

## SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.**

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman addressed all Council Staff on the situation regarding the absence of the Clerk. The Chairman thanked the staff for their continued focus on work during this difficult time. The Chairman will keep staff informed of changes in the present situation.

#### **Minutes**

**Present:** Cllr. P. Smith (Chairman); Cllr. B. Lyttle (V. Chairman); Cllr T. Marriott; Cllr. J Parker; Cllr P Price; Cllr. S. Grotier; Cllr. J. McCabe  
S. E. Massey (Assistant Clerk) ;PCSO Plant

**17/2015: To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr M Barron; Cllr P. Curran-Bilbie;  
Cllr S Walker

**18/2015: Social Media:** The Council welcomes the use of social media

**19/2015: Variation of Order of Business:** None

**20/2015: (i) Declaration of Members Interests:**

Cllr B Lyttle – All Planning Matters: 12/2015

Cllr P Price - Report on Village Hall 26/2015 (b) (iii)

(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.

**21/2015: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation:** None

**22//2015: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)**

(a) **Police Liaison Officer:** Stats provided for calls for service for ASB in March: ASB Nuisance – 14 - mainly McDonalds area; ASB personal – 24; ASB environment - 1, which was a fire set at Pennytown Ponds.  
Concerns regarding the number of thefts from insecure motor vehicles.  
The issue Agenda Item 31/2015 (b) was raised. The Chairman said that this had been raised at George St Community meeting. PCSO advised that regular patrols are being carried out in the area in question. A recent sweep had resulted in 3 needles found Somerlea area. Confirmed that patrols will be increased.  
Cllr McCabe confirmed that AVBC had also undertaken a sweep of area.  
Incidents reported of vehicles parked early hours Cotes PH and youths loitering.

Report of a vehicle parked at top of Langley Ave on footpath and requested enforcement.

Riber Ave – vehicles parking on grass and damaging.

PCSO advised to record VRN's of offending vehicles. Police will then give advice to offenders.

**23/2015:** The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on: The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**24//2015: To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded - None.**

**25/2015: Chairman's Announcements:** Riddings CC will be holding a 20/20 Match, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 15, Testimonial Match for Gordon Blackmore, proceeds to Macmillan.

**26//2015: Report of the Clerk on:**

(a) **Market Place**

(i) **Former Public Toilet area Feature Area / Transfer of land:** No responses received yet re Competition advertised in Spring Newsletter.

(ii) **Designs for Garden area:** At close of Competition, will need to confirm design. Use AVBC to produce design. Cllr McCabe confirmed footpath works will be carried out by AVBC at the same time as the landscape work by others. Discussion as to whether a memorial to Clerk may be appropriate. For consideration at next meeting.

(b) **Report on Village Hall**

(i) **Refurbishment of the toilets** – Completed over budget by £675.00(exc VAT) due to additional electric work and additional fixtures.

(ii) **New furniture** – Purchase of 25 stacking tables and 150 chairs, in May 15.

(iii) The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Shelter Maintenance to request 2 monthly clean of shelters. To be reviewed in October. The cleaning of the VH windows pending further decision.

(c) **Allotments:**

(i) The Council noted that the Allotments Competition was advertised in the Spring Newsletter. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> £25; 2<sup>nd</sup> £15; 3<sup>rd</sup> £10.

(ii) The Council noted that the sum of £535.93 (Grant request) has been paid to Sleetmoor Lane.

(iii) **The Council RESOLVED** to allow 5 Turkeys to be kept by a plot holder at Birchwood Allotments, provided these were female Turkeys.

(d) **Councillor Vacancies:** The Council noted that there are three vacancies and may be open for election.

(e) **Wild Flower Areas** – Perennial plants purchased for B600 verge (delivery end May/June) and seeds purchased for Winding Wheel area.

- (f) **Community Youth Provision:** The Council noted that £500 payment released in February 15. £1500 ring fenced from 14/15 budget for release in quarterly tranches based on the progress of the project. Request to BH to include in future reports on how many young people are accessing the project.
- (g) **Festive Lighting:** The Council noted the Minutes of the Meeting with Lite on 4th February 15. SM explained that contact details of personnel availability will be exchanged in advance of the switching on of the display. Noted the suggestion of building a fund beyond 2015 to purchase new lighting. For further discussion.
- (h) **Lighting Improvement – Somercotes Recreation Ground:** Response from DCC that the area does not fit the Community Safety criteria at this time and thus cannot be supported. Stats appear to show a fall in ASB in that area, it is therefore most important that Incidents are reported.
- (i) **Un-adopted footpath Pye Bridge to cotes Park Ind Estate:** The Chairman requested that Cllr Parker investigate the matter further with DCC Planning: Susan White/ Alison Thomas. Discussion as to why footpaths on temporary line and possible lapse of agreements. Ownership of the land needs to be established before any process can be commenced.
- (j) **DALC 03/2015 Meetings Summons by electronic communication:** The Council noted the document from DALC
- (k) **DALC subscription and training rates: The Council RESOLVED** to pay the higher subscription rate for the year 15/16. Due to the absence of the Clerk and possible change of Council in May, there may be additional training required.
- (l) **Christmas Carol Service Collection:** The Council noted the acknowledgement of receipt of £200 from Cancer Research UK.
- (m) **Insurance Claim:** The Council noted the correspondence regarding the claim from the Council's Insurer.
- (n) **Summer Newsletter:** In the absence of the Clerk request was made for topical items, event photographs etc. Request to be placed on Council website.

**27/2015: Finance**

- (a) Accounts for Payment between 16/01/15 and 27/03/15: £53713.27  
(Accounts Approved 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Appendix 'A')  
The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the Accounts for Payment
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| (b) Income (to 27/03/15). | £ 3,299          |
| Interest                  | £ 1.36           |
| Total                     | <b>£ 3300.36</b> |

- (b) **Living Wage:** The Council noted that the non consolidated payment award had been made in payments to staff in January 15 together together with the Living Wage increase.
- (d) **Budget Report:** The Council noted the Budget Report as at 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

- (e) **Election Cost:** The Council noted clarification from AVBC; the 50% payment includes all elections and as the Parliamentary Elections are being held this year this would (if held) reduce the Parish elections cost. The 2% increase in precept will cover the cost and £800 pa ring fenced in budgets will ensure cover of costs of Parish and other Elections are met over the next 5 years.
- (f) **Long Term absence of Clerk: The Council RESOLVED** that the Assistant Clerk
- To be made signatory of Lloyds and Barclays on an interim basis.
  - Contact to be made with Alfreton Town Council regarding support with end of year accounts and Annual Return and any other matters arising

**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.

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

**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**

The **Council RESOLVED** not to make any comments on any planning matters determined

**29/2015 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:  
02/2015: - 08/2015**

**30/2015: Items for information only:**

- Solar Farms – consultation 19<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Absence of Clerk – Locum Clerk/RFO** – When/if required, **DALC** will assist if required to determine hours and pay for Clerk. Will advertise free of charge on website and circulars and will also contact local Councils.

**Assistant Clerk** – to note additional hours worked in the absence of the Clerk for authority for payment by the Council. The Council noted the Assistant Clerk’s booked leave 23/04/15/to 04/05/15.

**Relief Caretaker** – Chairman to assist with Interviews when arranged

**(b) Member of Staff Incident** – Discarded Syringe. Discussed previously see Agenda Item 22/2015 (a).

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