

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6:30 pm on Friday 18th September 2015 in the the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr P Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (V. Chairman); Cllr J McCabe;
Cllr C Addison- Lees; Cllr P Price; Cllr M Barron; Cllr J Parker; Cllr P Curran-Bilbie;
Cllr S Walker; S E Massey (Interim Clerk); J Richardson (Assistant Clerk)

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

73/2015: To receive apologies for absence: Cllr T Cole; Cllr S McCabe

Not Present: Cllr S Grotier

74//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.

75//2015: Variation of Order of Business. None

The Chairman introduced and welcomed the new Assistant Clerk/RFO J Richardson
Members introduced themselves to the Assistant Clerk

76/2015: (i) Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr B Lyttle 87/2015 All Planning Matters – remain in the meeting.

Cllr C Addison-Lees 83/2015 (c (iii) Birchwood Lane Allotments Association:
Items appertaining to Birchwood Lane Allotments – remain in the meeting.

Cllr S Walker 83/2015 (f) Partnership Working with ATC ;(j) Newsletter
Distribution - (f) remain in the meeting (j) - leave 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.

77/2015: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation. None

78/2015: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

Mr Brian Hill (Somercotes Park Centre) provided an overview of the financial position of the Centre. It has been a poor Summer and suffered an operational loss. Copy of accounts are posted with the Parish Council Office should Members wish to view. Negotiating a capital

injection with AVBC and also with a London company in the next 6 months. Confident of the investments and, therefore, no concerns.

Police representation: PCSO M Rogers and PCSO R Plant – still a problem with opportunist thefts on unlocked vehicles. High number of shed thefts and in particular high value bikes. ASB in Somercotes including Riddings Park 21. Fires at Riddings Parks at weekends and evenings. Nuisance groups at KFC and McDonalds.

Cllr Parker advised that he had seen person(s) trying vehicle doors early morning, this information passed to PCSO's.

Cllr Smith advised that he had attempted to contact Police recently regarding an Incident and there had been no response and questioned the resources available.

The Operation re off road motorbikes is continuing until end September.

Cllr Smith congratulated PCSO Plant on the excellent work on Mill Yard re graffiti and the quick response in the clean up.

Issues remain with the lights being switched off Welbeck St/James St and footpath link off Welbeck St and Quarry Rd. PCSO Rogers to email Cllr Smith with the details to enquire with DCC.

Borough Council - Cllr Lyttle reported that the planning application for 400 homes Kedleston Road has been refused and appealed.

Core Strategy – there are objections to proposals and controversial proposals are still in the Plan, in particular relating to Lily St.

Penytown Ponds has been awarded the Green Flag (award for the best Green Spaces) for the 3rd time and Riddings Park has been awarded the Green Flag for the 1st time.

County Council – Cllr Smith reported that all footways and road works scheduled have been completed: High St; Castle Drive; Hathersage Drive; Victoria St; B600 and B6016. Now looking at schemes for the next financial year. Any requests for works to be forwarded to Cllr Smith or Interim Clerk.

The impact of the rise in the National Living Wage will be great for the Council and will have a massive impact on Adult Social Care. In the long term the financial position of the Council will be much worse and statutory functions will take precedence.

79/2015: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on:

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2015.

The Allotments Committee meeting held on 16th July 2015.

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

80/2015: 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.

81//2015: Councillor Vacancies: Chairman made tribute to Cllr Marriott following his resignation on 23rd July 2015. The Chairman thanked Cllr Marriott for his commitment and hard work not only as a Councillor but as a resident. He also thanked him for his work with Police Liaison Meetings.

Chairman to write a letter of thanks to Cllr Marriott.

The Council considered an application from Mr G Edgson. As no other applications had been received and the Council has one vacancy,

The **Council RESOLVED** to co-opt the applicant.

Interim Clerk to arrange with the applicant to sign Declaration of Office and complete Register of Members Interest within 28 days.

82/2015: Chairman's Announcements: None

83/2015: Report of the Clerk:

(a) Village Hall:

- (i) All the old tables have now been disposed of but still have about 100 chairs remaining. To put an advert on FB and Radio Derby to donate to any School/charitable organisation.
Replacement of the chairs and tables in the Lounge was discussed.
The **Council RESOLVED** to replace the tables with the same as Hall tables and not purchase additional chairs at this time.

