

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 7pm, on Friday, 16th September 2011 in Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Present: Cllrs P Smith (Chairman); B. Lyttle (V. Chairman); J. McCabe; P. Curran-Bilbie; S. Walker; T. Marriott; Mrs B Hannant; C. Langton; P. Barron; J. Gardiner
G. Blackmore (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

73/2011 Apologies for Absence: None

The Council **RESOLVED** to give Cllr J Spibey dispensation on attendance due to illness

74/2011 Variance of business: None

75/2011 Declaration of Members Interests:

Cllr Lyttle – all planning matters

Cllr J McCabe – AVBC matters

76/2011: Public Speaking – (30 minutes)

Sarah Sissons spoke on the “I want a Be’ week to be run from 17th – 21st October 2011
The event is being organised by Somercotes Infants and Somerlea Park Junior Schools in partnership with ‘The Multi-Agency Team’.

Helen Vine raised concerns on behalf of many residents on Birchwood Lane regarding the 3 Housing Option development proposals. There are issues regarding the roads being unable to cope with additional traffic, schools capacity and the already over developed industrialisation of the area

b) Reports from Outside Bodies

The Council RESOLVED to ask the police to attend the next meeting to update the Council on ASB & Crime.

DCC: Cllr P Smith reported on the consultation on winter maintenance; £2.2m of funding allocated to Swanwick Hall School for a new sports hall; DCC have agreed the installation of the Hockley Way pedestrian refuge; the lighting on Bank St /South Spires Estate; Community Pay Back Scheme clearing the South Spires Estate; issues relating to the clearing of the stream that has been opened up – contact to be made with Severn Trent Water on awareness and the potential dangers

AVBC: No current matters to report

77/2011: The Council **RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Minutes held on the 15th July 2011 and the Newsletter Sub-Committee held on 11th August 2011.

78/2011: “I Want to Be” Week in Somercotes: 17th – 21st October 2011: The Council **RESOLVED** to support the event and members asked to attend during the week of events. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will be involved, if practicable, on the 20th & 21st October

79/2011: Car Park Agreements: The draft agreements have been completed and the Council’s solicitors have provided file notes to clarify relevant matters of concern. The papers have been forwarded to AVBC Legal Department today and a reply is awaited. The Clerk will seek to have the documentation for car park transfers before the next Council Meeting (November 2011)

AVBC have repaired the potholes at the entrance of the Market Place car park, as requested.

80/2011: Options for Housing Growth: Consultation July – September 2011

The maps provided by AVBC have been circulated that indicate the areas for development, including 'Greenfield land', for housing and business.

The Council RESOLVED to make representation to AVBC relating to the use of Greenfield land, the lack of infrastructure, transport, school capacity and access.

81/2011: Parish Hall Car Park & Car Park Exit (Market Place)

The Council RESOLVED to accept the quote from Joe Brown Contractors Ltd for the remedial work at £680.00 + VAT.

82/2011: Councillor Co-option

The Council RESOLVED the co-option of Mr Paul Price as a Councillor for Somercotes Parish Council. The Clerk is to meet Mr Price, after his leave, and complete the notification process and the relevant documentation through AVBC's Electoral Officer.

83/2011: Winter Planting of flower beds at Parish Hall & Winding Wheel:

The Council RESOLVED to accept the tender from AVBC. Further that the Council will cost and consider passing the work to the Parish Wardens for the spring planting.

84/2011: Clerk's Report

- a) **War Memorial Cleaning:** The new owners have cost the annual clean at £200 + VAT. Clerk to source other contractors who may be able to conduct the work.
- 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 to provide £1k to financially support to the project.
- d) **New Recreational Facility – Somercotes Park:** The new sport and fitness activity equipment has now been installed on the recreation ground and is being well used.
- 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), in the Parish Hall, 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. **The Council RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

Calendar Competition: Council to decide on if a calendar is to be produced as no photographs have been received.

The Clerk recommended not to print a calendar due to time constraints for printing and selling.

The Council RESOLVED to meet next Friday evening 23rd September to look at all photos available and endeavour to have a calendar printed, subject to the time constraints

- 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. **The Council RESOLVED** to accept the report from the Clerk
- j) **Carol Service:** The Carol Service has been arranged for Friday, 9th December 2011. Heage Band has confirmed it will play at the service.
- k) **Allotments**
- **Bridle Lane:** Only a few tenancy agreements still outstanding. **The Council RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £550.00, from Crisp Cut', for remedial work on the ash tree by a reduction in size and removing of dead branches.
 - **Birchwood Lane:** Some of the tenancy agreements have been received tonight, but many are 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. A constitution has been prepared and adopted and the £500 grant has been released
 - **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 non-compliance. The tenant has now met with the Clerk and reduced the number of animals and paid the outstanding balance of the rent.

The Council RESOLVED to withdraw the notice based on future compliance by the tenant.

- l) **CCTV (Parish Hall):** New monitor required and installed – cost £50.00. **The Council RESOLVED** to install a second camera facing the hall entrance, as previously passed by the Council last year.
- m) **Lease of the Parish Hall:** The lease agreement has been located and the content viewed. The Council has paid the outstanding rent arrears
- n) **Staff Appraisals:** **The Council RESOLVED** to implement the new Staff Appraisal, as presented to the members. The protocols of appraisals (National Training Strategy publication 'Being a Good Employer Guide) was explained and accepted by the Council.
- o) **Enforcement Report Shady Farm:** The Clerk stated that this is not for Council involvement and is for information only. **The Council RESOLVED** that this item be removed from the agenda
- p) **Photo-Copier Contract:** The 5 year lease agreement is due for renewal on 1st January 2012 and three quotes have been obtained.

The Council RESOLVED to continue with Ricoh UK Ltd on a 5 year lease for a new copier. Leasing includes toners, training and servicing.

- q) **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 (for information).
- r) **Hearing Help (Amber valley) –** letter of request for support funding: **The Council RESOLVED** that as a recent S137 Grant had already been made no further support could be given in this financial year.

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.
No Objections
- 2011/0831 Detached garage at Orchard House, 9 John Street, for Mr J Davies.
No Objections

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:**
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts of payments
- b) **Financial Report (April – August 2011):**
The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Financial Report

87/2011: Derbyshire Association of Local Council – Circulars

- 35/2011 - 43/2011: These are available to the Councillors to read 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**
- 43/2011 Bribery Act – Impact on Local Council (Circulated to members)**

88/2011: Items for information

AVBC – Unique Historic Key stolen from Leabrooks Cemetery.

89/2011: Urgent Matters raised by Councillors: Subject to approval of the chairman – None

The PC Meeting closed at 8.43pm