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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6:30 pm on Friday 20th November 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 C Addison-Lees; Cllr M Barron; Cllr S Walker; Cllr G Edgson; Cllr S Grotier; Cllr J Parker; Cllr P Price; Cllr P Curran-Bilbie. S E Massey (Clerk); J Richardson (Assistant Clerk)

PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Chairman requested that a One Minute Silence be observed before the Meeting commenced in respect of those who tragically lost their lives in the incidents in Paris and Mali.

92/2015: To receive apologies for absence: Cllr T Cole

93/2015: 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.

94/2015: Variation of Order of Business. None

95/2015: (i) Declaration of Members Interests

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

Cllr C Addison-Lees 102/2015 Any matters relating to Birchwood Lane Allotments – remain in the meeting

Cllr S Walker 102/2015 (f) member ATC (k) Family Member – 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.

For Information of all Councillors

96/2015: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation. None

97/2015: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

K Judson spoke to Members regarding the live Planning Application relating to the former RUFU site. K Judson provided excerpts from a report in her possession by AVBC Chief Scientific Officer. The report states that landfill sites adjacent to the site will not be taken into consideration. K Judson advised that Paul Nathaniel – contaminated land expert, who had previously advised K Judson was now advising AVBC. K Judson asked that the Parish Council assist with continuing to raise objections as there has not been a comprehensive investigation regarding hazardous waste at the site.

Cllr J McCabe to arrange a briefing with AVBC Officers and K Judson

Police representation: PCSO R Plant- reported that in October vehicle crimes were high, work type vans being prime targets. Advice was being given on vehicle security.

ASB incidents in October – 64. Weekend patrols still being carried out in Riddings Park.

Cllr Lytle reported speeding vehicles on Langley Ave. Police are being trained on speed laser guns to be used in speeding hotspots.

Cllr Smith reported vehicles parking on footpaths on Langley Avenue, obstructing visibility. Parking on tactile paving, hindering disabled pedestrians. Risk due to school. Police advised to note VRN's and report.

Cllr Curran-Bilbie reported similar parking problems on Birchwood Lane.

Agenda item 102/2015 c (iii) was discussed, PCSO Plant has spoken with the tenant who has reported foxes being shot on her rented land. PCSO Plant has spoken with neighbours and reports that there have been no similar incidents since. PCSO has recommended installation of wildlife CCTV should problems continue.

County Council- Cllr Smith reported that the Council is anxiously awaiting the Comprehensive Spending Review due 25th November, looking at ways to mitigate cuts of £157m and to avoid cuts to front line services.

Met with residents at Pyebridge re concerns of unlawful motorbike activity. DCC will install 'A' barriers on some of problem routes.

Entrance to Sleetmoor Woods has been closed off and a new entrance aligning with the Crays Hill footpath created with an 'A' frame and horse hop installed to help reduce motorbike activity. Also a new route created in the wood linking this new footpath with the walk further up Sleetmoor Lane.

Borough Council – repair work has been carried out at recreation ground – swing gates to deter cyclists have been installed.

Outline planning permission has been given at Lily Street Farm – 600 dwellings, 13 factory units, school, hotel and other recreational building.

98/2015: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on:

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18th September 2015

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

99/2015: To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None

100/2015: New Councillor: Councillor G Edgson was welcomed as a Council Member. Related Documentation has been completed.

101/2015: Chairman's Announcements: the Chairman announced that his chosen Charity for the Carol Service collection is Leonard Cheshire.

102/2015: Report of the Clerk:

(a) Village Hall:

(i) All old tables and chairs disposed of. New tables for lounge ordered but have not yet been delivered, were expected this week.

(b) Designs for Feature Garden:

Meeting held on 29th October 2015: Specification list agreed, documented and forwarded to AVBC for design and costing. Budget set at £10k to £15k from Community Projects fund. Response from AVBC that they are unable to assist with project due to their resources and proposed budget. Cllr J McCabe advised that S Gladwin (AVBC) has confirmed that the design will be produced by AVBC early next week. Once a design is in place funding can be sought.

Clerk to contact Groundwork and Cresta as advised by AVBC.

The **Council RESOLVED** to delegate decisions regarding the project to Cllrs J McCabe and C Addison-Lees.

(c) Allotments:

(i) Jim Spibey Memorial Shield: Presentation took place on 23rd October. The event was well attended.