(b) Designs for Feature Garden:

Cllr McCabe will arrange for AVBC Cabinet Member to look at the plot, with a view to funding. The Council **RESOLVED** to set up a Working Group to move the project on;
Members : Cllr P Smith; Cllr J McCabe; Cllr C Addison-Lees; Cllr M Barron
At the first meeting a budget will need to be set. A brief of requirement of needs to be established and sent to Richard Hodgkinson (AVBC) for costing.

(c) Allotments:

- (i) Jim Spibey Memorial Shield: Presentation Evening arranged for Friday 23rd October at 6:30 pm.
- (ii) Hedge cutting at all 3 Allotments and at Parkside to Parkside Mews has been scheduled as in previous years.
- (iii) Cllr C Addison – Lees presented information regarding the proposal and the reason for the proposal. The proposal has been to the Association and a vote taken. Discussion took place regarding other options eg increasing the number of cleans of the existing toilets; increasing subs to cover the cleans.

The Council asked that the item remains on the agenda. Also that the member of the committee who drew up the proposal be invited to the next Council Meeting.

The Council suggest that the Association Committee arrange a pre planning meeting with AVBC to discuss planning requirements. The Council may submit the Planning Application on behalf of the association.

- (iv) Cllr Addison – Lees advised that following the letter received from the Council regarding issues raised by some plot holders the Secretary had emailed those plot holders on email and asked that any issues which need addressing be brought to his attention. Nothing had been returned.

Cllr P Smith advised that the Council will not be involved in the politics of the Association and that the Committee should be left to manage the Association. He requested that the Notice Boards be used to advise plot holders of meetings.

Cllr Addison- lees advised that the Committee will notify all plot holders of the eco toilets proposal and request views.

(d) Metal Weigh-In by Parish Wardens

Members noted that a cheque for £164.40 has been donated to Macmillan.

The Parish Warden vehicle has been ply lined to prevent further interior damage at a cost of £192.00.

(e) Pye Bridge Pond

Members considered the quotes for a bench at the pond.

The **Council RESOLVED** to purchase the Harlech seat with rounded edges in dark green at a cost of £345 = VAT + delivery £74.

Interim Clerk to check installation cost.

DCC to purchase and install.

(e) Partnership Working with Alfreton TC:

Interim Clerk is meeting with ATC next week to look at agreement. ATC have requested assistance on 27th November, Christmas Event and 8th November, Remembrance Day. Members said that the assistance received from ATC over the past few months was much valued and appreciated.

Chairman to write letter of Thanks to ATC

The **Council RESOLVED** to agree the assistance requested in November.

(f) Pensions Automatic Enrolment:

Interim Clerk to prepare information on Pension Providers for the next meeting and to prepare a report on the financial impact to consider employer contributions for those staff not entitled to employer contribution.

(h) Village Hall Fire Risk Assessment:

Cllr S Walker advised that staff at ATC were receiving training on FRA. Interim Clerk advised that the training may not achieve competence as the building presents a high risk due to the number of service users.

The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Chubb to carry out a FRA, once completed this to be undertaken by the Clerk annually.

(i) Councillor Contact Details:

Previously circulated. To be updated with new Co-opted Councillor details.

(j) Newsletter Distribution:

The Council considered quotes received.

The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the quote received from Mr Andrew Crawford. **Cllr McCabe to provide a detailed list of delivery addresses.**

(k) Kitchen Storage Cupboard

The **Council RESOLVED** to allow the purchase of a kitchen cupboard for the storage of cleaning materials of approximately £200.

3/2015: Finance:

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| (a) Accounts for Payment between 09.07.15 and 31.08.15
(Accounts approved 17 th July 2015 – Appendix A) | £16071.13 |
| (b) Income 09.07.15 to 31.08.15 Inc VAT claim | £ 4065.85 |
| Interest | £ 0.84 |
| (c) Petty Cash Payments 09.07.15 and 31.08.15 | £ 45.52 |
- The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the above payments
- (d) The **Council RESOLVED** to remove TJ Marriott as a bank signatory and to add J Richardson as a signatory on both accounts.

86/2015: Grants and Funding:

(a) Awards For All:

Members to submit projects for funding consideration to next meeting.

Place an ad in Newsletter for any Community Groups to put forward projects for a funding bid.

The **Council RESOLVED** to support a bid for the Community Feature Garden.

(b) Cooperative Membership

Members noted the information regarding current Cooperative Membership Fund.

