

## SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

G. R. Blackmore  
Clerk to the Council  
Somercotes Parish Hall  
Nottingham Road  
Somercotes  
Alfreton  
Derbyshire  
DE55 4LY



Telephone Office: 01773 603810

Parish Hall: 01773 609397

E-Mail: [somercotespc@btconnect.com](mailto:somercotespc@btconnect.com)

Website: [www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk)

9<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**The Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council to be held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.**

Yours sincerely

G R Blackmore  
Clerk to the Council

### AGENDA

#### PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

**1/2015: To receive apologies for absence:**

**2/2015: Social Media:**

The Council welcomes the use of social media, filming and recording at meetings, provided they do not disrupt or otherwise have an adverse affect on the meeting. Telephones and other such devices should be switched to silent mode or switched off completely.

**3/2015: Variation of Order of Business.**

**4/2015: (i) 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.

(ii) **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 Information of all Councillors**

**5/2015: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation**

**6/2015: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)**

(a) A period of not more than 5 minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter.

- (b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Council or District Council Member is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

**7/2015: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on:** The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 and the meeting of the Allotments Sub-Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 & the Village Hall Service Users Sub-Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**8/2015: 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 .... to consider a 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.”**

**9/2015: Chairman’s Announcements:**

- **Carol Service Collection**

**10/2015: Report of the Clerk on:**

(a) **Market Place**

- (i) **Former Public Toilet area Feature Area / Transfer of land:** AVBC requested to make good the footpath, as was agreed on transfer of the land.
- (ii) Designs for garden area – designs attached: The public will be asked their views in the next Newsletter

**For Council discussion & decision**

(b) **Report on Village Hall**

- (i) Refurbishment of the toilets.

**(ii) New furniture**

(c) **Allotments: No Updates** - Children’s Allotments Competition in next Newsletter

- (i) **Allotment Rents for 2015-16:** Bridle Lane, Birchwood Lane, Sleetmoor Lane & Drunken Close - **For Council discussion & decision**

(d) **Councillor Vacancies:** Two vacancies – the post will now be open for election in May 2015 for the Parish Council Elections.

(e) **St Thomas Parish Church: Flag Pole** – Agreement signed: **For Information**

(f) **Wild Flower Areas – B600:** Application submitted to DCC re ‘Cultivation of roadside verges’ has now been granted – signed agreements returned to DCC.

(g) **Community Youth Provision: For Information**

(h) **Code of Conduct Complaints:** Letter from Mr. P Benski (Democratic Services Manager (AVBC): **For Information of Councillors**

(i) **Annual Parish Meeting:** The Annual Parish Meeting, which is not a Parish Council Meeting, is scheduled for Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015. It is preferable to hold the APM prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council (15<sup>th</sup> May 2015), so this leaves only a few available dates. **For Consideration**

**(j) Festive Decorations: For discussion & decision by Council**

**11/2015: Finance**

- (a) Accounts for Payment bet 22.11.2014 and 15.01.2015:  
(Accounts Approved 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 – Appendix 'A')
- (b) Income (to 15/01/15) & Interest
- (c) National Salary Awards: The NJC Rates for Council staff have now been agreed from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

**For Council consideration and decision**

- (d) Precept 2015-16: The council is required to set the parish precept for 2015- 16. The budget proposals are attached.  
There will be a reduction in the government grant from £31,800 to £23,850
  - (i) Recommendations to the Council on the precept
  - (ii) Hire Cost to AVBC for the Village hall as a Polling Station

**For Council discussion and decision**

**12/2015: To consider planning applications:  
Planning matters – AVBC**

2014/0722 Single storey extension to an existing Aldi retail store. The extension is to incorporate a new full height glazed shopfront, a new gabled frontage and an extended glazed canopy. For Aldi, Nottingham Rd, Somercotes  
2014/0964 2 No 3 bedroom detached dwellings and 1 No detached double garage at land adjoining The Lodge, Lower Somercotes for Mr S Egan, The Lodge, 400 Lower Somercotes.

2014/0955 1 No detached dwelling on private garden to the NE of existing dwelling at Nether Farm, 208 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes for Mr Jeff Harris, 208 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes.

2014/1006 Agricultural prior notification for steel portal framed building to store bales for Mr matthew Watson, Birdswood Farm, 145 Sleetmore Lane, Somercotes

2014/1015 Change of use to Class B8 (Storage or Distribution) at Unit 1, Wimsey Way, Somercotes for Screwfix Direct Ltd, Trade Houes, Mead Avenue, Yeovil

2014/1090 Construction of 12 No dwelling houses on the former site of the Rifle Volunteer PH. These will be 6 terraced dwellings with 3 bedrooms to be constructed on Birchwood lane and 3 pairs of semi detached dwellings with 3 bedrooms to be constructed on Douglas Road. This is an alternative scheme to 2013/1074

2014/1058 Single storey rear extension at Winster House, 378 Lower Somercotes for Mr Whitesmith.

2014/0949 Erection of livestock building at land east of Birchwood Farm, Cockshutt Lane, Somercotes for AKA Agricultural contractors, Hobsic Farm, Selston, Nottingham.

2014/0950 Erection of livestock building at land east of Birchwood Farm, Cockshutt Lane, Somercotes for AKA Agricultural contractors, Hobsic Farm, Selston, Nottingham.

2014/1068 Side kitchen extension at 46 Leamoor Lane, Somercotes fore Mr P Minkley.

2014/0183 Tree pruning to Beech trees at Birchwood Methodist Church, Birchwood Lane, Somercotes. Prune around street lamp and prune to clear NE corner od the Church Tower by 2m. Yew tree prune to achieve a clearance to the building of 2m for Mrs Lynne Walmsley, Birchwood Methodist Church.

#### **Planning matters determined AVBC**

2014/0819: Unit, Garnham Close, Somercotes, to erect plant and equipment to provide a back-up electricity generation facility **Permitted**

2014/0026: Bridge Waste disposal, 66 Main Road, Pye Bridge, Residential development **Permitted**

2014/0770: Land West of Birchwood Way, Somercotes, New Industrial Unit for B1, B2 & B8 use **Permitted**

2014/0722: Aldi Store, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, single storey extension to existing Aldi retail store **Permitted**

2014/0921: Leabrooks Upholstery, Birchwood Way, Somercotes. Change of use from B2 use to B8 use with ancillary office & accommodation and on site car parking **Permitted**

2014/0964 land adjoining The Lodge, Somercotes, 2 No detached dwellings and 1 No detached double garage **Refused**

**13/2015 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils: 23/2014 – 27/2014:**

**14/2015: Items for information only:**

- **AVBC – Street Trading Consents Policy & Guidance**

#### **PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**15/2015: 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.”**

**(a) Staff Matters:** Update on staff matters

**16/2015: Date of next Parish Council Meetings: 6.30pm, Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015**