

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 19th September 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. M Baron; Cllr. J Parker; Cllr. P Price; Cllr. S Walker; Cllr J McCabe G. Blackmore (Clerk to the Council); S. Massey (Assistant Clerk)

75/2014: To receive apologies for absence: Cllr. S Grotier (holiday); Cllr C Langton (illness).

76/2014: Social Media: The Council social media use during the meeting was read out by the Chairman.

77/2014: Variation of Order of Business: None

78/2014: Declaration of Members Interests:
Cllr. P. Smith & Cllr. J McCabe: 84/2014 (I); Cllr B Lyttle: All Planning Matters;
Cllr. P. Price: 84/2014 (iii); Cllr. J Parker: 84/2014 (j)

79/2014: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation: None

80/2014: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

(a) No public present.

(b) Police Liaison Officer: Police not in attendance

County Council: Cllr P Smith said that DCC had now undertaken the works to reduce the flooding on Nottingham Rd, outside the Somercotes Medical Centre.

Part-Time Night Lighting: DCC had conceded the leaving on, at night, of the Parish Council street lights, on Norman Road and 1011 on Barrack Rd. Somercotes has some of the lowest turn-offs in the county, between midnight and 5.30am.

Footpaths 56 & 61 at Pye Bridge – the diversions and upgrade to a Bridleway are to be carried out. Sleetmoor Lane – the new footpath diversion is now open and the old route entry beside ADASC is to be closed.

DCC Staff Reductions: Calls to DCC - If matters are not urgent people should be patient.

Victoria Street: The road has only been patched, but will be surface dressed in 2015-16

Borough Council: Cllr. McCabe said that AVBC Wardens have been instructed to prosecute anyone depositing litter or allowing dog fouling, as opposed to giving warnings.

Cllr Lyttle said that there had been an increase in planning applications, which is usual this time of year. The Rugby Club development application has now been submitted. On 15th October 2014 – AVBC will be meeting to discuss the proposed Core Strategy, at which the public will be permitted to have 15 speakers and the Developers 6.

81/2014: The Council RESOLVED, as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th July 2014 and the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd August 2014.

82/2014: To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded: None other than those already in the Confidential Information.

83/2014: Chairman's Announcements: None

84/2014: Report of the Clerk on:

(a) **Market Place**

(i) **Former Public Toilet area / Transfer of land/ Feature area:** Solicitor now completing the transfer with AVBC – all documents signed.

Works for area: Refurbish the bollards (paint); build a suitable wall planting area for floral displays; seating and general improvements.

The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the works, subject to the appropriate level of funding being available.

(ii) **Resurface work & re-lining:** The Market Place and the Village Hall Car Park resurfacing and lining have now been completed. The chairman commended the quality of the works undertaken.

(b) **Report on Village Hall**

(i) Asbestos Survey – H & S Requirement (carry out on refurbishment work)

(ii) Refurbishment of the toilets: Quotes to be obtained

(iii) Winter / Spring Plants for frontage & Winding Wheel:

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve (i) & (ii) subject to quotes and finances being available and item (iii) was approved.

(c) **Allotments:**

(i) Bridle Lane: No updates or information

(ii) Birchwood Lane: Complaint re lighting of bonfires. The **Council RESOLVED** that no further action be taken on the evidence provided of a small fire.

(iv) Sleetmoor Lane: No Updates

(v) Jim Spibey Memorial Shield Presentation Evening: Cllr Lyttle said the evening went well and those present appreciated the awards.

(vi) Drunken Close: Hard standing area to be provided subject to cost – **RESOLVED** the Clerk to organise the works, subject to a suitable quote.

(vii) Allotments Association Sub-Committee Meeting to be arranged in October..

(c) **Parish Wardens Accommodation:** Solicitor completing transfer from AVBC.

(e) **Councillor Vacancies:** Two vacancies, both by Co-option.

(f) **WWI Commemorative Events:** WWI commemorative event on, Sunday, 21st September 2014 at St Thomas' Church and an exhibition in the Village Hall, with refreshments from 11am - 1pm. All Councillors invited. An application to HLF has been submitted for a WW1 Project – Decision meeting 22nd October 2014.

(g) **St Thomas Parish Church – Issues raised: Flag Pole:** Use of the flag pole – The Council **RESOLVED** that a formal agreement re flying flags by the Parish Council be implemented, as per the request of the Archdeacon.

Repairs/Works: To respond the Archdeacon, although not required under the lease or legally to inform the PCC of any works being undertaken, as a matter of courtesy. No undue delay shall be acceptable on improvement works, as per the lease.

