

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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To all Councillors

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council to be held at 7pm, on Friday, 16th September 2011 in the Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR THE MEETING AND TO COMPLETE THE DECLARATIONS SHEET (IF APPROPRIATE). THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL LOUNGE

Yours sincerely

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AGENDA

NON-CONFIDENTIAL

73/2011 Apologies for Absence: To receive apologies for absence (if any)

74/2011 Variance of business

75/2011 Declaration of Members Interests: To receive any declarations of interest (if any)

Please note;

- a) Members must ensure that they complete the Declarations of interests sheet prior to the start of the meeting and must indicate the action to be taken (i.e. to stay in the meeting, to leave the meeting, or to stay in the meeting and make representations and then leave the meeting prior to any consideration or determination of the item).
- b) Where a Member indicates that they have a prejudicial interest, but wish to make representations regarding the item before leaving the meeting, those representations must be made under item c) of Public Speaking.
The Declarations of Interest will be read out from the Declaration Sheet – Members will be asked to confirm that the record is correct.

76/2011: Public Speaking – (30 minutes)

- a) A period of not more than fifteen minutes will be made available for members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter.
Where a Member indicates they have a prejudicial interest, but wish to make

representations regarding the item before leaving the meeting, those representations must be made under item c) below. If the item to which the representation or comment were made by a Member is on the Agenda the Member must declare that interest again and withdraw from the meeting during consideration of that item.)

b) Reports from Outside Bodies

If the Police Liaison Officer, County Council and Borough Council Member(s) are in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matters.

c) Members declaring a prejudicial interest who wish to make representations or give evidence under the Code of Conduct relating to Agenda items shall do so at this stage.

77/2011: Minutes –to confirm as a correct record the Ordinary Parish Council Minutes held on the 15th July 2011.

78/2011: “I Want to Be” Week in Somercotes: 17th – 22nd October 2011, organised by DCC to encourage young people in Somercotes to raise their aspirations and become active participants in the Community.
Briefing for the Council on the project and Information attached ‘**Appendix ‘A’**’

For discussion by the Council

79/2011: Car Park Agreements: The draft agreements have been completed and now with our solicitors. A meeting is to be held with our solicitors and a report made to the Council. AVBC have agreed to repair the potholes at the entrance of the Market Place car park prior to the completion of the agreements for transfer.

80/2011: Options for Housing Growth: Consultation July – September 2011
The maps provided by AVBC (to be available at PC Meeting) indicate the areas for development, including ‘greenbelt land’, for housing and business. Additional area maps have been supplied for Somercotes - **Appendix ‘B’**

For discussion by Council

81/2011: Parish Hall Car Park & Car Park Exit (Market Place)
The Chairman has proposed that the Parish Hall car park and an area adjacent to the exit from Market Place car park be repaired.

Quote for the work (**Appendix ‘C’**) – for consideration by the Council

For discussion and decision by the Council

82/2011: Councillor Co-option
The vacancy for co-option of a Councillor has been advertised, as agreed by the Council, and there is one applicant.

For discussion and consideration by the Council

83/2011: Winter Planting of flower beds at Parish Hall & Winding Wheel:
AVBC will no longer carry out the planting of the flower beds (free) in front the Parish Hall & Winding Wheel so quotes for the work have been obtained – **Appendix ‘D’**

For discussion and decision by the Council

84/2011: Clerk’s Report
a) **War Memorial Cleaning:** The new company has yet to respond with a cost of annual cleaning.

- b) **Pye Bridge Waste Incineration Plant:** The licence for the incinerator plant has been approved by the Environment Agency and the application is now going through the planning committee process.
- c) **Hockley Way – Pedestrian Central Refuge Proposal:** DCC have been informed of the cost match by Somercotes Parish Council to complete the work. Alfreton Town Council is considering if it will financially support the project.
- d) **New Recreational Facility – Somercotes Park:** The new sport and fitness activity equipment has now been installed on the recreation ground.
- e) **AVSSP:** The first half of the grant (£500.00) has been issued to AVSSP and letters sent to the schools requesting support for sport & physical activities.
- f) **New Heating Boilers installed:** The two new gas boilers (2 year warranty) have been installed at a cost of £3,880.00
- g) **Newsletter: Sub-Committee meeting:** It has been proposed to have a 6 month trial using Facebook for advertising the Parish Hall.
Calendar Competition: Council to decide on if a calendar is to be produced as no photographs have been received.

Recommend not to print a calendar due to time constraints for printing and selling.

