

## SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6:30 pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes**

**Present:** Cllr P Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (V. Chairman); Cllr J McCabe; Cllr S McCabe; Cllr T Cole; Cllr C Addison Lees; Cllr M Barron; Cllr S Grotier; Cllr P Curran-Bilbie; S E Massey

#### **PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**52/2015: To receive apologies for absence:** None received

**Not Present:** Cllr T Marriott; Cllr S Walker

**53/2015: 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.

**54/2015: Variation of Order of Business.**

**55/2015: (i) Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr B Lyttle 67/2015 All Planning Matters – remain in the meeting.

Cllr C Addison-Lees 62/2015 (c) (ii) matters relating to Birchwood Allotment association – remain in the meeting.

- (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.

**56/2015: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation.** None

**57/2015: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)**

Vicky Jones presented a submission for the Feature Garden development. The submission is from a 16 yr old (Isobel) who is a member of the Somercotes Community Wellbeing Group and had sought ideas from members of the Youth Club. The Chairman expressed his thanks on behalf of Somercotes Parish Council to Isobel. The document will be looked at in more detail and take forward what can be used.

Interim Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Isobel.

Vicky reported that interest in the Group is picking up. A new craft group for adults is set up and a range of family activities.

Mrs Pam Marriott asked why the Council had not informed residents of the Planning application for the recently erected wind turbine. Chairman explained the planning process and consultation. Objections put forward by the Parish Council were discussed. Chairman advised of the communications regarding planning applications, which are on Notice Board agendas; Council website; AVBC planning portal.

Cllr J McCabe will check that planning conditions have been adhered to.

Mrs Marriott to check consultation documents through AVBC planning portal.

PCSO Rogers reported problems with a high number of motor bikers Pye Bridge and Rugby Club site. Shop thefts at B&Q are high. Issues reported with the lights being switched off Welbeck St/James St and footpath link off Welbeck St and Quarry Rd.

Interim Clerk to write to DCC (Alison Chandler).

Increase in a number of metal detectors in Sleetmoor Woods and Riddings Park. No prosecutions have been carried out by AVBC.

More Police resources will be available at weekends due to a change in shift patterns.

**Borough Council** - Cllr Lyttle reported that a planning application for 400 homes Kedleston Road. A refused application for over 100 homes in Crich has this week won an appeal. Somercotes Recreation Ground is to have new seats and footpaths extended.

Paul Price present for item 60/2015.

**58/2015: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on:**

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes as a true record.

**59/2015: To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None other than those listed in Confidential Information.

**60/2015: Councillor Vacancies:** Two applications for Co option received. As no other applications had been received and the Council has two vacancies The **Council RESOLVED** to co-opt both applicants.

**Interim Clerk to arrange with both applicants to sign Declaration of Office and complete Register of Members Interest within 28 days.**

**61/2015: Chairman's Announcements:** None

**62/2015: Report of the Clerk:**

**(a) Village Hall:**

- (i) Due to a fire at the factory new chairs will not be delivered until end August.
- (ii) Window Cleaner for VH. Two quotes have been received: GEM and Excel. GEM are highly recommended by two service users of the Hall. The Council will require copy of Liability Insurance. The **Council RESOLVED** to appoint GEM as the VH Window Cleaner
- (iii) Request from Interim Clerk to purchase an inexpensive digital camera. The **Council RESOLVED** to allow a purchase of camera up to £100

**(b) Designs for Feature Garden:**

Technical advice to be sought from AVBC Simon Gladwin and Richard Hodgkinson.  
Interim Clerk to contact AVBC.

**(c) Allotments:**

- (i) Jim Spibey Memorial Shield: Date to be arranged for Presentation Evening late September. Chris Beale to be contacted re judging.
- (ii) Update from Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July: Birchwood Allotments Assoc. submitted proposal for new toilets.

