re-lining:** The Council **RESOLVED** that the car park be resurfaced and lined, as required in the period May to September 2014 improvements. The Clerk to arrange quotes and tenders for consideration by the Council.

(b) **Report on Village Hall**

- (i) **Internal Decoration** – The redecoration has been completed in the main hall, lounge & kitchen by the Community Pay back Scheme. The offices will be redecorated by the relief caretaker.
- (ii) **Village Hall – Internal Improvements:** Upgrade of toilets, ladies toilet first. The Council **RESOLVED** to upgrade of the toilets to take place between October 2014 and March 2015

New Blinds: Main Hall & Lounge: A quote has been received for £450.52 plus VAT, which has been provisionally accepted and to be fitted on or after 1st May 2014. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote and fitting date.

- (iii) **Bar:** The Council **RESOLVED** village hall functions booking system and bar are monitored, due to a drop in bookings.

(c) **Allotments:**

- (i) Bridle Lane: Project 2014-15 is reclaiming of additional allotment land.
- (ii) Birchwood Lane – Policy Agreement – now signed; seeking funding for fencing
- (iii) Sleetmoor Lane – Management Plan to be undertaken 2014-15
- (iv) Drunken Close – disagreements on access and buildings. Cllr Lytle visited with the Clerk and it was agreed to lay a stone surface in front of the first stable block area,

subject to funding. The tenants were made aware of their responsibilities and need to comply with the tenancy agreements.

- (d) **Parish Wardens Accommodation:** Transfer of the building to Somercotes PC from St John's Ambulance Service. This is still on-going with AVBC, with our solicitors seeking clarification on parts of the contract.
- (e) **Councillor Vacancies:** One vacancy under Co-option. Cllr. A Stringer's vacancy is to be advertised once the letter of resignation received.
- (f) **Somercotes Events Day – July 2014:** Cllr. J. McCabe – No further update
- (g) **Public Consultation: ASDA Supermarket & Petrol Station (Former Aertex Site, Nottingham Road, Somercotes):** Public Consultation – There has been no further communication regarding this matter: **For Information**
- (h) **WWI Commemorative Events:** An article has been placed in the Parish Magazine for a joint event for a WWI commemorative service/parade. The Church wish to become involved with an event, as do other groups, Scouts etc. The plan is for a commemorative service, both inside and outside including a short parade on the car park, as well as an exhibition in the VH. Currently, it is anticipated that an application will be made to HLF WWI Fund to produce a short booklet& DVD on the soldiers who served and associated work. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to support the events programme.
- (i) **Dog Fouling & Littering:** FOI Act request shows no prosecutions in last 3 years in the Parish, by AVBC. Concerns were raised with AVBC on their lack of action on this matter. Cllr. Smith commented that the Police Commissioner for Derbyshire (Alan Charlesworth) said that police should deal with such matters.

Poop Scoop Bags: The supply is now extremely low and the Council **RESOLVED** to consider purchasing another 100,000 at a cost of approx. £750 (ex. VAT)
- (j) **Parish Newsletter:** The Council **RESOLVED** to provide a Community Focus in the newsletter and reduce coverage for religious venues. There should be a change in the use of space for local community venues and events and to encourage local businesses to promote events to get greater publicity and participation. Community shop voucher scheme for draw in the newsletter – tear off and return.
Cllr. Curran-Bilbie stated that Amber Valley Info website Community Relations spot.
- (j) **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. **For Councillors' Information**
- (k) **Admission to and reporting of Meetings of Relevant Local Government Bodies –**
The Council **RESOLVED** to follow the guidelines for the use of Social Media at Parish Council Meetings (other than items in the Confidential Section).

25/2014 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils: Circular provided for Council Members

26/2014 Finance

- (a) Accounts for Payment bet 18.1.2014 and 21.3.2014: £21,410.37
- (b) Income £ 1.352.74

Interest		£	6.74
	Total	£	1,359.74

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Accounts for Payment (a)

- (c) The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Budget Report and amended Financial Regulations. The Audit is to be carried out in April and the internal audit will be conducted by Mr. B Wood.

Banking arrangements: Internet Banking & Credit Card. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the process of transfer as outlined by the Clerk..