- (h) **Proposed Street Lighting Maintenance Policy:** Comments made by the Parish Council have been forwarded to DCC. Cllr Smith said that the agreed concessions for Somercotes were accepted and that the area had one of the lowest switch offs in Derbyshire, due to its identified problems.
- (i) **Wild Flower Areas – B600:** Application submitted to DCC re ‘Cultivation of roadside verges’ is pending approval.
- (j) **Cambro Site/ Somercotes Hill – Core Strategy Report** comments were submitted to AVBC.
The planning application has now been submitted. The **Council RESOLVED** to submit the comments, as per the Core Strategy concerns and to add that a 250m zone should be agreed to any land sought for any development around the landfill site known as LS01.
- (k) **Training - Code of Conduct Review:** Somercotes Village Hall, 10am – 12 noon, Saturday, 11th October 2014. Any Councillors wishing to attend should contact the Clerk to book. The **Council RESOLVED** to meet the delegates cost
- (l) **Community Youth Provision:** Somerlea Community Centre charity has made an application to the Police Commissioners Grants for outreach diversionary activities to reduce ASB and other related offences that have been increasing particularly on and around the recreation ground. The **Council RESOLVED** to seek further information before making any approval of financial support – for discussion at the next Ordinary PC Meeting in November.
- (m) **Poop Scoop Bags:** The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of additional supply of poop scoop bags once the current stock reached the need to order.
- (n) **Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations:** The government has the regulations on the 5th August 2014 and these came into force on 6th August 2014. The Council has already approved use of Social Media. Councillors have the right to refuse recording of their faces on film, should a request for filming to be made. A copy of the Regulations is available for Councillors
- (n) **Register of Members Interest:** Members were reminded of the need for 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.

85/2014 Finance

- (a) **Accounts for Payment** bet 18.7.2014 and 18.9.2014: £ 43,915.05
The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the payments.
- (b) **Income / Interest** (to 31/08/14). £ 723.10
- (c) **Pay Roll:** Now established with an accountant and working very well.
- (d) **Budget Report:** The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the ‘Budget Report’

86/2014 To consider planning applications:

Planning Matters - AVBC

- 2014/0680 Application for Lawful Development Certificate, re-instatement of a lean-to, re-cladding of front elevation. At RPT Coatings Ltd, Wimsey Way, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4LS.
- 2014/0673 Single story front extension for Mr G Edgson, 342 Lower Somercotes, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4LP,
- 2014/0026 Residential development at Bridge Waste Disposal, 66 Main Road, Pye Bridge, Alfreton by Mr Steve Cullen , Nancherrow Park Stud, Chez Raffier, 16500 Esse, France

Planning Matters - DCC

CD6/0814/64: Erection of 2.4m high welded mesh perimeter fencing, together with 2 No corrugated steel units measuring 2.4m x 7m, for Derbyshire County Council at Somercotes Infant School.

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

Planning Matters Determined - AVBC

- 2014/0084 Two Ash trees – 30% crown reduction and remove dead wood, for Mr Michael Johnson, 68 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes. **Permitted**
- 2014/0438 Erection of extension to existing workshop building for Mr Shaun Newham Akramatic Engineering Co Ltd, Keys Road, Nix's Hill Ind Estate, Alfreton, Derbys, DE55 7FQ. **Withdrawn**
- 2014/0554 Change of use from Class B8 Storage and Distribution to Class B1 light industrial, Class B2 General Industrial and Class B8 Storage and Distribution for Eurocell Profiles Ltd, Eurocell Profiles Ltd, Clover Nook Road, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4HJ. **Permitted**
- 2014/0556 2 stables and store with hard standing area at Land To West Side Of Corner House Farm, Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire for Miss Paula Ward 5 Wheatley Avenue, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 4LU: **Withdrawn**
- 2014/0616 2 Storey side extension to existing dwelling for Mr Philip Helme, 144 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4NE: **Permitted**
- 2014/0673 Single storey front extension for Mr G Edgson. 342 Lower Somercotes, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4LP: **Permitted**
- 2014/0680 Application for Lawful Development Certificate, re-instatement of a lean-to, re-cladding of front elevation for RPT Coatings Ltd, Wimsey Way, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4LS: **Permitted**

87/2014 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils: 15/2014 – 19/2014

88/2014: Items for information only: Thank you card from the Somercotes Girl Guides

89/2014: The following resolution was moved: “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:** Councillor was informed on staff issues for information.

New Staff: Assistant Clerk Training – Susan Massey: The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the training programme for the Clerks Induction & CiLCA Courses.

(b) **CCTV:** Cllr McCabe informed the Council that at this time there was insufficient funds at AVBC for CCTV provision.

Mobile CCTV: A mobile CCTV system is now available through the police service

(c) **Child Care Provision (Infants) – Village Hall:** Cllr McCabe raised concerns as to liability on the Council for any incidents/injuries. The Chairman stated that this is an important provision and is controlled under OFSTED and the hirer is required to be insured (£10m minimum liability) and meet strict criteria. The hiring of the hall is the same for any service user so there should not be a problem.

The Clerk is putting into place updated Fire Risk Assessment, Health & Safety / Risk Assessments to assist the Service User with policies to follow. A contract will be implemented, if necessary through solicitors.

The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the use of the Village Hall for Child Care Provision.

90/2014: Date of next Parish Council Meetings: 6.30pm Friday, 21st November 2014