



Minutes of the meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm, on Friday, 21st September 2012 in the Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Persons Present: Cllr P Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (Vice Chairman); Cllr P Curran-Bilbie; Cllr M Barron; Cllr Mrs B Hannant; Cllr P Price; Cllr C Langton; Cllr J Gardiner; Cllr J McCabe. G R Blackmore (Clerk to the Council), PC C Anthony and 4 members of the public

83/2012 Apologies: Cllr T Marriott (Personal commitment)

Absence: Cllr A Stringer; Cllr S Walker

84/2012 Variation of Order of Business - None

85/2012 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr B Lyttle (All Planning Matters) 93/2012 - Personal

Cllr P Smith (Staff Matter) 97/2012 - Disclosable

Cllr J McCabe (Staff Matter) 97/2012 – Disclosable

86/2012 Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

(a) No public speaking matters

(b) **Police Liaison Officer**

PC Anthony informed the Council there were a number of thefts of vehicle number plates used for bilking, at petrol stations. Thefts from sheds had decreased although there were still a few. Crime is down 41% compared with last year in the area.

B600 – concerns were raised about speeding in Lower Somercotes (letter from a member of public). PC Antony is aware and will raise this with the Traffic Enforcement Team. Cllr Lyttle raised concerns about problem tenants on Riber Avenue – police aware and dealing

District Council:

Proposals for future housing growth in Amber Valley – 26th September 2012 at AVBC Council Chambers, Ripley.

New recycling bin changes in November – bins to be distributed from the end of September.

County Council or District Council

Pedestrian Refuge, Hockley Way: demolished by a vehicle again, but is to be refitted by the installers.

Scam re Euro Millions – Trading Standards informed and a possible DCC Press Release to be made.

87/2012 Minutes: The **Council RESOLVED** to confirm as a correct record the Ordinary Parish Council Minutes of the 27th July 2012.

88/2012 The Council to determine which items if any from Part 1 of 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 - **None**

89/2012 Chairman's Announcements: Boundary Commission - Ward Boundary Changes

The Chairman outline the County ward boundary changes in that Somercotes, Leabrooks, Pye Bridge, Riddings, Ironville, Swanwick and Alfreton will become one ward in respect of County Council Elections with 2 elected members.

90/2012 Report of the Clerk on: -

- (a) **Car Park Transfers:** Mill Yard Registered with the land Registry Market Place – Legal Issue with DCC re a small piece of land waiting for AVBC legal to resolve.
Toilets on Market Place: The demolition has been delayed until STW disconnect the water supply.
- (b) **Report on Parish Hall**
- (i) **Refurbishment & Approved Works** – The report prepared for the members outlined the work undertaken and cost. The expenditure was £9,305.45 of the annual spend agreed. New Village Hall sign to be obtained.
 - (ii) **Toilets – Repairs & 'Optiflush' Water System:** One of the urinals was damaged during a beavers and cubs session. The old urinals now need to be replaced. The **Council RESOLVED** to undertake the full repairs, including fitting an 'optiflush' as per quotes (Pidcock & Beastalls tender accepted)
 - (iii) **Licensing Variation Application:** A new licence has been approved by AVBC Licensing permitting bar and entertainment to be conducted from 09.00 hrs to midnight.
- (c) **Allotments**
- (i) **Jim Spibey Memorial Shield:** The **Council RESOLVED** to hold a presentation Evening at 6.30pm, on Friday 26th October 2012. All the entrants to be invited and light refreshments provided. The shield and awards were shown to the members.
 - (ii) **Grant Award** – Bridle Lane has received a grant of £600.00 from DCC CAG's to add a further 2 stand pipes to the 4 under the Council's funding support. The works to complete in the next 2 -3 weeks subject to weather conditions.
Sleetmoor Lane Allotment: New water pipes installed.
Birchwood Lane Allotment: The redevelopment and reclaiming of additional allotment land is in progress.
Hedge cutting has been arranged for the end of September.
 - (ii) **Firearms (Pest Control):** On-going
- (d) **Code of Conduct – Councillors**
Councillors were provided with the information & papers relating to the new Members Interests and requested to complete the forms within 28 days (return within 14 days, if possible) as the forms needed to be put onto our council website.
- (e) **Councillor Vacancy:** The vacancy has now gone to co-option as 10 or more electors did not request and election (by 19th September). The applications closing date for co-option is 9th October 2012.
- (f) **Power of General Competence Certificate:** The Clerk has attained the qualification. Cllr P Curran-Bilbie to attend GPC Training on 10th October 2012. Councillors to inform the office if any other Councillor wishes to attend.
- (g) **Winding Wheel, Nottingham Road**
Re-Painting: The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the tender of John Day (Decorators) Ltd to paint the Winding Wheel & picket fencing
Solar Lighting: The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the MIM's tender for the installation of solar lighting.

Wild Flower Meadow (Winding Wheel): The project has been commenced by Groundwork and weather permitting the soil will be turned commencing on 25th September. An application made to DCC 'Greenwatch' for funding was refused.

- (h) **Parish Wardens**
 - (i) **Accommodation:** Still pursuing the St John's Ambulance Building with AVBC
 - (ii) **Vehicle:** The Council agreed in principle that a vehicle would be advantageous now the PW's have a lot of additional duties. The **Council RESOLVED** that the Clerk make enquiries and prepare a report for the next meeting.
- (i) **Somercotes Heritage Day – Saturday, 13th October 2012:** For information
- (j) **Police Commissioner Elections – Thursday, 15th November 2012:** All Parish Hall bookings cancelled and the PC Office will be closed
- (k) **Poop-Scoop Bags:** The **Council RESOLVED** that an additional order of Poop-Scoop bags is to be made if stocks needed to be replenished
- (l) **Calendar – 2013:** The new calendar was shown to Councillors. The **Council RESOLVED** to order 500 calendars and these would be on sale from 1st October. Members. Any surplus funds raised are to be donated to DASG.
- (m) **Proposed Temporary Suspension of Existing Traffic Regulation – Order covering Victoria Street, Somercotes:** The **Council RESOLVED** to support the temporary suspension of the existing traffic regulation.
- (n) **Grant Application:** Poppy & Lillie Beal 'Somercotes Girl Guides: The **Council RESOLVED** to make an award of £200.00 (S137)
- (o) **Rights of Way Report – Footpaths:** DCC have a public consultation for the next 5 years of R of W planning. Somercotes PC has been surveying all FP's & Bridleways and will report to DCC. Cllr P Smith informed the members that with the Clerk he has been pursuing the reinstatement of the footpaths around Smotherfly including FP's 56 & 61.
- (p) **Excellence in the Community Awards:** Monday, 15th October 2012: Les Briddon & Colin Rick. The Chairman said that it was excellent news that a member of the public had nominated the two parish wardens for their good work.

91/2012 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (Available in the PC Office)

36/2012: Community Right to Challenge; Flood Protection Agency – New Online Flood Portal; Campaigners target Roadside Litter; Paths for Communities(P4C) – Natural England; Inspired Facilities Fund; Big Lottery Fund Guidance for Applicants.

37/2012: DALC's new Recommended Agenda for Parish & Town Councils (dependent upon the Code of Conduct your Council has chosen); Council Payments; Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge; 4. Outdoor Play Areas.

38/2012: DALC AGM – County Hall, Matlock – 1st September 2012; NALC welcomes move to update Payment Rules; Paths for Communities; Planning for a Healthy and Natural Environment; BT's Community Connection Programme; Apply for a Year's Free Broadband; Plan to reduce Rural Speed Limits.

39/2012: Code of Conduct; DALC – Annual Meeting of Executive Committee 1st September, DALC AGM 1st September at Committee Room 1, County Hall;

Proposals from Town and Parish Councils under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007; Recruitment of Independent Members of Derbyshire Police & Crime Panel; General Power of Competence – Diary Date Reminder General Power of Competence

40/2012: Right to Challenge; CLG cash for Neighbourhood Planning; PAYE changes; Rights of Way Plan; DCC Youth Action Grant; S106 Review; CiLCA Section 7 Training.

92/2012 Finance

- (a) Accounts for Payment: the **Council RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for payment
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| Total: | £25,917.30 |
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- (b) Income
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| Interest | £ 1,266.00 |
| | £ 34.41 |
| Total | £ 1,300.41 |
- (c) Budget Appraisal: April – August 2012: The **Council RESOLVED** to accept the report from the Clerk.
- (d) Annual Audit Return – Received: The Council RESOLVED to accept the Annual Audit Return
New External Auditors Approved – Grant Thornton UK LLP

93/2012 Planning applications:

TRE/2012/0087 Remove ash tree (T3) at 3 Farm Drive, for Mrs Nicola Selby.

TPO 32

- 2012/0693 Change of use of disused pitch and putt area to overflow car park at the Recreation Ground, Sherwood Street, Leabrooks, for Mr Brian Hill, Somerlea Park Community Centre.
- 2012/0714 Request by DCC for the Borough Council's observations on Proposed infill of existing covered veranda and internal alterations (DCC Application Code No. CD6/0712/32) at Somerlea Park Junior School, Bank Street, for Derbyshire County Council.
- 2012/0720 The installation of a stand alone ball stop netting system to both ends of an existing multi use synthetic sports pitch, secured to 6 metre high powder coated posts. The fencing will form an extension to the height of the existing steel boundary fencing rising from 3 to 6 metres to stop footballs etc. being hit out of the sports pitch into private residential property, at Somerlea Park Centre, Sherwood Street, Leabrooks, for Mr Simon Gladwin, Amber Valley Borough Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.
- 2012/0802 Request by Derbyshire County Council for the Borough Council's observations on Proposed additional inert waste recycling facility (DCC Application Code No. CW6/0812/42), at Land North of Cotes Park Lane, for Mr Kevin Balls, JC Balls & Sons Ltd.
- 2012/0725 Small extension between existing buildings to house a new pressure tank at Sercel England, Birchwood Way, for Sercel England Limited, Birchwood Way, Cotes Park Industrial Estate.
- 2012/0574 Change of use of existing retail outlet (A1) to fast food outlet (A5) with 2 two storey extension to rear elevation to provide additional storage and modification to existing stairs, at Direct Discount Nets, 247 Somercotes Hill, for Mr A Abbas, 9 Broom Acres, Broadmeadows, South Normanton.
- 2012/0746 Demolition of existing former Somercotes Methodist Hall and erection of 4 no. Residential Dwellings at Somercotes Hill Methodist Church, for Mr & Mrs J Sherwin, 200 Somercotes Hill.
- 2023/0778 Outline application for residential development with all matters reserved for land at the Black Horse with access off Cinder Road and to include the demolition of the Black Horse Public House, 38 Lower Somercotes, for Mr Daniel Lane, The George & Dragon, High Street, Clay Cross, Chesterfield.

Planning Matters Determined

2012/0592	Proposed installation of 24 hour ATM cash machine into elevation at Co-operative Retail Services Ltd., 120 Somercotes Hill. Permitted
2012/0606	Factory change of use from Sui Generis to B2 Manufacturing Workshop at Mining Machinery Development Ltd., Cotes Park Lane, for Mr G Griffiths. Permitted
2012/0608	Proposed factory extension at Mining Machinery Development Ltd., Cotes Park Lane, for Mr G Griffiths. Permitted
2012/0714	Request by DCC for the Borough Council's observations on Proposed infill of existing covered veranda and internal alterations (DCC Application Code No. CD6/0712/32) at Somerlea Park Junior School, Bank Street. Permitted
2011/1139	Provision of buildings for storage and maintenance of large earth moving vehicles and equipment, at EP Industries Limited, Unit 1, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate. Permitted
TRE/2012/0087	Remove ash tree (T3) at 3 Farm Drive.
TPO 32	Permitted

The Council considered all planning matters and **RESOLVED** to request information on the proposals of The Black Horse PH development application.

94/2012 Items for information only

- (a) Re funding arrangements for localising support for Council Tax
- (b) GPC Training – Councillors'
- (c) Request for applications to the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel.
- (d) Consultation for Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Draft Statement of Action 2012 to 2017
- (e) Request for information re. Replenishment of Grit Bins
- (f) Ripley Celebration Day: Barnes Wallis

95/2012 The Council moved the following resolution - "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw."

96/2012 To consider Staff Matters.

Councillors were informed of staff issues in relation to medical information and temporary employment of a PW. The members agreed that any issues re staff was designated to the Clerk.

97/2012: Date of next Ordinary PC Meeting: 6.30pm, Friday, 16th November 2012