

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 17th January 2020 in the Village hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr P Smith, Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr P Curran-Bilbie, Cllr P Wardle, Cllr V Bonsall, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr S McCabe, Cllr J Parker, Cllr P Slater, Cllr K Judson, Cllr S Walker.

01/2020: Apologies for absence: Cllr M Barron,

02/2020: Social Media: No social media was present

03/2020: Variation of Order of Business: None recieved

04/2020: (i) Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr K Judson – Planning Application AVA/2019/1136 - Related to Applicant.

Cllr P Smith – Planning Application AVA/2019/1216 – Member of DCC planning committee.

05/2020: Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received

06/2020: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

(a) No members of the public were present.

(b) No members of the Police were in attendance.

Cllr Smith (DCC) reported that recent flooding had caused twenty million pounds of damage to the counties road system. Given that the normal budget is seventeen million pounds per year the capital highways program will be severely impacted. Extra funding has been requested from the Secretary of State.

The contract for caretaking and cleaning in schools and public buildings has been awarded to a new consortium. The transfer will take place on the 1st April and existing staff will be TUPE'd across.

DCC will be closing seven of its residential care homes due to an unwillingness to fund repairs and refurbishments.

Following a communication with Western Power the street lights at lower

Somercotes are again scheduled for repair and will be replaced with LED units.

Cllr McCabe (AVBC) reported that as part of the climate change initiative 120 trees for the planting scheme which are part funded by AVBC and SPC will be delivered within the next few weeks.

The collection that was held at the Christmas carol service raised £300 and will be divided equally and donated to local breast cancer and prostate cancer charities

07/20: Council **APPROVED** the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15th November 2019.

08/2020: **To determine which items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** None

09/2020: **CCTV on Somercotes Park**

Cllr McCabe to request this as an agenda item at AVBC's next meeting

10/2020: **Meeting Dates 2020-21**

The Council **Approved** the suggested dates.

11/2020: **School House – Response from DCC**

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk writes to the school and DCC asking who owns and maintains the green space adjacent to the school that is now fenced off as it is overgrown and becoming a deposit for litter.

12/2020: **Bridle Lane Allotments Storage of trailer**

The Council **Resolved** to allow the storage of the trailer.

13/2020: **Memorial Bench – Councillor Lyttle**

The Council **Resolved** that a commemorative plaque on the clock tower should be installed to commemorate previous long serving Councillors including Cllr Lyttle.

14/2020: **Prostrate Cancer Initiative.**

Cllr McCabe reported that the local group does not have the resources for this. Clerk to investigate other options.

15/2020: **Request from Clairs coaches**

The Council **Approved** the request on the understanding that they park in the space that is allocated to the Parish Wardens van

16/2020: **Additional Lighting Column – Baker Close**

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk email Rob Bains (cc: Cllr Smith) at DCC and request a costing for installation of additional Columns

16/2020(a): Late Item: Could not be left for next meeting as consultation date expires

Letter from ATC requesting support for their objection to East Midlands Trains reducing the service through Alfreton Station.
The Council **Resolved** to support ATC's objection. Clerk to complete online consultation form.

The Council **APPROVED** the following payments:

17/2020: Finance:

(a) Accounts

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.10.19 to 27.11.19	£28,500.95
Income 1.10.19 to 27.11.19	£5612.66
Interest	£1.96
(ii) Petty Cash Payments 1.10.19 to 27.11.19	£123.70
(iii) Bank Reconciliations for August 19 and September 19	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 30.10.19	£ 176,931,15

18/2020: Capital Projects for consideration in next financial year.

The Council **Resolved** that the Clerk obtains an asbestos survey and a condition report on the stables and three quotes for redecoration of the Village Hall. The Council **Resolved** to budget for the suggested works and add two further projects - cleaning of Acid Works Memorial and Flagpole for village hall (Clerk to investigate if planning permission is required)

19/2020: Precept 2020-21

The Council **Resolved** to add two new budgets. The first for five thousand pounds for Capital Projects and the second for £1000 for Climate Change and to increase the precept by two per cent making it £158760.00.

20/2020: To consider Planning applications: 6.11.19 to 20.12.19

The Council **NOTED** the applications and had no comments.

21/2020: Correspondence

The Council **Noted** DALC Circulars.

22/2020: Confidential Information

None.

110/2019: Date of Next Meeting – Friday 20th March 2020 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Agenda Items to be with the Clerk seven days before the next meeting