

# SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in the Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Parish Council was presented with the Quality Council Certificate by DALC (Mr Cooke). The Chairman & Mr Wood ((DALC) expressed their gratitude to the Clerk for his hard work so that the Council attained Quality Status.

### Persons Present:

Cllr P Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (V. Chairman); Cllr M Barron; Cllr P Curran-Bilbie; Cllr Mrs B Hannant; Cllr C Langton; Cllr J T Marriott; Cllr J McCabe; Cllr P Price; Cllr A Stringer; Cllr S Walker (6.40pm);  
Mr G Blackmore (Clerk to the Council) and 4 members of the public. Police: Pc C Anthony and PCSO M Rogers

**62/2012: Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Gardiner (Personal); Cllr E Pace (Personal)

**63/2012: Variance of business:**

**In view of the confidential nature of items in 82/2012 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 items.**

**64/2012: Declaration of Members Interests:** To receive any declarations of interest (if any)  
Cllr P Smith Agenda Item: 69/2012; Cllr B Lyttle (All planning matters)  
Cllr P Curran-Bilbie & Cllr P Price Agenda Item: 83/2012

**65/2012: Public Speaking – (30 minutes)**

Mr B Hill made representation for financial support for the additional improvements for the new leisure facilities at Somerlea Park Community Centre.

### **b) Reports from Outside Bodies**

#### **Police Liaison Officer:**

The Police reported on the reduction of crime (down 13% in last 12 months) and ASB. Detection rates have increased from 28% to 40%. There have been a number of shed burglaries and recommended shed alarms and locks are available to purchase.

Police are implementing an operation re speeding vehicles and litter dropping around the two fast food outlets around Nottingham Rd / Wimsey Way. Cllr Curran-Bilbie raised issues re speeding high powered sports cars on Birchwood Lane  
On-going work is being undertaken re off-road motor cycles at Pye Bridge.

**County Council:** Cllr P Smith reported that DCC have been resurfacing several roads and pavements and street lighting programmes are being completed. A new bus shelter is to be installed at Leabrooks by DCC and the PC will cover maintenance cost as part of the agreement.

Community Pay Back Scheme has been working on the South Spires Estate and DCC will cover the payment to the probation service and skip hire cost.

Enquiries to be made with DCC re the replacement of the lamp column removed outside the shop on Nottingham Road and near B&Q (knocked down by a car).

#### **Borough Council Member**

The new recycling scheme is due to be operational in October when the boxes & bags will be replaced by a bin.

Cllr Curran-Bilbie raised his concerns that free swimming and activity vouchers were made available by AVBC were not being distributed fairly and Somercotes did not get an allocation. The local Police SNT have now provided vouchers.

**66/2012: Minutes** – The minutes were confirmed as a correct record of the Annual Parish Council Meetings & the Ordinary Parish Council Minutes held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012; the Allotments Sub-Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 and the Parish Hall Sub-Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**67/2012: Car Park Agreements:** The Car Park transfers have been completed and registration to the Land Registry has been applied for by our solicitors. AVBC have patched up the pot holes in the car parks as requested.

**68/2012: Parish Hall Sub-Committee:**

- **External fascia, soffits, roofing, guttering etc**  
The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the sub-committee recommendation on the contractor to be appointed to undertake the agreed works. Additional cost that exceeds the contract allowance is subject to approval of the Council. Formal contracts are to be signed with the contractor. Work to commence w/c 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012.
- **New front UPVc doors (disability access)**  
The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the contract for the works based on specification requirements.
- **Internal Decoration**  
The internal decoration is to be delayed until all the current works programmes are completed.
- **Automatic Release pads for kitchen doors (Fire Safety)**  
The works contracted has been approved, as this is a Health & Safety matter.
- **Fire Door Frames:** The **Council RESOLVED** that the Main Hall & Lounge door frames to be replaced by our local maintenance contractors

Cllr Price suggested that the toilets should have a grey water system installed (to be considered when sufficient funding is available). The **Council RESOLVED** to have installed a systemiser with infra-red for water flow control in the gent's toilets. The urinals are to be refitted or renewed, as they are becoming detached from the wall.

