

## **SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6:30 pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes**

**Present:** Cllr P Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (V. Chairman); Cllr J 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**

**1/2016: To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr T Cole and Cllr S McCabe

**2/2016: 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.

**3/2016: Variation of Order of Business.** None

**4/2016: (i) Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr B Lyttle 14/2016 All Planning Matters – remain in the meeting

Cllr C Addison-Lees 11/2016 Any matters relating to Birchwood Lane Allotments - 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 registration forms up to date annually or as and when changes to any of their registered interests occur. Noted by members.

**5/2016: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation.** None

**6/2016: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the first meeting of 2016 and wished all a Happy New Year.

- (a) **Police representation:** PCSO R Plant- reported an increase in burglaries in January, this is usual after the Xmas period. Discussion took place on vehicle break-ins on the Industrial Estate and thefts of fuel. PCSO Plant and Cllr P Smith stressed the importance of ensuring that these crimes are reported and so are recorded. In situations where there is no Police response to a call must make further attempts as at certain times Police resources are low. Police are still looking at the parking problems. Cllr Smith advised that DCC Community Safety team had reported that there has been no significant increase in crime/ASB levels since the switch off of some street lighting. There is currently an upgrade programme for street lighting conversion to LED, and where lights were switched off will be put back on following conversion.

**Borough Council:** Core Strategy has been withdrawn. Raised awareness of an energy company around Somercotes, which is not a reputable company and should be reported to Trading Standards. On 4/5/6 March a National campaign is taking place 'Clean for the Queen'; all councils encouraged to take part. We need to identify a 'grot spot' area and inform AVBC. Ares will be chosen for a clean-up over those days. This Council should also get involved with the Community to clean up areas. Clerk to speak with Parish Wardens to identify areas.

**County Council:** Government are looking to increase Council Tax by 2% and ring fence this for Social Care Fund to generate £5m. Consultation will start next week to close 32 out of 50 children's Sure Start centres. Somercotes Sure Start will be in the consultation. Swanwick School has now been granted academisation, Somercotes Infant School is applying for academisation. DCC is in the process of closing 4 residential care homes; the process is going well, working with residents and their families. Any sales of properties will be re-invested into the existing care homes.

**7/2016: To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on:**

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes as a true record

**8/2016: To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None**

**9/2016:** Agenda Item omitted in error

**10/2016: Chairman's Announcements:**

Members noted that the Carol Service Collection – £214.13 was raised and cheque paid to Leonard Cheshire Disability, Ripley. Members acknowledged the Note of Appreciation received from Leonard Cheshire and the Note of appreciation received from Revd. Frank Mercurio (Alfreton).

**11/2016: Report of the Clerk:**

**(a) Village Hall:**

Clerk recommends that a more robust, 'fit for purpose' disabled toilet and cistern are installed. **The Council RESOLVED for three quotes to be obtained and Clerk to speak with Leonard Cheshire Disability regarding specification, providers and installers.**

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

Members noted the next meeting to meet with Groundwork (Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield) on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 5:30 pm. Groundwork will look at plot and assist with

design and installation and assist with funding bid.

**(c) Allotments:**

- (i) Members noted the next Allotments Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 at 6:30 pm.
- (ii) Members noted that Sleetmoor Lane Allotments – skip organised in November 15 for clear up. Cost £205.

**(e) Pye Bridge Pond bench**

Members noted that a Purchase Order sent to DCC in December 15 for £519.00. Installers will choose a suitable position for the bench overlooking the Pond which is easily accessible.

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

Members noted that ATC at their December meeting Resolved to accept that the recharge rate be the same for both Councils.

**(g) Pensions Automatic Enrolment:** Staging date for Council is 1 August 2016. Members noted that at the March Meeting consideration and decision needs to be made on: Whether the Council will make contributions for those staff not eligible for employer contributions if they choose to join scheme.

Which contribution set is to be used for employees.

Clerk to prepare report for March meeting.

**(h) Village Hall Fire Risk Assessment:** Carried out by Chubb on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Members considered the report. Question was raised as to whether see supporting documents. Priority Recommendation which requires spend:

All fire-resisting doors require upgrade for self-closing devices.

Clerk Recommendation: remove cabin hooks from Hall & Lounge doors, fit dorguards to all fire-resisting doors. Approx £800

In addition an issue raised on annual system test; two heat detectors (entrance and kitchen) are not efficient and require upgrade to optical detectors. Approx £380

The **Council RESOLVED** for the dorguards to be fitted to all fire-resisting doors and the two detectors to be upgraded.

**(i) Upgrade of Council Website:** Response from Swanwick Hall School not yet received. To keep on agenda due to Christmas closing of school and delayed response. Clerk to chase up.

**(j) Christmas 2015 Carol Service:** Members noted that the event was very well attended and well received including the catering facilities.

The **Council RESOLVED** to keep the same format and to engage the catering company for the 2016 event. Date to be set around 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**(k) Festive Lights :** Contract expired after Christmas 2015.

The **Council RESOLVED** to put the contract out to tender to achieve Best Value.

**(l) Sports Diversionsary Project:** Members noted that AVBC are applying for funding to continue with the Sports Diversionsary Project currently run at Somerlea Centre for a further 12 months. If successful request that the Parish Council would support funding once that funding comes to an end. Chairman has written a statement in support on behalf of the Council to strengthen the bid, however, this statement does not commit to any financial contribution at this time.

The **Council RESOLVED** to release £500 for the Sports Diversionsary project to Somerlea Park Centre.