- (d) DALC Subscriptions 2014-15: Increased by 1%. **For Information**

27/2014 To consider planning applications:

- TRE/2014/0011 Crown reduce oak (T1), crown thin sycamore (T2) and reduce lateral branches on ash tree, for Mr Michael Fallows, Greenways, Leabrooks Road.
- 2014/0114 Installation of replacement 3m sign on existing 6m pole at McDonalds Restaurants Ltd., Hockley Way, Alfreton, for McDonald's Restaurant Ltd., 11-59 High Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8AW.
- 2014/0101 Reconfiguration of the car park and drive thru lane to provide a side-by-side order point, incorporating a new island for signage and reconfigured kerb lines and associated works to the site. One booth to be extended 0.44 sqm with the booth windows to be relocated to accommodate the new drive thru layout. The installation of a Goal Post Height Restrictor and 2 x Customer Order Displays (COD), with a replacement signage suite, at McDonalds Restaurants Ltd., Hockley Way, Alfreton, for McDonald's Restaurant Ltd., 11-59 High Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8AW.
- 2014/0102 New signage suite to comprise 6 freestanding signs, 1 banner and 1 side by side directional, at McDonalds Restaurants Ltd., Hockley Way, Alfreton, for McDonald's Restaurant Ltd., 11-59 High Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8AW.
- 2013/1104 To demolish existing derelict single storey outbuildings, and the creation of a single storey building for A1 usage, at 48 Quarry Road, for Miss Katie Rhodes.

Planning Matters Determined

- 2013/0664 Proposed dwelling (outline) at 33 Leabrooks Road: **Permitted**
- 2013/1120 Change of use of existing A2use (financial and professional services) to A1 (shops) at T. A Pedley & Co., 193 Nottingham Road: **Permitted**
- 2013/1121 Advert consent. Refer to design and access statement for further details, at T. A Pedley & Co., 193 Nottingham Road: **Permitted**
- 2012/0220 Application for Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use for mixed use of agriculture and the storage of caravans, at Babylon Farm, Birchwood Lane. **Permitted**
- 2013/0984 Advertisement consent for illuminated signage at EP Industries Limited, Unit 1, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate: **Permitted**
- 2013/1083 Change of use to restaurant – Class A3, at Groundwork Toolbox, Market Buildings, Market Place: **Permitted**
- 2014/0030 Proposed detached garage at 93, Birchwood Lane: **Application Returned**
- 2013/1161 Installation of Solar PV panels on roof of Industrial Factory Unit at Blue Print (General Partner) Ltd., Unit 8, Monk Road: **Permitted**
- 2013/1162 Installation of 250 Watt Solar PV panels on roof of Industrial Factory Unit at Blue Print (General Partner) Ltd., Unit 103, Monk Road: **Permitted**
- 2013/0021 Time Extension Application AVA/2009/0318 – Development of land for B1, B2 and B8 employment uses (Resubmission) at Land at Birchwood Lane for Clowes Developments: **Permitted**

- 2013/1150 Request for comments on Section 73 application to vary condition 3 of CW6/0912/74, at Somercotes Waste Transfer Green Waste Site, Cotes Park Lane: **Permitted**
- 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: **Permitted**
- 2014/0029 Retrospective application for a change of use from retail and storage to a gym D2 use class at Angels Gym, 1 – 5 New Street. **Permitted**
- 2014/0095 Erection of 1 steel framed, free standing canopy at Somercotes Infant School, Victoria Street.
Permitted
- APP/M1005/A/13/2206712: The Black Horse PH & adjoining land, 385 Lower Somercotes:
Appeal Dismissed: Local Plan Policy H10 (Social Housing) & S106 obligation requests (DCC & Parish Council).
The Council **RESOLVED** to request that once the planning conditions are met that S106 funding be put towards the refurbishment of the Cinder Road Play Area, Lighting is of the required LED standard and a pedestrian crossing of central refuge be installed on the B600, at that location.

28/2014: Items for information only:

- **Digital Derbyshire Event:** 20th March 2014 – County Hall Matlock
- **Citizens Advice in Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, Erewash & High Peaks**
- **Working with CPRE to protect our Countryside**
- **DCC – Letter to Mrs Lowe from Cllr P Smith re Footpath 9**

29/2014: 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.”

(a) Staff Matters:

- (i) Assistant Clerk job vacancy has been advertised – closing date 11th April 2014. The hours have been reduced to 20 hours, the Clerk explained the rationale, but will be monitored. The new assistant clerk will be given a 2 week induction working with Mrs G Kenney.
The current Assistant Clerk has been granted permission to work reduced hours (Tues, Weds & Thurs) due to personal issues. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the reduced hours.
- (ii) Relief Caretaker Appointed: Mr Stephen Evans. Mr Evans will also cover any necessary coverage during the absence of a Parish Warden, if required.

(b) CCTV: This matter is still on-going at AVBC with no likelihood of an early resolution. The Council expressed its concerns on the lack of progress by AVBC in relation to CCTV.

30/2014: Annual Parish Meeting: 7pm, Friday, 9th May 2014 (Not a Council Meeting)

31/2014: Date of next Parish Council Meetings:

Friday, 16th May 2014: Annual Parish Council Meeting (6.30pm) & Ordinary Parish Council Meeting (7pm)