

## PARISH OF SOMERCOTES

The Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Somercotes held on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011, at 6.45pm in the Lounge, Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes** and convened in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

There were 15 persons present at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**1/APM/2011 Appointment of Chairman:** Paul Smith (Cllr) was appointed as Chairman

**2/APM/2011 Appointment of Clerk:** Gordon Blackmore was appointed as Clerk to the Meeting

**3/APM/2011** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2010 were 'Resolved' as a correct record.

**4/APM/2011 Income/Expenditure 2010/2011 and precept 2011/2012 - £133,744.00 (an increase of 5%).**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Annual Audit had been completed and was open to public inspection by application to the Clerk to the Council.

The Council had increased the precept for 2011-12 by 5% due to the on-going car park maintenance programme that will be required for Market Place and Mill Yard and other priorities required to maintain current levels of services.

**5/APM/2011 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that it had been a very busy and fruitful year for the Council including the refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Unfortunately, the last year had seen some trying times surrounding some bad publicity with the murder in Sleetmoor Woods and the fire fatality that had shocked the whole community. The Council's thoughts went out to the victims families. From a personal point of view, after the loss of his wife the Chairman wished to thank all those who have worked with him and supported him and his family. The Council has done a lot of proactive work in terms of delivery working alongside Derbyshire County Council and Amber Valley Borough Council. Thanks were expressed to the new Clerk, the secretary, Parish Hall caretaker and the two Parish Wardens for their commitment and work on behalf of the parish.

**6/APM/2011 To consider any other Parish matters that may be brought forward by the Council or local government electors:**

**Gasification Plant:** The issue of the proposed gasification plant and possible health implications were raised as a matter of concern.

The chairman informed the meeting that the Environment Agency has put the matter out for consultation to ascertain if it is going to grant or refuse the application. The consultation period ends on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and the Council will be submitting comments.

DCC Planning is currently looking at the application that is to go before the Planning Committee, in July, concerning the issues around the permit. There have been changes in the application in that Belper Waste will no longer be providing material to make DRF and this may affect how the applicant responds to the changes that were agreed at the outset. The applicant should have submitted a report to DCC on vehicle movement by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011, but this has yet to be received. DCC will not be able to write its review until this has been received. DCC have concerns to raise on the application to be submitted to the Environment Agency.

AVAIN is the local action group opposing the proposed gasification plant.

AVBC were requested to seek an 'Air Quality Assessment' that had been refused previously by the cabinet member. John McCabe said that it was important that an AQA was carried out and the outcome of the request to the Borough Council was awaited.

**The Annual parish Meeting closed at 6.58pm**