86/215: DCC applications for Clean-Up of suitable sites:

Interim Clerk to contact DCC and Probation Service to commence work asap. Permission has not been required in the past for access to land which may be owned by Futures Homescape.

87/2015: To consider planning applications:

ENF/2015/0302 – Members noted the Wind Turbine enforcement report.

2012/0778 Black Horse Inn – Members noted that past comments made to the application remain valid.

Planning Matters AVBC All Non determined to 10/09/15

2014/0804 SHLAA Land Off, Lower Somercotes, Somercotes
Residential development for up to 200 dwellings. Departure to the Development Plan
Applicant: Mr Roger carter, Carter Construction (Derby) Ltd, c/o Pegasus Group, 4 The Courtyard, Church St, Lockington, Derbys

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

2015/0505 Land East of Birchwood Farm, Cockshutt Lane, Somercotes
Erection of livestock building (resubmission of scheme 2014/0950)
Applicant: 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 scheme 2014/0949)
Applicant: AKA Agricultural contractors, Hobsic Farm, Hobsic Lane, Selston, Notts

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

2015/0630 Royal Tiger Inn, 159 Nottingham Road, Somercotes, Alfreton
Internally illuminated and non illuminated signs
Applicant: Mr Jackson Harris, Lakeside Signs, Cardiff Rd, UK

2015/0696 Vivianos Pizza, 187 Nottingham Rd, Somercotes
Variation of condition 3 of 2013/0221 to allow premise opening between 17:00 – 24:00
Monday to Sunday
Applicant: Mr D Moradzadeh Sarabi, 187 Nottingham Rd, Somercotes

2015/0741 Akramatic Engineering Co Ltd, Nixs Hill, Alfreton
Application for Lawful development certificate for a Proposed Use – General Industrial B2
Applicant: Mr Shaun Newham, Akramatic Engineering Co Ltd, Nixs Hill Industrial Estate, Somercotes

TRE/2015/0114 Birchwood Farm, Lower Birchwood. Somercotes
Willow (T1) – Prune back from garage roof
Applicant: Mr Christopher Rowston, 32 Lower Birchwood Somercotes.

Planning Matters Determined AVBC (11/07/15 to 10/09/15)

2015/0533 United Cooperatives Ltd, Somercotes Pharmacy, 40 Nottingham Rd, Somercotes
1x internally illuminated Fascia and 1 x internally illuminated projector

Permitted

2015/0080 102 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes
Fell two horse chestnut trees

Permitted

2015/0522 29 Norman RD, Somercotes, Alfreton
New gates, fence and dog shed

Permitted

2015/0630 Royal Tiger Inn, 159 Nottingham Rd, Somercotes
Internally illuminated and non-illuminated signs

Permitted

2015/0741 Akramatic Engineering Co Ltd, Nixs Hill, Alfreton
Application for lawful development Certificate for a Proposed Use – General Industrial (B2)

Comment Made

The **Council RESOLVED** to make comment on application 2015/0569
Chapel St Car Park is poorly designed, in that vehicles parked near to the properties are
blocked in, there is very little room for vehicle maneuvering.

88/2005:

(a) Derbyshire Association of Local Councils: General Circulars:

88/2015 : Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

(a) General Circulars:

18/2015: The National Living Wage; Council pay Awards capped at 1%pa; ACAS guidelines
re holiday pay; Employment Tribunals advice; Training

19/2015: General Power of Competence; Call for Executive Members; Local Associations
Information Service (LAIS); Training

201/2015: Transparency Code for smaller authorities; Sector-Led audit team; Legal Updates;
Community Rights programme; Funds to protect WW1 Memorials; Health assessment of
potential employees; DCC Community Transport consultation; Vacancies; Training

Members noted the above

(b)DALC request views on the Council on provision of service:

The Council made comment that with increasing pressure on Council budgets that DALC
high membership fees are likely to be considered in the next financial years.

89/2015: Items for information only:

(a) DCC: Consultation – 20 mph Speed Limits on residential streets. Consultation ends on
30th September 2015.

(b) Derbyshire Cycling Plan Group – Consultation on Derbyshire Cycling Plan ends 30th
September 2015.

Members noted the above

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

90/2015: 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 Staff matters;
Parish Warden; Relief Caretaker; Assistant Clerk/RFO

(b) Councillor Matters:

- (i) Update on Councillor Matters

91/2015: Date of next Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm Friday 20th November 2015

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