(ii) Birchwood Lane Allotments Association: proposal for new toilets. C Wilson of Birchwood Lane Allotments provided a presentation on the proposals. She has experience of building this type of eco toilet, has helped to design and build 5 previously. C Addison-Lees (Secretary) will present to AGM in December and will also write to Association Members outlining the proposal. Confirmed that the Association has £500 to contribute and is seeking funding from the Council.

Clerk to arrange Allotments Committee Meeting after December. Proposal to be included on agenda.

The **Council RESOLVED** to support a planning application for the project subject to written confirmation (AGM Minutes) that the proposal is supported by Association Members.

(iii) Drunken Close: Report from Mrs D Ramsey that shooting of foxes has taken place on/over her rented land, dealt with at 97/2015 above.

(e) Pye Bridge Pond bench

Clerk confirmed that DCC had confirmed that the cost of installation is £100. The **Council RESOLVED** to instruct DCC to install the bench

(f) Partnership Working with Alfreton TC:

Members considered the draft Partnership Working Agreement. Clerk has checked with Council Insurers and there presents no problems with 'lending' staff to other authorities. The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the terms of the agreement subject to an amendment that the recharge rates are the same for both ATC and Somercotes Parish Council staff.

(g) Pensions Automatic Enrolment: Members considered a report on three Pension Providers. Based on the following: The **Council RESOLVED** to enrol with NEST as the Council's Pension Provider. Decision based on the following considerations:

The Provider will work with our Payroll system as it is managed online
NEST does not require an employer to have a minimum number of staff to enrol, as some of the larger providers may require.

As the scheme is set up by the Government for auto enrolment, this should require less involvement from the Council but support should be there when required.
The member's annual management costs are less with NEST and there is no administration fee.

The Provider is run as a Trust, and so do not have to make profits for shareholders, which means lower costs.

(h) Village Hall Fire Risk Assessment: Carried out by Chubb on 5th November, awaiting report.

(i) Councillor Contact Details: Contact details updated by Councillors present and to be circulated.

(j) Councillor Portfolios: Members considered report on suggested portfolio responsibilities and The **Council RESOLVED** the following Councillor Portfolios.

Chairman Finance Community Projects	Cllr P Smith
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Vice Chairman Planning Allotments	Cllr B Lyttle
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Personnel & HR	Cllr T Cole
Council Buildings	Cllr J McCabe
Health & Safety	Cllr T Cole
Floral Displays	Cllr Addison-Lees
Highways	Vacant
Rights of Way/Footpaths	Vacant
Car Parks	Vacant
Street Lighting	Cllr G Edgson
Xmas Lighting	Cllr S McCabe
IT	Cllr P Curran-Bilbie & Cllr S Mccabe
Media & Communications	Cllr P Curran-ilbie
Community Projects	Cllr J McCabe
Bus Shelters	Vacant

(k) Newsletter Distribution: First delivery has been carried out by Andrew Crawford, efficiently. Next delivery to be provided with a definitive list of delivery addresses.

(l) Upgrade of Council Website:

The **Council RESOLVED** for work to be carried out to upgrade the website.

Clerk to contact Swanwick Hall School to enquire if this could be a pupil project.

(m) Christmas 2015

- a) **Carol Service:** Friday 11th December 2015 at 7:30 pm.
The **Council RESOLVED** that caterers be commissioned for the event. Lynn & Sue Catering.
- b) **Decorations:** Tree will be delivered on 24th November and switch on will be 1st December. Cllr J McCabe and Cllr C Addison-Lees to be added to the register of contacts for Lite over the Xmas period.

103/2015: Finance:

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| (a) Accounts for Payment between 01.09.15 and 31.10.15 | £18,667.21 |
| (b) (Accounts approved 18 th September 2015– Appendix A) | |
| (c) Income 01.09.15 to 31.10.15 (inc. Precept & Grant) | £ 83906.75 |
| Interest | £ 0.98 |
| (d) Petty Cash Payments 01.09.15 and 31.10.15 | £ 161.76 |
- The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the above payments
- (e) **Audit Return:** Members noted that the Audit Return has been received and recorded that it had been in accordance with proper practices and no matters have been brought to the attention of the Auditor. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed for the appropriate period.

104/2015: DCC Applications for Clean-Up of suitable sites:

Still awaiting contact to set date for work to be carried out.

