

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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The Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council is to be held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 10th April 2015 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Yours sincerely



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AGENDA

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

17/2015: To receive apologies for absence:

18/2015: 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.

19/2015: Variation of Order of Business.

20/2015: (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**

21/2015: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation

22/2015: 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 Borough Council Member is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

23/2015: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on: The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th January 2015.

24/2015: 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.”

25/2015: Chairman’s Announcements:

26/2015: Report of the Clerk on:

(a) **Market Place**

(i) **Former Public Toilet area Feature Area**

Competition advertised in Spring 15 Newsletter.

(ii) **Designs for garden area**

Proposal for design pending.

For Council discussion & decision

(b) **Report on Village Hall**

(i) Refurbishment of the toilets – Works completed without issue. Overbudget by £675.00 (exc VAT) due to additional electric work and supply and fit additional fixtures.

(ii) New furniture – Chairs/tables: To be purchased in early May 2015

(iii) Retirement of Window Cleaner for Village Hall and Bus Shelters. Quote received from Shelter Maintenance. See supporting document.

For Council discussion & decision

(c) **Allotments: Updates –**

(i) Children’s Allotments Competition advertised in the Spring 15 Newsletter. 1st prize £25, 2nd prize £15, 3rd prize £10.

(ii) Sleetmoor Lane: Grant request for equipment £535.93 paid.

(iii) Request to keep 5 Turkeys on a plot for Birchwood Allotments.

For Council discussion & decision

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

(e) **Wild Flower Areas – B600:** Perennial plants have been ordered at Clerk’s request.

(f) **Community Youth Provision:** £500 released in February 15. £1500 ring fenced for release in quarterly tranches based on the progress of the project. See supporting document.

- (g) **Festive Lighting:** Meeting with LITE Ltd on 4th February 2015. See supporting document.

For Council discussion & decision

- (h) **Lighting Improvements – Somercotes Recreation Ground: DCC Safer Communities application:**

Response from DCC. It is not possible to fund additional lights at this location. See supporting document.

- (i) **Un-adopted footpath Pye Bridge to Cotes Park Ind. Est:**
Pending response from DCC.

- (j) **DALC 03/2015: General Circular: Meetings Summons by electronic communications** See supporting document

For Council discussion & decision

- (k) **DALC Subscription rates and training:** Two levels of subscriptions offered. Higher fee covers training to enable Councillors/Clerk/RFO to attend as many training courses as required. See supporting document.

For Council discussion & decision

- (l) **Christmas Carol Concert collection:** Acknowledgement of receipt of £200 from Cancer Research UK. See supporting document.

- (m) **Insurance Claim:** Mill Lane Car Park 1/5/13. Claim proceeding as area was not subject to inspections. See supporting document.

- (n) **Summer 2015 Newsletter**
Request for topical items/events/photographs etc.

27/2015: Finance

- (a) Accounts for Payment bet 16/01/15 and 27/03/15:
(Accounts Approved 16th January 2015 – Appendix 'A')

- (b) Income (to 27/03/15).
Interest

- (c) **Living Wage:** The Council Resolved at the Ordinary PC Meeting on 16th January 2015, to pay the non-consolidated payments to all staff and for the respective staff the Living Wage from 1st April 2015. The legal requirement under the 2014-16 Pay Awards was to pay the Living Wage, as from 1st January 2015, so the payments have been made.

- (c) **Budget Report:** Attached

- (d) **Election Cost:** Clarity was sought with AVBC re the payment of 50% of the Parliamentary Elections & Parish Elections. The letter was poorly worded and several Clerks sought clarification and it is a 50% payment of all cost therefore as the Parliamentary Elections are being held at the same time this

will reduce the Parish Elections cost (if held). The 2% precept rise will now cover all cost and the £800 per annum red-circle in budgets will ensure the cost of Parish and other Elections are met over the next 5 years.

(e) **Long term absence of the Clerk:**

- Bank signatories – Barclays and Lloyds
- Barclaycard authorisation
- End of financial year accounts and Annual Return

For Council discussion & decision

28/2015: To consider planning applications:

Planning Matters – AVBC (10/01/15 to 27/03/15)

2015/0023 Tennis Courts – Somercotes Park, Main Road, Leabrooks
Extension to the height of the ball catch netting at Somercotes multi use synthetic Sports pitch. New fencing to extend the ball catch net from 6m to 9m.
Applicant : AVBC

2014/1129 Celebrity Motion Furniture, 9 Wimsey Way, Somercotes
Creation of new windows openings and enlargement of existing door opening.
New concrete ramp with handrails and canopy.
Applicant: Mr Adam Reay, The Prudential Assurance Co Ltd

2015/0021 EPC United Kingdom PLC, Venture Crescent, Alfreton
2 x signs 1064mm x 725 mm consisting of 2 x shaped top and bottom panels. Set between 2 x 400mm painted aluminium posts.
Applicant: Mrs Julia Nixon, EPC United Kingdom PLC, Unit 1, Venture Crescent, Alfreton

2014/1039 Johnson diversey UK Ltd, Cotes Park Lane, Somercotes
Hazardous Substances consent application
Applicant: Isobel Cook, Diversey UK Production Ltd, Northampton

2015/0078 Plots 23 to 41 Greenhill Lane, Leabrooks, Alfreton
Non material amendment to 2004/1104 for substitution of 19 houses on plots 23 to 41
Applicant: Mr J Mayfield, Langridge Homes Ltd, 17-21 Clumber Avenue, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham

2015/0104 137 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes
Proposed rear extension
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Gibson 137 Birchwood Lane

2015/0235 13 Brenden Avenue, Somercotes
Single Storey side and rear extension
Applicant: Mr Scott Burgess, 13 Brenden Avenue

2015/0203
Land West of Birchwood Way, Somercotes, Alfreton
New Industrial unit for B1, B2 and B8 use
Applicant; Mr H Watkins, 1A Albany Court, Airfield Ind Estate, Ashbourne, Derbys.

Planning Matters Determined AVBC (10/01/15 to 27/03/15)

2014/1058 Winster House, 378 Lower Somercotes, Somercotes
Single story rear extension **Permitted**

2014/0978 Leabrooks Upholstery, Birchwood Way, Somercotes
Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site for B1/B2/B8 employment use.
Construction of parking spaces and all ancillary infrastructure. **Permitted**

2014/0955 Nether farm, 208 Birchwood lane, Somercotes
One detached dwelling on private garden to the North East of existing dwelling.
Pending Decision

2014/1090 Rifle Volunteer, 36 Birchwood lane, Somercotes
Construction of 12 new dwelling houses. 6 terraced dwellings with 3 bedrooms on Birchwood Lane. Three pairs of semi detached dwellings with 3 bedrooms on Douglas Road.
Permitted

2014/1068 47 Leamoor Avenue, Somercotes
Proposed side kitchen extension. **Permitted**

2014/0183 Birchwood Methodist Church, Birchwood lane, Somercotes
Beech trees – prune around street lamp and to clear NE corner of church tower by 2m.
Yew tree – prune to achieve building clearance of 2m. **Permitted**

2014/1009 11 Scott Drive, Somercotes
Install porch at front of house in recess between downstairs cloakroom and no 15s wall.
Applicant: Mr Brian Hogg, 11 Scott Drive, Somercotes
Permitted

2014/1129 Celebrity- Motion Furniture Ltd, Wimsey Way, Somercotes
Creation of new windows openings and enlargement of existing door opening.
New concrete ramp with handrails and canopy.
Permitted

2014/1039 Johnson Diversey UK Ltd, Cotes Parke Lane, Somercotes
Hazardous Substances Consent Application
Permitted

2015/0078 Plots 23 to 41 Greenhill Lane, Leabrooks, Alfreton
Non material amendment to – amendments to proposed tree planting
Permitted

2015/0021 EPC United Kingdom PLC, Venture Crescent, Alfreton, Derbys
2 x signs
Permitted

29/2015 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

02/2015: General Circular: DALC change of Bank, Public Works Loans Board reform, Local Council Award Scheme, Vacancies

03/2015: General Circular: Meetings Summons by electronic communications Fit for Work OH Assessment Service, Local Council Award Scheme, vacancies

04/2015: General Circular: DALC Internal Audit scheme, Elections training, various Vacancies

05/2015; General Circular: DALC subscription rates & training

06/2015: General Circular: Grant Thornton Seminar, Automatic Enrolment training, Vacancies

07/2015: General Circular: Elections 15, Transparency Code – smaller Authorities, Automatic Enrolment training

08/2015: General Circular: Purdah guidance, Smaller Authorities & accountability, Town & Parish Council websites, Sustainable Communities Act training, Vacancies

30/2015: Items for information only:

- Solar Farms – consultation 19th March 2015
- DCC Liaison Forum – Monday 22nd June 15
- DCC – adopted streets on development off Quarry Rd/James St, Somercotes

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

31/2015: 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
- (b) **Member of Staff Incident**

32/2015: Date of next Parish Council Meetings: Annual Parish Council Meeting Friday, 15th May 2015 at 6:30 pm; Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Friday 15th May at 7:00 pm