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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 20th July 2018 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr P Smith, Cllr B Lyttle, Councillor C Addison-Lees, Cllr J McCabe, Cllr G Edgson, Cllr C Harrison, Cllr R Scott, Councillor SJ Walker, C Hedley (Clerk to the Council), J Richardson (Assistant Clerk/RFO)

Members of the Public: Kellie Judson. Peter Chapman

62/2018: To receive apologies for absence: Cllr J Parker, Cllr S McCabe, Cllr Curran-Bilbie, Cllr Barron.

63/2018: Social Media:

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64/2018: Variation of Order of Business. None

65/2018: (i) Declaration of Members Interests -

Cllr C Addison-Lees-52/2018 (Allotment Business)
Cllr R Scott-50/2018 (S137-St Thomas Church)
Cllr J McCabe-50/2018(S137-Somerlea Park Centre)
Cllr B Lyttle-57/2018(Planning)
Cllr P Smith-50/2018(S137-Somerlea Park Centre)
Cllr K Judson-50/2018(S137-SAD)

ii) Register of Members Interest: Cllr Judson issued with Register of Interest Form.

66/2018: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received

67/2018: Public Speaking

- (a) Members of Public - None
- (b) Police Liaison Officer – Not present
- (c) County Council & District Members Report
 - (i) Cllr Smith advised that DCCs response to the recent fatality involving potholes was still awaited. He had raised his concerns about response times after potholes had been reported. Consultation into library provision was continuing. A speed check had been

carried out on Langley Avenue with average speeds of 30mph being reported. Consultation was still proceeding on school crossing patrols. He raised the issue of weed control in the area and enquired about the possibility of partnering with other authorities with a view to accessing the Community Payback Scheme for carrying out regular weed clearance.

(ii) Cllr Lyttle advised that the new Planning Proposal (AVA/2018/0668) for 99 houses, brought the total number of new properties currently in the pipe line for the area to 900.

(iii) Cllr McCabe advised that the issue with litter falling from Derwent Waste skip lorries had been reported and recent sightings showed all skips netted.

The Council **NOTED** the above and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk investigate the proposal relating to Community Payback Scheme,

68/2018: Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2018 and those of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2018

69/2018: To determine which items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. – None other than that previously advised.

70/2018: Councillor Vacancy. The candidates for the Councillor vacancy were invited to speak and members were given the opportunity to present any questions they had. Following this a vote was taken by elected members.

The Council **RESOLVED TO APPOINT** Kellie Judson as Parish Councillor for Somercotes Parish Council

71/2018: At this point Councillor Judson joined the meeting.

72/2018: Report of the Clerk:

(a) **Community Payback Scheme.** The clerk advised that a suitable candidate for attachment was being sought.

(b) **Village Signs.** Two interpretation boards were being sent to Printscene very shortly and the sign designs would be circulated when received from Somercotes Local History Society.

(c) **Poppies.** A discussion took place on the provision of poppies for 2018.

The Council **RESOLVED:**

(i) that the Clerk look into the cost of purchasing illuminated poppies.

(ii) that the decision to purchase was **DELEGATED** to the Chair and Vice Chair.

(iii) that the Ladies Group be asked if they were interested in providing a garland of knitted poppies or similar.

73/2018: Review of Councils Regulations, Policies & Procedures

The Council **RESOLVED:**

(a) To **APPROVE** the amended Standing Orders

(b) To **APPROVE** the amended Financial Regulations.

74/2018: Neighbourhood Plan

The Council **RESOLVED** that a full report on producing a Neighbourhood Plan and any associated costs/funding should be brought to a future meeting.

75/2018: Market Place Car Park

The Council **RESOLVED** that no action should be taken for a year to identify whether the problems with the surface would resolve as suggested by the supplier.

76/2018: Community Involvement Scheme

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to DCC to identify whether there would be an improved response to requests for remedial work and if the infrastructure was in place to cope with increased requests.

77/2018: Draft Derbyshire County Council Bus

The Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) That a letter be sent to Derbyshire County Council highlighting the requirement for a sustainable and efficient bus service in the area which had a low car ownership.
- (b) That the area be put forward as a suitable pilot for targeted bus services, due to the proximity of the A610 transport corridor; requiring appropriate infrastructure and through route in keeping with a rural village.

78/2018: S137 Grants

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the RFO/Assistant Clerk's recommendations.

79/2018: Armistice Centenary Group

The Council **RESOLVED** to donate £360 to the group to fund the purchase of a brazier for the Armistice Centenary Group.

80/2018: Allotments

The Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) To accept the quote from Environmental Ltd of £1670 for the removal of asbestos from Bridle Lane Allotments
- (b) To amend the Councils rental agreement with the Allotment Societies that prior to plot holders bringing items on or erecting temporary or permanent structures on plots, permission is sought by the Allotment Association from the Council.
- (c) That permission is granted for turkeys to be kept on allotments subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) The scheme is trialled for up to 6 months from when the turkeys are on site.
 - (ii) The Council maintains the right to remove this permission at any time if the Council feels that it is necessary.
 - (iii) No cock birds are kept
 - (iiii) A maximum of 4 birds are kept

81/2018: Speeding Vehicles and Inappropriate Parking – Councillor Smith advised that residents had approached him regarding problems in the area with inappropriate parking.

The Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) That a letter be sent to Somerlea Park Junior School requesting that staff do not park on Bank Street and Brendan Avenue.
- (b) That contact be made with DCC to investigate the requirement for a Traffic Regulation Order in the area.
- (c) That enquiries are made to DCC to ascertain the proposals for yellow lining in Somercotes, particularly in relation to the Somercotes Hill and Quarry Road junction.
- (d) That a copy of the letter be sent to Bridget Gould at DCC.

82/2018: Paperless Meetings Review

The Council **RESOLVED**:

- (a) That the Council returned to paper documents for meetings for all Councillors.
- (b) That the tablets be offered to community groups

83/2018: Somercotes Carnival

The Council **RESOLVED** that Councillor S McCabe contact local groups and organisations to determine interest in arranging a Carnival.

84/2018: Finance:Accounts

(i)	Accounts for Payment between 01.4.18 to 31.5.18	£22,431.61
	Income 01.4.18 to 31.5.18	£ 83252.54
	Interest	£ 1.36
(ii)	Petty Cash Payments 01.04.18 to 31.05.18	£ 114.22
(iii)	Bank Reconciliations for April 18, May 18 for Approval	

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the items (i) to (iii) above.

85/2018: To consider planning applications: 10/5/18-2/7/18

Non Determined

AVA/2018/0481 - 35 Leamoor Avenue Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 1RL -
Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
DWL: 5/Jun/2018
Val: 21/May/2018

AVA/2018/0486 - 10 Birchwood Crescent Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 4LX -
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing Business Use of Garage and
Wooden Cabin as a Store / Shop with two Fish Display Tanks and two Outdoor Ponds for the
sale of Cold Water Fish
DWL: 5/Jun/2018
Val: 5/Jun/2018

AVA/2018/0669 - 154 Sleetmoor Lane Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 1RF
Front ground floor extension along with associated internal and external alterations
DWL: 10/7/2019
Val: 9/7/2018

AVA/2018/0646 - 8 Lower Birchwood Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 4NG
Side/Rear Ground Floor Extension
DWL: 9/7/2018
Val: 6/7/2018

Determined

AVA/2018/0403 - Holly Lodge 198A Somercotes Hill Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire
DE55 4JS. Two storey front, side & rear extensions and associated internal and external
alterations.
Dec: 12/6/2018

AVA/2018/0374 - 14 Ralph Drive Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 4JB
Proposed two storey side and front single storey extension.
Dec: 24/5/2018

AVA/2018/0365 - 146 Birchwood Lane Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 4NE
Proposed extension to dormer bungalow including solar panels. Proposed drop kerbs to
existing site access
Dec: 30/5/2018

Planning Consultations:

AVA/2018/0646 - 8 Lower Birchwood Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 4NG.
Side/Rear Ground Floor Extension
Comments: By 8/8/2018

AVA/2018/0669 - 154 Sleetmoor Lane Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 1RF

Front ground floor extension along with associated internal and external alterations

Comments: By 31/7/2018

AVA/2018/0668(LATE ITEM)-Land to the South of B600. Lower Somercotes, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire. Outline planning application or residential development of 99 dwellings with associated landscaping and recreational open space (Contrary to the Provisions of the Amber Valley Borough Local Plan 2006).

Comments: By 31 July 2018

The Council **RESOLVED**:

(a) to respond to the AVA/2018/0668 consultation request and send a letter of objection to the proposal on the basis of the following:

- (i) Impact on biodiversity
- (ii) Disappearance of the Riddings/Lower Somercotes buffer zone blurring village identification
- (iii) Inadequate infrastructure, amenities and facilities to support the development.

(b) that Councillor J McCabe request that the application be referred to an AVBC Planning Committee.

86/2018: Correspondence

The Council **noted** the correspondence from DALC.

87/2018: Presentation

The Council **presented** a cheque for £210 to Mr Colin Rick (parish warden) in recognition of his 21 years' service with the parish council.

88/2018: Next meeting – Friday 21 September 2018 at 6.30pm

89/2018: Items for the Next Agenda – Please let the Clerk have any items for the next Agenda by 12 September 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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