**12/2016: Finance:**

(a) Accounts for Payment between 01.11.15 and 31.12.15	£26,288.68
(b) (Accounts approved 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 – Appendix A)	
(c) Income 01.11.15 to 31.12.15	£ 4064.55
Interest	£ 1.78
(d) Petty Cash Payments 01.11.15 TO 31.12.15	£ 147.29

The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the above payments.

(e) **Precept 2016-17:** Members considered the Clerk's report on the Parish precept and discussion took place regarding financial requirements. The **Council RESOLVED** to set the precept at £140,000 in addition to the Parish Grant to meet the budget for 2016-17.

(f) **Procurement of Audit:** Members noted that from 2017/18 smaller authorities including town and parish councils can choose to have an auditor appointed to them by a new 'sector-led body'. The Council may opt out of the new arrangements but must do so by 31 March 2016 and must be by Council decision. The **Council RESOLVED** to defer the decision to the March meeting, when it is expected that more information will be available regarding likely costs.

**13/2016:: DCC Applications for Clean-Up of suitable sites:**

Awaiting contact at DCC to set date. Clerk has made contact direct with Probation Service who may be able to assist with Clean-ups. Clerk to pursue.

**14/2016: To consider planning applications:**

**Planning Matters AVBC All Non determined to 04/01/16**

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 Taylors 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

2015/1029 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

2015/1076 T/A Mayflower Chinese Takeaway, 22-24 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes  
Installation of security shutters.  
Applicant: Mr Jian Zhang, T/A Mayflower Chinese Takeaway, 22-24 Birchwood Lane,  
Somercotes

2015/0944 29 James Street, Leabrooks, Alfreton, Derbys  
Convert garage back into living accommodation (s6 of AVA/2007/0328)  
Applicant: Mrs Beverley Hughes, 29 James Street, Leabrooks, Alfreton

2015/1144 35 Norman Road, Somercotes, Alfreton  
Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey side extension  
Applicant: Mr Chris Roberts, Roberts Construction, 24 Granby Avenue, Mansfield, Notts

2015/1191 13 Brenden Avenue, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbys  
Amendment to approved Single Storey Rear and Side Extension (AVA/2015/0235)  
Applicant: Mr Scott Burgess, 13 Br5enden Ave, Somercotes, Alfreton

2015/1205 Nether Farm, 208 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton  
Proposed residential development of 3 No. dwellings  
Applicant: Mr A Walker, J&W Developments Ltd, Knab Hall, Knab Rd, Matlock DE4 2FJ

2015/1212 Shady Farm, Lower Birchwood, Somercotes, Alfreton  
Permanent retention of static caravan and associated structures for residential purposes  
Applicant: Mr&Mrs T Simpson, Shady Farm, Lower Birchwood, Somercotes

2015/1170 Land West of Birchwood Way, Somercotes, Alfreton  
Non material amendment to AVA/2015/0203  
Applicant: PMW Property, 1A Albany Court, Airfield Ind Est, Ashbourne

2015/1229 121 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton  
Provide 2 storey rear extension with new dormers and gable wall  
Applicant: Mr R Brearley, 121 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes

The **Council RESOLVED** not to make any comment on Planning Matters.

#### **Planning Matters Determined AVBC (12/11/15 to 04/01/16)**

2015/0956 land Off Cinder Road, Cinder Road, Somercotes  
Erection of a detached bungalow with detached garage following outline approval  
(AVA/2002/0427)  
**Permitted**

2014/0768 Akramatic Engineering Co Ltd, Nix's Hill, Alfreton  
Extension to existing Engineering Workshop  
**Withdrawn**

2015/0969 A Storer & Sons (Funeral Directors), 173 Nottingham Road, Somercotes  
Advertisement consent for 1 No. replacement fascia sign, 2 No. replacement panels to  
existing double sided pole sign, 1 No. new opening hours aluminum panel  
**Permitted**

2015/0873 121 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton  
Provide 2 storey rear extension with new dormers and gable wall  
**Withdrawn**

2015/1029 David Booler & Co, Hockley Way, Alfreton  
Replacement of damaged boundary retaining wall  
**Permitted**

2015/1076 T/A Mayflower Chinese Takeway, 22-24 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes  
Installation of security shutters  
**Withdrawn**

2015/0944 29 James St, Leabrooks, Alfreton  
Convert Garage back into living accommodation (s6 AVA/2007/0328)  
**Permitted**  
The **Council RESOLVED** not to make any comment on Planning Matters Detremined.

#### **15/2016: Public Consultation – Somerlea Centre**

Members noted the proposed replacement floodlighting and Telecommunications structure.

#### **16/2016: Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** Members noted:

(a) **General Circulars:**

**25/2015:** Local Associations Information Services (LAIS) on the 'Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill'; Vacancies

**26/2015:** LAIS – Housing; Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) report: Govt Spending Review; Council Processes and Good Practice; Transparency Fund; Auto Enrolment; Vacancies

**27/2015:** Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS); NALC website update; Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Limited; Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement; Spring Seminar; Training; DALC subscriptions; Managing Employee Performance

#### **17/2016: Items for information only:** Members noted

DCC – Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan – comments/suggestions requested.

AVBC Local Plan (Part 1 – Core Strategy) - Amber Valley Borough Council - advised that the Amber Valley Local Plan (Part 1 – The Core Strategy) has been withdrawn from examination.

## **PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**18/2016: 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

**19/2016: Date of next Parish Council Meeting: 6.30pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**Date of Annual Parish Meeting: 7.00pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016**