Cllr Lyttle to check with AVBC on what is required for planning and Building Control.  
Funding request to be considered at September Council meeting.

**(d) Metal Weigh-In by Parish Wardens:**

The Council RESOLVED to allow payment of £164.40 (July 14 to March 15) be donated To Macmillan.

As the metal weigh-in is good environmental practice, it is to continue. Quotes to be sought for boarding out the vehicle interior to prevent further damage. Members thanked Parish Wardens for this work.

**(e) Partnership Working with Alfreton TC:**

Suggestion by both Councils to draw up a Partnership Working agreement for maintenance staff to provide reciprocal service

The Council RESOLVED to agree to Partnership

**(f) Pensions Automatic Enrolment:** Interim Clerk will prepare a report for the next meeting with Action Plan.

**(g) Councillor Contact Details:** Spreadsheet with all Councillor contact details to be updated to include two co-opted Councillors and distributed.

**63/2015: Finance:**

- (a) Accounts for Payment between 07.05.15 and 08.07.15 £25,617.76  
(Accounts approved 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – Appendix A)
- (b) Income 07.05.15 to 08.07.15) Inc VAT claim £8273.25  
Interest £0
- (c) Petty Cash Payments 01.04.15 and 08.07.15 £328.56

The Council RESOLVED to approve the above payments

- (d) Chairman's Allowance: Balance of account as at year end 31 March 2015 £50 to be returned to a nil balance.
- (e) Lloyds Bank: Mandate Change – Still not concluded re: 3 signatories remaining on account, no longer valid signatories. Further Mandate signed and sent.
- (f) Request from Somerlea Park Centre for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for Sports Diversionary Project. The Council RESOLVED not to release payment as written request and report had not yet been received.

**64/2015: Grants and Funding:** Re DALC Circular 16/2015 consideration to be given to projects for Council September meeting. Cllr S McCabe suggested looking at Awards for All funding stream, have provided funding for Council I pads/tablets.

Also Cooperative membership suggested as provide funding for local area projects.

Suggestions for:

Extension of wildflower meadow at Winding Wheel

Wooden posts need replacing at Winding Wheel

Summer carnival

Community development area – funding for feature on mining and textile industry. Could SLHS assist with this?

**65/2015: DCC Community Street Lighting Application:** Members noted the correspondence.

**66/2015: DCC Applications for Clean-Up of suitable sites:** Consideration given to:  
Painting of benches outside VH  
Weed clearance particularly on Thurston Avenue Estate  
Clean up of Philip Way area  
Interim Clerk to make application to include above.

**67/2015: To consider planning applications:**

**Telefonica UK Ltd Proposed Base Station Upgrade** – upgrade to improve existing network coverage and provide ne 4G network coverage. See supporting documents.

**Planning Matters AVBC All Non determined to 10/07/15**

2012/0778 Black Horse Inn, 358 Lower Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbys  
Outline application for residential development with all matters reserved for land at the Black Horse with access off Cinder Road, to include demolition of Black Horse PH.  
Applicant: Mr Daniel Lane, The George & Dragon, High St, Clay Cross, Chesterfield

2014/0804 SHLAA Land OFF, Lower Somercotes, Alfreton  
Residential development for up to 200 dwellings  
Applicant: Mr Roger Carter, Carter Construction (Derby) Ltd

2015/0113 Owen Taylors Butchers, 27 Main Rd, Leabrooks, Alfreton  
Proposed residential development for up to 12 dwellings  
Applicant: Mr R Taylor, Owen Taylor & Sons Ltd, 27 Main Rd, Leabrooks, Alfreton

2015/0440 Land to North of 36, Cockshutt Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton  
Retention of hardstanding for the parking of a horsebox (retrospective)  
Mr & Mrs Shaw, Birchwood Farm, Cockshutt Lane, Lower Birchwood, Somercotes

2015/0080 TRE 102 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes  
Fell 2 horse chestnut trees  
Mr Forbes Marshall, 14 Beauchief Gardens, Somercotes