105/2015: To consider planning applications:

Planning Matters AVBC All Non determined to 12/11/15

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

2014/0804 SHLAA Land Off, Lower Somercotes, Somercotes
Residential Development for up to 200 dwellings including landscaping, open space and storm water balancing. This is a 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 Tayors Butchers, 27 main Rd, Leabrooks, Alfreton
Proposed residential redevelopment for up to 12 dwellings following demolition and site clearance
Applicant: Mr R Taylor, Owen taylor and Sons Ltd, 27 main Rd, Leabrooks, Alfreton

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

2015/0861 14 Wheatley Avenue, Somercotes, Alfreton
Change of use from dwelling (c3) to House of Multiple Occupation
Applicant: Mr Nigel Barnes, Hunter Property Ltd, 35 Rectory Close, Newbury

2015/0865 16 Wheatley Avenue, Somercotes, Alfreton
Change of use from dwelling (c3) to House of Multiple Occupation
Applicant: Mr Nigel Barnes, Hunter Property Ltd, 35 Rectory Close, Newbury

2015/0873 121 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton
Provide 2 storey rear extension and additional rooms in roof space with dormer window and gable wall
Applicant: Mr R Brealey, 121 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton

2015/0881 2K Plymer Systems Ltd, Venture Crescent, Alfreton
Erection of a 2 storey detached office building; alterations to existing factory warehouse
Applicant: Mr Fred Patterson, 2K Polymer Systems, Venture Crescent, Alfreton

2015/0956 Land Off Cinder Road, Somercotes, Alfreton
Erection of a detached bungalow with detached garage following outline approval – 2002/04207 (This represents a departure from the adopted development plan)
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lane, 9 Cinder Rd, Somercotes, Alfreton

2015/0969 A Storer & Sons Funeral Directors, 173 Nottingham Rd, Somercotes, Alfreton
Advertising consent for 1 no replacement fascia sign externally illuminated, 2 no replacement panels to existing double sided pole sign, 1 no new aluminium opening hours panel
Applicant: Midlands Co-operative, Midlands House, Hermes Rd, Lichfield

2015/1029 David Booler & Co, Hockley Way, Alfreton
Replacement of damaged boundary retaining wall
Applicant: Mr D Gray, David Booler SIPP Trustees Ltd, 9 Grove Court, Grove Park, Enderby Leicestershire.

2015/1043 Unit 10 Wimsey Way, Somercotes, Alfreton
Extension to Industrial Unit.
Applicant: M J Allen (National Autoparts Ltd), Unit 10 Wimsey way, Somercotes

Planning Matters Determined AVBC (11/09/15 to 12/11/15)

2015/0696 Vivianos Pizza, 187 Nottingham Road, Somercotes, Alfreton
Variation of condition 3 from 2013/0221 to allow opening of the premises between 17:00 – 24:00 Monday to Sunday

Withdrawn

2015/0569 Mayfield Furniture Ltd, Cemetery Rd, Leabrooks, Alfreton
Increase existing roof height and convert existing building in to flats/townhouses

Permitted

2015/0873 121 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes
Provide 2 story rear extension and additional rooms in roof space with new dormer window and gable wall

Withdrawn

2013/0895 Birdswood Farm, 145 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes
Portal framed cattle building

Application Returned

2015/0861 14 Wheatley Avenue, Somercotes
Change of use from dwelling (C3) to House of Multiple Occupation

Permitted

2015/0020 Land Off Cinder Road, Somercotes
Outline application for a two bedroom detached bungalow with double garage

Application Returned

2015/0865 16 Wheatley Avenue, Somercotes
Change of use from dwelling (C3) to House of Multiple Occupation

Permitted

2015/0114 Birchwood Farm, Lower Birchwood, Somercotes
Willow (T1) prune back from garage roof

Permitted

2015/0828 Land adjoining The Lodge, Lower Somercotes, Somercotes
Residential Development, up to 2 dwellings and a detached garage (for the existing property)

Permitted

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

Comment Made

2015/0595 Tackle Box, 323 Somercotes Hill, Somercotes, Alfreton
Change of use of first floor from storage to residential, new timber panel fence and re roofing existing garage to rear elevation and modification to ground floor

Permitted

106/2015 : Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

(a) General Circulars:

21/2015: DALC AGM;Nominations for DALC Presidents; Vacancies

22/2015: Training Circular

23/2015: Employment Update re self-employment; Training; The Transparency Fund for smaller Councils; Change of Bank details; Vacancies;

24/2015: CiLCA; Vacancies

AGM Report

107/2015: Items for information only:

Correspondence 6.11.15 Swanwick Hall School requesting views on proposal to form a Multi-Academy Trust.

Clerk to write letter in response that the Council does not support.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

108/2015: 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:** None

(b) **Councillor Matters:** None

109/2015: Date of next Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm Friday 15th January 2016