

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 17th July 2020 via ZOOM.

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 P Slater, Cllr K Judson, Cllr Barron

47/2020: Apologies for absence: Councillor Walker, Councillor Parker

48/2020: Variation of Order of Business. – Late Item - Ornamental Benches Item 58(a)/2020

49/2020: Declaration of Members Interests – None declared

50/2020: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received

51/2020: (a) Public Speaking – None

(b) DCC – Cllr Smith advised that the Community Response team was still operating. Libraries were beginning to open, however the DCC offices remained shut. The Community Leadership Fund scheme was available to support community projects.

(c) AVBC – Cllr John McCabe advised that whilst the refuse collection service had experienced difficulties, services were now back to normal. Streetscene were to employ four new apprentices to work with the Grounds Maintenance team.

(d) Cllr Curran-Bilbie advised that the Councils' new website would allow community groups to provide content. Cllr Judson expressed concern that a recent accident at Pye Bridge had been caused by speeding vehicles.

The Council RESOLVED

- (a) that the Clerk request information from CREST regarding the use and timing of speed cameras at Pye Bridge.
- (b) That an article be placed on the Councils' website for volunteers to operate a Speedwatch scheme in the area – Clerk to forward article to Cllr Curran-Bilbie for inclusion on website.

52/2020: The approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2020 was deferred to the next meeting

53/2020: To determine which items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms:

“In view of the confidential nature of item to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.”

54/2020: Judicial Review Update – See Item 62/2020 below.

55/2020: S137 Grants – The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the S137 grants as recommended by the Assistant Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, with the exception of the

(a) Bridle Lane Allotments Society where funds were to be used from the Allotment Budget.

(b) The DUWC award be increased from the recommended £1750 to £2000.

56/2020: Councillor Cooption – The Council **RESOLVED** that interviews be conducted by Cllr McCabe & Cllr Smith

57/2020: Allotment Competition – The Council **NOTED** the competition date of **18 July 2020**

58/2020: Drunken Close Stables Renovation – Deferred

58(a)/2020: Ornamental Benches – The Council **DIRECTED** that the item be included in the next Agenda with details of costs

59/2020: Waste & Recycling Collections – Cllr McCabe advised that refuse and recycling collections were now operating normally.

60/2020: Audit 2019/20 – The Council APPROVED:

(a) **AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019-20**

(b) **AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019-20**

61/2020: The Council APPROVED the following payments:

(a) **Accounts**

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.04.20 to 28.5.20 £19433.78
Income 1.04.20 to 28.5.20 £ 86276 .40

Interest £ 1.96

(ii) Petty Cash Payments 1.4.19 to 28.5.20 £ 10.85

(iii) Bank Reconciliations for April 20 and May 20

(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 30.5.20 **£ 178,469.46**

62/2020 Planning Consultations: The Council **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to AVBC regarding application **AVA/2020/0405** to establish clarity on planning considerations.

63/2020: Correspondence – The Council NOTED the correspondence

64/2020: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - Village Hall Re-opening

The Council **AGREED** the reopening of the Village Hall as per the Clerk's report.

65/2020: Date of next meeting: Friday 18th September 2020 at 6.30pm – location to be advised.