**69/2012 Multi-Sports Area, Skateboard Park & Car Park – Recreation Ground**

The **Council RESOLVED** to approve a grant (£17,754 exc. Vat) towards the Somerlea Community Centre's new sports & leisure facilities project regarding a new eco-friendly car park area.

Skateboard Park Upgrade: Cllr P Smith informed the Council that he is seeking to upgrade the skate-park as equipment may be available from Ashfield Council. Simon Gladwin (AVBC) is following up the matter on our behalf.

**70/2012 Allotments:**

**a) Allotment Grants**

**Birchwood Lane:** Re-development of land for new garden plots

**Bridle Lane:** Upgrade of water troughs and new stand-pipes

**Sleetmoor Lane:** New water supply piping & taps (approved by Council)

The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure on the 3 allotments, as recommended by the Allotments Sub-Committee. The Council approved the contractor for the renovation work at Birchwood Allotments.

Letters of thanks have been received from Bridle Lane Allotments Association in relation to the funding of the palisade gates and the grant award.

**b) Firearms use on Parish Council Allotments:** The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the protocols, as recommended by the Clerk be accepted in principle, but the matter needed further consideration and that it should be discussed at the next Allotments Sub-Committee Meeting.

c) **Jim Spibey Memorial Shield Competition:** Chris Beal (AVBC) has judged the allotment nominated allotment plots Chris at Bridle Lane & Birchwood. No nominations have been received from Sleetmoor Lane

**71/2012: Christmas Lights/Hanging Baskets:**

The hanging baskets have now been put up and the Parish Council flower beds at the Parish Hall & Winding Wheel planted.

DCC has now accepted the application for the temporary attachment of Xmas lights to the lamp columns after extensive requests for certification from the contractors and resolving the PAT testing issue.

The 3 year contract with LITE Ltd ends in early 2013. The Council is to consider the contract in early 2013.

**72/2012: Wild Flower & Plant areas:**

Derbyshire Groundwork has confirmed that the work at the Winding Wheel has been scheduled in, but delayed as the weather has prevented the weed killer application programme.

**73/2012: Demolition of Public Toilets – Market Place, Somercotes:**

Notification has been received from AVBC that the demolition of the toilets will take place week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – There is a 3 week timescale for the work. The public toilets were scheduled to be boarded up on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

**74/2012: Community Police Office:**

The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure of £600.00 for the installation of a police computer at Somerlea Park Community Centre Police Office.

**75/2012: Code of Conduct for Parish Councils:**

**The Council RESOLVED** to adopt the new Code of Conduct as per the AVBC adopted version. The Code of Conduct to be amended for Somercotes Parish Council.

Register of Members Interest Forms to be amended to SPC and sent out for completion. Request to return the forms to the Clerk so that copies can be made to post them onto the Council website (now a requirement)

**76/2012: Clerk's Report**

a) **Newsletter:** 'The Summer Edition' delivered at the end of May and the 'Autumn Edition' has been drafted.

b) **Parish Hall Deaf Loop System** - Installed

c) **Request to use Parish Hall for Bank Holiday Weekend:** Band Accommodation approved after Risk Assessments and Insurance documents received.

d) **CCTV update:** AVBC reassessing the CCTV systems with a new contractor.

e) **DALC: new Chief Officer** – Sarita Presland is now in post and will take over the duties of Brian Wood (officially retires at the end of August).

f) **Calendar 2013:** A series of photos of Industry, local business and Public Houses (old/new) to be collated for approval. Calendar photos to be agreed and printed early for sale by early October 2012.

g) **Annual Report 2011-12:** Public distribution through newsletter and local venues

h) **Parish Hall licensing variation application:** Completed and submitted

i) **War Memorial – Repairs and maintenance:** The memorial is not the responsibility of the Council although it has agreed to assist in the maintenance cost.

j) **The General Power of Competence.** The Clerk has attended the course and submitted Section 7 to SLLC. The Parish Council will be able to use the GPC in next years financial year, but will need to suspend S137.

