

## SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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30 September 2021

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes**

**Present:** Cllr P Smith, Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr P Wardle, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr S Walker, Cllr K Judson, Cllr P Slater, Catherine Hedley (Clerk), Kimberley Walker (Asst Clerk/RFO)  
Cllr Rose DCC, Cllr D Wilson DCC.

**56/2021: Apologies for absence:** Cllr P Curran-Bilbie, Cllr J Parker, Cllr Bonsall, Cllr S McCabe, Cllr M Barron

**57/2021: Variation of Order of Business. – Late Items. The Council agreed to consider the following:**

Financial Report from Asst Clerk/RFO after item 80/2021  
Planning Consultation AVA/2021/1021 at Item 89/2021

**58/2021: (i) Declaration of Members Interests**

Cllr W Walker – Item 91/2021 – Private Interest

Cllr J McCabe – Item 84/2021 – Private interest (Phoenix Bowls Club)

**59/2021: Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received**

**60/2021: Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)**

**Police** - The Clerk/RFO circulated the information received from the Police regarding parking on pavements.

County Councillors - Cllr Rose & Cllr Wilson introduced themselves. They agreed to look at the Rugby Club planning application and notify whether they supported the Parish Councils' objections.

Parish Councillors requested their assistance with obtaining enforcement support on the issue of parking offences on double yellow lines on Quarry Road.

Cllrs Rose & Wilson agreed to provide information on proposals for youth engagement plans.

District Councillor – Cllr McCabe reported that AVBCs Community Fund had been scrapped and that the green waste collection service would recommence w/c 27 September.

Reports of drug use on Cinder Road Park and drug pushing on Somecotes Market place were discussed.

The use of electric scooters was discussed and it was confirmed that e-scooters were illegal to use on the highway.

**61/2021:** The Minutes of the ExtraOrdinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were **APPROVED**.

**62/2021:** In view of the confidential nature of item 91/2021 & 92/2021 the Council resolved 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.”

**63/2021: Wardens Report** – The Council **RESOLVED** that the Senior Parish Warden attend a Parish Council Meeting on a quarterly basis to provide feedback on parish cleansing and maintenance issues.

**64/2021: S106 Funding** – The Council **RESOLVED** to match the £14,500 S106 funding allocated to Somercotes Park Renovation. Funding to be met from 2022/23 budget.

**65/2021: Road Sweeper** – The Council **RESOLVED** to defer the purchase of the road sweeper and budget for its purchase in the 2022/23

**66/2021: S137 Applications** – The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Asst Clerk/RFO recommendations with the exception of St Thomas Church Somercotes where further information was required. To be resubmitted at next Parish Council Meeting. (Cllr McCabe left the meeting whilst the Phoenix Bowls Club request was discussed).

**67/2021: Neighbourhood Plan** – The Council **RESOLVED** to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan in 2022/23.

**68/2021: Village Signs Update** – The Clerk **INFORMED** Council that the signs had been ordered. Benches had been made. The Council **RESOLVED** that one of the benches would replace the one at the front of the Village Hall, the other would be sited at Pye Bridge and the one removed from the Village Hall sited at Sleetmoor Lane.

**69/2021: Christmas Carol Service & Allotment Award.** The Christmas Carol Service and Allotment Award dates were **AGREED** as 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 respectively.

**70/2021: Finance:** The Council **APPROVED** the following payments

**(a) Accounts**

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.6.21 to 31.7.21	£ 36,921.53
Income 1.6.21 to 31.7.21	£ 954.99
Interest	£ 1.96
(ii) Petty Cash Payments	£ 0

(iii) Bank Reconciliations for June 21 and July 21	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.7.21	<b>£141,501.36</b>

**71/2021: Planning**

**AVA/2021/0879** - Proposed new rugby club facility &

**AVA/2021/0880** - Amber Valley Rugby Club Lower Somercotes Somercotes Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 4NQ. Residential development for up to 250 dwellings

The Council **RESOLVED**:

To send a copy of the Parish Council Response to all AVBC Planning Board members and officers.

**72/2021: Correspondence** – Council **NOTED** the correspondence

**PART 2 Confidential Matters**

**73/2021: Local Government Pension Scheme** – The Council **RESOLVED** to agree membership of LGPS subject to a further report providing information on those who wished to join.

**74/2021: Sickness Absence-** The Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with the suggestion from the Clerk in the supporting document. Further information recorded in Confidential Minutes.

**The meeting ended at 8.40pm**