2015/0522 29 Norman Rd, Somercotes, Alfreton  
New gates, fence and dog shed  
Applicant: Mr Matthew Martin, 29 Norman Rd, Somercotes, Alfreton

2015/0505 Land East of Birchwood Farm, Cockshutt Lane, Somercotes  
Erection of livestock building (resubmission of 2014/0950)  
AKA Agricultural Contractors, Hobsic farm, Hobsic Lane, Selston Notts

2015/0507 Land East of Birchwood Farm, Cockshutt Lane, Somercotes  
Erection of livestock building (resubmission of 2014/0949)  
AKA Agricultural Contractors, Hobsic farm, Hobsic Lane, Selston Notts

2015/0533 United Co operatives Ltd, Somercotes Pharmacy, 40 Nottingham Rd, Somercotes  
1 x internally illuminated fascia & 1 x internally illuminated projector  
Applicant: Mr Bestway Group, 1 Angel Square, Manchester

2015/0569 Mayfield Furniture Ltd, Cemetery Rd, Leabrooks, Alfreton  
Increase existing roof height and convert existing commercial building into flats/townhouses  
Applicant: Mr L Clarke, c/o Green 2k Design, UK

**Planning Matters Determined AVBC (01/05/15 to 10/07/15)**

2015/0332 Sunshine Tanning & Beauty, Garnham Close, Somercotes  
Demolition of a building and new development to erect plant, equipment and associated  
Infrastructure for back up electricity generation facility  
**Permitted**

2015/0216 Shady Farm, Lower Birchwood, Somercotes, Alfreton  
Change of use of agricultural building to livery stables  
**Permitted**

2015/0184 Eurocell Profiles Ltd, Clover nook Rd, Somercotes  
Forming of openings in external walls for 3 no. escape doors and 1 no. pair of dbl access  
doors  
**Permitted**

2015/0203 Land West of, Birchwood Way, Somercotes  
New Industrial Unit for B1, B2 and B8  
**Permitted**

2015/0046 TRE 123 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes  
Remove one Sycamore, crown clean and reduce. Oak, reduce one lower limb overhanging  
Building  
**Permitted**

The **Council RESOLVED** not to make comments on any of the above planning matters.  
Application 2012/0778 Black Horse Inn, 358 Lower Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbys  
Documents to be available at the Council September meeting.

**68/2015: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils: General Circulars:**

**13/2015:** Good Councillor Guide – Addendum; New Finance and Audit Documents;  
Governance and accountability; Connecting Derbyshire Consultation; Derbys Dales –  
Funding Talk; Vacancies.

**14/2015:** DALC Website sign in; Co-option Legal Briefing Note; Meetings by Electronic  
Summons; Training – Councillor Induction; Transparency Code; Volunteers – Big Lunch  
Extra; NALC Procurement Toolkit; Connecting Derbyshire Consultation.

**15/2015:** Training – The employment of the Clerk and Council  
Staff; Managing Cemeteries; Allotments; Minutes and procedures: Vacancies.

**16/2015:** Grants and Funding see Agenda Item 64/2015.

**17/2015:** Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund; Vacancies

**69/2015: To consider applications for Grants under s137 of the Local Government Act**

**1972:** The **Council RESOLVED** to award £100 to Derbys Children's Holiday Centre.

**70/2015: Items for information only:**

- (a) AVBC: Consultation – Gambling Draft Statement of Principles. Consultation period  
ends 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Members may obtain a hard copy of the Draft Document  
from the Interim Clerk.
- (b) DCC: Public Path Diversion Order 2014. Members noted the content.

**PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**71/2015: To move the following resolution - “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted 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. Update on Parish Warden recovery from surgery.
- II. Appointment of Relief Caretaker made following interview.
- III. Assistant Clerk/RFO interviews scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

**72/2015: Date of next Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

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