**77/2012: Planning:**

**Planning Applications:**

**AVA/2012/0608:** Mining machinery Development Ltd, Cotes Park Lane, Somercotes. Proposed factory extension.

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**AVA/2012/0518:** 145A Birchwood Lane, Somercotes: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor rear extension over existing ground floor

**AVA/2012/0597:** B INSURED LTD, 102-104 Nottingham Road, Somercotes  
Two advertising flags and projected signage

**There were no comments made by Council on the above matters**

**Planning Matters Determined:**

**AVA/2012/0444:** 54 Leamoor Avenue, Somercotes: Application for reserved matters approval.: Access, (in existing position). Appearance, landscaping, layout, scale (single storey dwelling with driveway in front, garden behind). PERMITTED

**AVA/2012/0518:** 145A Birchwood Lane, Somercotes: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor rear extension over existing ground floor. PERMITTED

**AVA/2012/0458:** Public Conveniences, Somercotes Hill, Somercotes.  
Prior notification of demolition. PERMITTED

**AVA/2012/0342:** Dog & Doublet, 94 main Road, Pye Bridge  
Residential Development. WITHDRAWN

**78/2012: Finance:**

**a) Accounts for Approval:** The **Council RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure accounts (May to July)

**b) Quarterly Budget Report:** The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the QBR report

**c) S137 Grants Information & Applications:**

- QEII Playing Fields Grant – Crays Hill – No letter received re event, as requested. NFA to be undertaken by the Council
- Amber Valley Ascensions: The **Council RESOLVED** to approved under S137 a grant of £200.00

**79/2012: Derbyshire Association of Local Council – Circulars**

**24/2012 – 35/2012: These are available to the Councillors in the PC Office**

**24/2012: Freedom of Information; Braille; Audio**

**25/2012: Localism Act Training**

**26/2012: General Circular**

**27/2012: New Standard Regime – Code of Conduct for Parish/Town Councils**

**28/2012: Appointment of new Chief Officer (DALC); Improvements to the Policy & Legal framework for Public Rights of Way; Plan for Auditor Procurement; Audit Returns 2011-12; Employers First Aid Obligations.**

**29/2012**

**30/2012: Right to Build Fund Available to Parish & Town Councils; iPads for Cllrs; East Mids Allotment Officers' Forum; Derbyshire Health & Well-Being Strategy Consultation.**

**31/2012: NALC Template re Members Code of Conduct**

**32/2012: DCLG Simplifies Planning Referendum Question; NALC Response to draft central/Local Governance Concordat; Repairs to War Memorials**

**33/2012: DCTP – CiLCA – Power of Governance Training**

**34/2012: NALC Consultation – Funding Arrangements for Localising Support for Council Tax; Council Vacancy**

**35/2012: NALC Template Code of Conduct Parish Councils; DCC Community Buildings Grant; RAD Neighbourhood Plan.**

**80/2012: Items for information**

**DCC: Excellence in the Community Awards 2012** (Closing Date 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012)  
**Local Government 2012 No: 1465:** The Local Elections (Declaration of Acceptance of Office) Order 2012.

**Rural Action Derbyshire:** Are you considering a Neighbourhood Plan

**DCC:** Youth Offer

**81/2012: Urgent Matters raised by Councillors:** None

**The Council RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of a personal situation of an employee and a complaint relating to a Councillor) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.**

**82/2012 (a) Staff:** The Council was informed that a member of staff may be off work for several months from September, for medical reasons.

**(b) Complaint made to the Parish Council**

The Council considered the complaint raised by a member of the public, on behalf of local residents. The Council considered the matter and a letter is to be written to the petitioners (representative) and advise on them on the complaints procedure.

**Date of next meeting: 6.30pm, Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012**