For Council Consideration and decision

- h) **Pennytown Ponds Award:** The Council is pleased to announce the National Green Flag Award attained in July 2011.
- i) **Power of Well-Being:** The Council is required to have 80% of members to be trained and a CiLCA qualified administrator to implement the Power of Well-Being (may well be changing in the next 12 months). If the Power of Well-Being is implemented then S137 is suspended during the period of the project normally 1 or 2 years.
- j) **Carol Service:** The Carol Service has been arranged for Friday, 9th December 2011
- k) **Allotments**
 - **Bridle Lane:** Only a few tenancy agreements still outstanding. Proposals for large Ash tree reduction in size and removing of dead branches.
 - **Birchwood Lane:** Tenancy agreements still outstanding
 - **Flash Allotments:** The members have formed a committee and have commenced work on reclamation of the land to bring a number of allotments back into use.
 - **Drunken Close:** There has been a breach of the lease by one tenant keeping more than the 3 horses/ponies on the land. A notice of eviction was served after repeated letters for compliance. The tenant has now met with the Clerk and reduced the number of animals and paid the outstanding balance of the rent.

For Council decision – on whether to enforce or withdraw the notice based on future compliance by the tenant.

- l) **CCTV** – New monitor required and installed – cost £50.00
- m) **Lease of the Parish Hall:** The lease agreement has been located and the content viewed. The lease agreement states that the Parish Council shall pay £5 per annum and no payments have been made since the signing in 1995. The Council has made the back payments of £80.00.
- n) **Staff Appraisals:** A draft of the Staff appraisal system has been prepared. It is important that all staff receive an appraisal to ascertain if they have any problems, issues or training needs.

For Council decision – approval recommended

0) **Enforcement Report Shady Farm: For Information Appendix 'E'**. This is not for Council involvement and is for information only.

0) **Photo-Copier Contract:** The 5 year lease agreement is due for renewal on 1st January 2012 and three quotes have been obtained. The quotes and cost is attached at **Appendix 'F'**

It is recommended, based on the quotes provided, to continue with Rioch on a 5 year lease for a new copier. Leasing includes toners, training and servicing.

For discussion and Council decision

p) **Poops Scoop Bags update:** The Council purchased 100,000 poop scoop bags in March 2011 and for the first 6 months around 50,000 have been used.

Q) **Hearing Help (Amber valley) – letter of request for support funding – Appendix 'G'**

The Council has already exceeded the S137 budget by £600.00, plus another £500 allocated to AVSSP – total £1,100.00.

There is no further funding available under S137 and it is recommended that the level of funding be considered in the 2012-13 budget

For consideration and decision by the Council

85/2011: Planning:

2011/0750 Re-cladding of existing factory building with ancillary offices, including new offloading/loading canopies, new entrance canopy/balcony, new flues and re-ordering of external doors, for Mr S Daniels, Bridgetown Tyre Recycling.

2011/0831 Detached garage at Orchard House, 9 John Street, for Mr J Davies.

Planning Matters Determined

2011/0545 Time extension for AVA/2008/0609 re. Noise & Vibration Consult Ltd., 56A Leabrooks Road.

Permitted

2011/0065 Hazardous Substances consent, at Elastogran UK Ltd., Wimsey Way.

Permitted

2011/0459 Demolition of garage and construction of new garage and store at 193 Birchwood Lane.

Permitted

2011/0534 Proposed construction of a 20 x 40 metre horse exercise area for private/domestic use.

Permitted

2011/0577 Change of use at 80 Nottingham Road from A1, A3 and Residential to A1, A2 and A3 and residential, new security shutters and shop front to 82 Nottingham Road.

Permitted

2011/0619 Fascia signs – to clearly identify the company name. Hoardings –directional signs, at Unit 10, Wimsey Way.

Permitted

2011/0607 Change of use from retail to residential ground floor only shop front at George Wimpey East Midlands Ltd., 48 Quarry Road.

Permitted

2011/0671 Proposed attached garage to the side of the property at 91 Birchwood Lane.

Permitted

86/2011: Finance:

- a) **Accounts for Approval: Appendix 'H'**
- b) **Financial Report (April – August 2011): Appendix 'I'**

87/2011: Derbyshire Association of Local Council – Circulars

35/2011 – 43/2011: These are available to the Councillors in the PC Office

35/2011 Training Circular

36/2011 DCC Winter Service Questionnaire

37/2011 Localism Bill – progress so far

38/2011 DALC President Nominations

39/2011 Associate Membership of East Midlands Councils

40/2011 DALC AGM; Get Derbyshire Working

41/2011 Consultation by Derbyshire County Council – Gritting the Roads of Derbyshire

42/2011 Localising Support for Council Tax in England

88/2011: Items for information

89/2011: Urgent Matters raised by Councillors: Subject to approval of the chairman

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS: