

## SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

**The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 7pm, on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in the Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.**

**Persons Present:** Cllr's P Smith (Chairman); B. Lyttle (V. Chairman); M. Barron; P. Curran-Bilbie; M. Barron; Mrs B Hannant; J Gardiner; J. McCabe: - G Blackmore (Clerk); Mr P Price (7.05pm)

**Apologies:** Cllr's C Langton (Illness); T Marriott (Family Commitments); J. Spibey (Dispensation due to illness); S Walker (family illness). Absent: Cllr. A. Stringer.

**90/2011 Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Mr P Price**

At the commencement of the meeting Mr Price was not present and the chairman ruled that this matter be removed from the agenda. Mr Price would not therefore be able to participate as a Councillor in the meeting and on arrival can sign the declaration at the end of the meeting.

**91/2011 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr's C Langton; T Marriott; J Spibey; S. Walker.

**92/2011 Variance of business:** Item 97/2011 moved to Confidential

**93/2011 Declaration of Members Interests:** Cllr B Lyttle – all planning matters

**94/2011: Public Speaking – (30 minutes)**

a) No matters from the public

**b) Reports from Outside Bodies**

**Police Liaison Officer:** Pc Mark Stokoe informed the Council of the successes of 'Operation Rocky' and how the police were working locally to reduce crime and disorder. Cllr Lyttle raised the KINS reporting system has warned that there has been an increase in burglaries. PC Stokoe reported that most are opportunistic and generally when residents leave doors unlocked. Crime Stoppers number to be included in the next newsletter with crime prevention information. The new police number for non-emergencies is now '101'.

**County Council:** No matters to report from DCC. The safe pedestrian refuge on Hockley Way has been set back due to traffic Management requesting a review of the lighting supply and traffic flow issues.

**Borough Council:** There has been a number of missing litter bins around the parish and these have been reported to AVBC who say they will provide replacements.

**95/2011: Minutes – the Council RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Ordinary Parish Council Minutes held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

**96/2011: Car Park Agreements:** The issues concerning the Memorandum of Understanding and Mill Yard Car Park have been resolved. In respect of Market Place Car Park a request has been made for a declaration on the right of access (entrance route) and liability insurance so no claims can be made against the Parish Council. This matter has been referred back to AVBC for clarification and finalisation.

**97/2011: Public CCTV:** Community Safety Partnership policy on CCTV cameras – moved to confidential

**98/2011 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England: The Council RESOLVED** to make no comment on the proposed changes that will see Amber Valley constituency being lost and merging in two areas, mid Derbyshire and Bolsover.

**99/2011: The Queen's Golden Jubilee Beacons:**

**The Council RESOLVED** to contact the churches, schools and local Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows etc to establish if any are planning to run celebration events so a joint community event can be undertaken, if appropriate.

The Parish Wardens have suggested setting the flower bed in front of the Parish Hall as a Union Jack flag with the dates. The Council had reservations that sufficient flowers would be in bloom early enough to provide such a flower bed setting.

**100/2011: The Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England – Update:** The appropriate papers were circulated to all Councillors for information

**101/2011: Clerk's Report**

- a) **New Recreational Facility – Somercotes Park:** The equipment has now been installed and appears to be regularly used.
- b) **Newsletter:** Printed and distributed. **The Council RESOLVED** that it would engage the Scouts and associate groups to deliver the newsletter from February 2012.
- c) **Carol Service:** Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011, invitations have been sent out to dignitaries and councils. The carol service programme has been approved for printing.
- d) **Allotments:**
  - Bridle Lane:** The association has been very proactive on works on the allotments. The ash tree is being shaped and trimmed; however, it has been found to have the King Alfred's Cake disease and may need to be felled. **The Council RESOLVED** to monitor the tree over the next 2 years and take action, as appropriate.
  - Birchwood Lane:** A new chairman and treasurer have been appointed and a secretary is being sought.
  - Flash Allotments:** The new association is now in place and work has commenced on reclaiming the land for allotment use. Around 30 sheets of asbestos is required to be removed by contractors at a cost of £600 + VAT
  - The Council RESOLVED** to seek the removal of the asbestos by specialist contractors

**Allotment rents:** The Council reviewed all the allotment rents including Drunken Close (used for grazing).

**Recommend:** Due to the current financial situation the Council should consider no increase to the annual rents in 2012.

**The Council RESOLVED** to maintain the allotment rents, to the allotment associations and Drunken Close, at their current levels for 2012. Flash allotments will be given a 12 month period of exemption whilst they bring the allotments back into use.

- e) **Parish Hall CCTV** – Additional new camera installed, as approved by the Council, covering the internal entrance/main hall door area - £180.00
- f) **Parish Hall Car Park & Car Park Exit road maintenance:** Repairs completed, as approved by the Council.
- g) **Parish Council Calendar:** 250 calendars has been printed and now on sale. The unused competition prize money of £100 will be donated to the Derbyshire Autism Services Group.
- h) **Grit Bins:** The Parish Wardens have checked all the grit bin locations and any empty, missing or damaged bins have been reported to AVBC who are dealing with this. Some bins have been removed and concerns were raised that AVBC intends to remove the grit bin facilities.  
The Parish wardens are to attend the Snow Wardens course at Chesterfield on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Under the DCC Snow Wardens scheme the Council will receive 1 ton of grit, a free grit bin, fluorescent jacket and snow shovels.
- i) **Bribery Act 2010 – New Offences:** A summary of the offences has been circulated to all staff and Councillors. Councillors were reminded that if they receive any gifts or hospitality of a value of at least £25.00 these must be declared and registered with the Monitoring Officer.
- j) **Parish Clerk' Network Meeting:** For information of Councillors

- k) **AVBC – Annual Civic Service on 4 December 2011** (Attendance notification by 25 Nov 2011)
- l) **Somercotes ‘Raising Aspirations’ event - ‘I Want to Be’:** Evaluation Report received from Angela Quinn. Community Award event – The Chairman said he would support the cost of the certificates. **The Council RESOLVED** to provide the Parish Hall free of charge for the presentations.
- m) **Derbyshire Constabulary - ‘Operation Rocky’:** Report of operation outcomes (week 1) provided for the Council.
- o) **Xmas Lights:** The lights are scheduled to be installed and operating by 1<sup>st</sup> December
- p) **Quality Council Status:** DALC has asked that all Parish Councils consider working towards and becoming a Quality Council. The Clerk was asked to prepare papers for the Council to consider the issue at the next PC Meeting.

**102/2011: Planning:**

**Planning Applications**

- 2011/0908:** Two storey extension to rear elevation at 13, Birchwood Lane, for Mr A Hill.
- 2011/0922:** Lawful Development Certificate for existing land to be used as a Staff car park at Bailey & Sons Ltd., 36 Langley Avenue, for Mr & Mrs Christopher Brandon.
- 2011/0793:** Erection of a new single detached dwelling at 54 Leamoor Avenue (this is a departure from the Adopted Development Plan) for Mrs E Walker.
- 2011/0925:** Raise height of bungalow to create first floor extension (4 bedrooms and bathroom) at 128 Birchwood Lane, for Mr & Mrs C Simpson.
- 2011/0947:** Application for reconstruction and reoccupation of derelict farm-steading at Skew Bridge Farm on the existing site and as such does not represent new development, at Skewbridge Farm, Lower Birchwood, for Mr Stanley Smith.
- 2011/1037:** Alteration of building footprint and amendment to the rear roof slope for previously approved application AVA/2011/0459 at 193 Birchwood Lane, for Mr & Mrs Robert Ward.
- 2011/0884:** Proposed industrial lean to building to be used to cover an existing yard area and for power coating steelwork, at Swift Tyres Ltd., Wimsey Way.

**No comments were made on any planning applications**

**Planning Matters Determined**

- 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 door, at Bridgetown Tyre Recycling, Birchwood Way.  
Permitted
- 2011/0922:** Lawful Development Certificate for existing land to be used as a Staff car park at Bailey & Sons Ltd., 36 Langley Avenue.  
Application Returned
- 2011/0831:** Detached garage at 9 John Street.  
Permitted

**103/2011: Finance:**

- a) **Accounts for Approval:** **The Council RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for payment, as appended.
- b) **Annual Audit Report:** **The Council RESOLVED** to receive and accept the Annual Audit Report as approved by the Audit Commission.
- c) **Financial Budget Report (to 30 October) & Precept Review:** **The Council**

**RESOLVED** to accept financial report and precept review and to set the precept at the January meeting.

**104/2011: Derbyshire Association of Local Council – Circulars**

**44/2011 – 54/2011: These are available to the Councillors in the PC Office**

**44/2011 Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods Planning.**

**45/2011 General - The Sport England Iconic Facilities Fund, LCR Surveys, The Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England - Update**

**46/2011 General – Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England: LCR Survey; The Future of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England – Update: Derbyshire Policing Review**

**47/2011 Audit Commission Work to be put out to Tender**

**48/2011 The Code of Recommendation Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency; East Midlands Allotments Officers Forum**

**49/2011 DALC Training Circular**

**50/2011 General Circular – Young Achievers Awards; Village SOS Active**

**51/2011 General Circular – Rural Derbyshire –Oil Buying Scheme: Localism Bill update: Environmental Agency Issues Groundwater Consultation**

**52/2011 Clerk’s Day – 2012 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012 9.30 am – 4.00 pm**

**53/2011 General Circular – Advice Derbyshire Conference 2011; DCC Free Event – Developing and Growing Voluntary Youth Activities across Derbyshire – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm**

**54/2011 General Circular – The Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England – Update; Postal Scam; Clerk Vacancy**

**105/2011: Items for information**

**a) Derbyshire Police Authority – Local Policing Review 2011**

**b) The Armed Forces Community Covenant**

**c) Trent Barton 90 Service (letter sent out with Newsletter to Pye Bridge Residents)**

**d) Alfreton Town Council – Public Meeting Relating to Alfreton Railway Station**

**e) AVBC – There’s no need to ‘Save Ripley Town Hall’**

**f) AVBC - Council Offers lifeline to Belper Leisure Centre**

**g) AVSSP – Newsletter**

**h) Historic key Leabrooks Cemetery located**

**106/2011: Urgent Matters raised by Councillors: None**

Declaration of Office (item 90/2011): Mr P Price signed the ‘Declaration of Office’ as a Councillor for Somercotes Parish Council. Cllr Price agreed to clean the war memorial free of charge and this was accepted.

**Item 97/2011: The Council RESOLVED** to support the operation and maintenance of one CCTV camera, in Somercotes for 12 months then review the matter.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm**