

# SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCILm



**Minutes of the meeting of Somercotes Parish Council to be held at 6.30pm on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes**

**Persons Present:** Cllr. P Smith (Chairman); Cllr B Lyttle (V. Chairman); Cllr M Barron;  
Cllr C Langton; Cllr J McCabe; Cllr P Price; Cllr. A Stringer.  
Clerk to the Council: G Blackmore

**98/2012 Apologies for absence:** Cllr P Curran-Bilbie (holiday); Cllr B Hannant (Personal Reasons); Cllr J T Marriott (family commitments); Cllr S Walker (Attending Public Meeting); Cllr J Gardiner (No apologies received).

**99/2012 Variation of Order of Business:** None

## **100/2012 Declaration of Members Interests**

To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

Cllr B Lyttle – All Planning Matters (Personal Interest)

## **101/2012 Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)**

(a) No Members of the public were present.

(b) Police Liaison Officer (Not Present)

**County Council:** Cllr P Smith stated he was still trying to resolve the issues regarding FP's 56/61. DCC Planning Application re the Waste Disposal application – J C Balls have agreed to resurface the FP through their site to Blue Bell Woods. They have donated £1k to the Friends of Pennytown Ponds Group. DCC are current seeking bids for resurfacing (Lynn Taylor).

Judith

**Borough Council:** Wind Turbine Application currently with AVBC; the Parish Council has raised issues concerning the close proximity to the Pennytown Ponds Nature Reserve.

**102/2012 The Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 The Ordinary Meeting of the Council and the Allotments Sub-Committee Minutes of Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012

**103/2012 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:**

- **Item: 105/2012 g (iii)**

## 104/2012 Chairman's Announcements:

**Excellence in the Community Awards:** The chairman said he was proud to announce that Colin Rick & Les Briddon, our Parish Wardens, had received the Awards.

**Resignation: Cllr B Hannant** – the chairman read out the resignation. Cllr Hannant has been a long serving member of the Council and the resignation was accepted, with regret.

The Clerk was asked to check on the requirements to sign Schedule 2 Compact

## 105/2012 Report of the Clerk on: -

- (a) Car Park Transfers: The Land Registry has now been finalised for Market Place. The footpath immediately behind the former Groundwork's building is jointly registered with DCC & Somercotes Parish Council  
Toilets: The disused public toilets will be demolished w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012. AVBC has no plans to landscape the area after demolition. The Council **RESOLVED** to write to AVBC re landscaping the area after demolition of the toilets, as this is business centre & busiest road in Somercotes and should not be left as an 'eyesore' in the community.  
The Clerk said he was working on a Heritage Lottery Bid that may in a couple of years improve this area, but this could not be guaranteed.
- (b) Report on Village Hall
  - (i) New Village Hall Sign – The new sign is in position and documentation e.g. letterheads, will be redesigned with the new name.
  - (ii) Toilets – Repairs & 'Optiflush' Water System: Fitting & repairs completed
- (c) Allotments
  - (i) Jim Spibey Memorial Shield – Presentation Evening. The evening went well except the winner and third place members failed to attend. The Council Sub-Committee will consider if those entrants should be excluded from next years competition, if nominated
  - (ii) Firearms (Vermin Control): Contact has been made with the person who undertakes the vermin control, but he has yet to attend an appointment with the Clerk to verify his licences and to be shown the new protocols.
  - (iii) Project Updates:
    - Birchwood Lane's reclaim of land to increase allotment plots is on schedule
    - Bridle Lane: New water system and stand-pipes installed
    - Sleetmoor Lane: New water pipe line installedThe Council **RESOLVED** that the asbestos sheets collected on Bridle Lane should be disposed of by collection of a registered disposal company.
- (d) Code of Conduct – Councillors:

Copies of the new 'Code of Conduct' for Somercotes Parish Council is included in the meeting papers. All Councillors were requested to complete and sign Annexe 'A' – signature. Clerk to contact the Monitoring Officer re signing.

NALC Papers: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) – Dispensation and Precept Setting: The legal opinion is that all Councillors who reside in Somercotes do have a DPI when setting their councils precept. Councillors should sign a request for dispensation prior to the Precept Setting Meeting in order that the Council can conduct its lawful duty to set the precept.
- (e) Councillor Vacancy: The only applicant has withdrawn his application due to a conflict of interest with another member. The vacancy for co-option has been re-advertised.

- (f) Winding Wheel, Nottingham Road
  - (i) Painting - Completed
  - (ii) Solar Lighting – MIM's fitted the new solar light, on 12 November, but this was stolen within 2 days. The theft has been reported to the police and the insurance company to be contacted.
  - (iii) Wild Flower Meadow - Project commenced by Groundwork & on-going
  - (iv) Tree / Foliage cutting – the work has been completed giving a good view of the winding wheel feature.
  
- (g) Parish Wardens
  - (i) Accommodation: AVBC have agreed the possible use of the St John's Ambulance Hut, for possible usage, and the annual rental cost is yet unknown. Rental of the building will depend on the annual rent required.
  
  - (ii) Vehicle – The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of an ex-demo vehicle, as outlined in the report. The Clerk to follow-up vehicle enquiries on 3 vehicles so a purchase can be made for the start of the 2013-14 financial year
  
  - (iii) Pay Evaluation: A report has been prepared concerning the pay scales for the Parish Wardens – Item moved to Confidential
  
- (h) Poop-Scoop Bags: 100,000 Poop Scoop Bags were ordered and received.
  
- (i) Calendar – 2013: Now on sale to the public
  
- (j) Grant Application: Amber Valley Access: The Council **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £50.00
  
- (k) Rights of Way Report – Footpaths: The Parish Wardens have surveyed all the footpaths and the information sent to DCC. Footpath numbers are being revised and updated by DCC. The Chairman informed the members that FP 56/61 issues are still on-going and J C Balls are paying for the resurfacing of the FP through their site to Blue Bell Wood.  
DCC is currently seeking bids for all Footpaths for resurfacing.
  
- (l) Resignation of Caretaker/New Appointment  
Our caretaker resigned her post, to take up another job, and a new appointment is to be made. The Council **RESOLVED** to present an honorarium to Judith with a presentation next Friday evening. A new caretaker has been appointed and will commence work on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012. A week's shadow work alongside the current caretaker was **RESOLVED** by the Council.
  
- (m) **Flag Pole – Commemorative WW1 Event 2014.**  
The chairman has asked that members consider the acquisition of a flag pole (around £450) for the WW1 Commemorative Event.2014. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of a flag pole for 2014.
  
- (n) Complaint re the Rugby Club Firework Display – litter & damage  
This matter was for information and the e-mail from the complainant has been forwarded to AVBC Licensing & Environmental Services and the complainant advised to contact AVBC direct, as this is not a PC matter.
  
- (o) Parish Council Carol Service: St Thomas' Church, Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
Heage Band and the Guides/Rainbows have been booked for the service. Local dignitaries' have been invited. The reading will be by Michael Woods (Church Warden).

**106/2012 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

**41/2012; 42/2012; 43/2012; 44/2012:** All these circulars are available for Cllrs to read in the PC Office.

**107/2012 Finance**

(a)	Accounts for Payment to 8 Nov 2012 (Attached)	Total:	£26,105.61
(b)	Income		£72,212.68
	Interest		£ 0.00
		Total	£72,212.68
(c)	Budget Appraisal: The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the budget appraisal		

**108/2012 To consider planning applications:**

**Planning Applications**

- 2012/0771 Installation of a single wind turbine and associated sub-station at Somercotes Waste Transfer Waste Site, Cotes Park Lane, for Mr Dave Molland, FCC Environment, Whisby Road, North Hykenham, Lincoln, LN6 3QZ
- 2012/0918 Application under Section 73 to vary conditions 2, 13 & 17 of planning permission CW6/1197/81, Alfreton Materials Recycling Facility, Cotes Park West Ind Est, for FCC Environment, Application Code CW6/0912/74, for Somercotes Waste Transfer Green Waste Site, Cotes Park Lane.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the report submitted to AVBC Planning concerning the wind turbine application (2012/0771) in that the application should not be considered until a full impact assessment was conducted, particularly in respect of the close proximity of the Pennytown Ponds 'Green Flag' nature reserve.

In respect of 2012/0918: DCC has visited the site and the application has been considered at a site meeting and that specific conditions will have to be met for the expansion of the site.

**Planning Matters Determined**

- CD6/0712/32 Internal play area at Somerlea Park Junior School.  
Permitted
- 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) on land north of Cotes Park Lane.  
Comment Made
- 2012/0597 Two advertising flags and signage at B Insured Ltd., 102-104 Nottingham Road.  
Refused
- 2012/0640 Outline planning permission (Resubmission AVA/2012/0342). This is a departure from the Adopted Development Plan – Dog & Doublet, 94 Main Road, Pye Bridge.  
Permitted
- 2012/0725 Small extension between existing buildings to house a new pressure tank at Sercel England Ltd., Birchwood Way.  
Permitted
- 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.  
Permitted

**Planning Order (Provisional TPO Order)**

TPO 372/2012: Trees on Footpath off Cockshut Lane. Order made on a provisional basis. This order has been made to replace TPO 369/12 which has not been confirmed within the provisional period and so its protection of trees has lapsed.

**109/2012 Items for information only**

- (a) New Tourism website showcases Amber Valley
- (b) Letter Mr. B Hill re Charity Trustees (Copy sent to all Councillors)
- (c) Have Your Say – Alfreton & Somercotes; 28 November 2012
- (d) AVBC New Recycling Bins
- (e) Amber Valley Access – Invitation to Meetings

**PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**110/2012: To move 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 are instructed to withdraw.”**

**Pay Evaluation:** The Council **RESOLVED** after considering the report concerning the pay scales that the hourly rate of pay be raised for the Parish Wardens to meet a minimum for all staff. This is to be back-dated until 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Staff salaries will increase annually equivalent to those awarded in the local authority.

**111/2012: Date of next Ordinary PC Meeting: 6.30pm, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013**