

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held on Friday 17th May 2024 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Barron, Cllr J Coles, Cllr Curren-Bilbie (Vice Chair), Cllr J McCabe, Cllr J Parker, Cllr E Sherman, Cllr P Slater, Cllr S Tomlinson, Cllr J Walker, Cllr S Walker (Chair) Cllr P Wardle, Cllr E Watson, Kimberley Walker (Acting Clerk) and 9 members of the public.

1/24: To Elect Chairperson. Cllr S Walker was elected Chair.

2/24: To Elect Vice Chairperson. Cllr Curren-Bilbie was elected Vice Chair.

3/24: To receive apologies for absence: None.

4/24: Social Media:

The Council welcomes the use of social media, filming and recording at meetings, provided they do not disrupt or otherwise have an adverse affect on the meeting. Telephones and other such devices should be switched to silent mode or switched off completely.

a. For the purposes of minute taking an Officer will record the meeting audially and delete the files once the draft minutes have been produced.

5/24: Variation of Order of Business. Council **RESOLVED** to move 9/24 To consider any applications for Councillor co-option into exclusion.

6/24: Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr S Tomlinson – Item 26/24
Cllr J McCabe – Item 26/24
Cllr C Addison-Lees – Item 26/24
Cllr S Walker – Item 19/24 (d)

7/24: To consider any Councillors' Request for dispensation. None received.

8/24: Public Speaking – None

9/24: To consider any applications for Councillor cooption. Council **RESOLVED** to hear candidates in exclusion.

10/24: To approve the: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th April 2024.

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes with the amendment to the being the 12th April not 9th May 2024.

11/24: 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.”

It is recommended that following items are taken in exclusion due to their confidential nature.

9/24: To consider any applications for Councillor co-option. Council **RESOLVED** to hear the following matters in exclusion.

18/24: To receive an update on Clerks current position - To be heard in exclusion due to it relating to a member of staff.

26/24: To consider a complaint from Birchwood Lane Allotment reference CCTV camera – To be heard in exclusion due to relating GDPR concerns.

12/24: Chairman's Statement. Cllr S Walker made a statement to thank the Council for their support in their appointment whilst recognising the past twelve months have been challenging for the Council and its community. Cllr Walker committed to doing his best in the role driving an agenda of strong governance, and asked for members to reciprocate these efforts.

13/24: Review of Council Regulations, Policies and Procedures:

Standing Orders
Members Code of Conduct
Reserves Policy
Debt Collection Policy
Credit Card Policy and Procedure

Council **RESOLVED** to accept all policies.

14/24: Election of Council Committees:

- HR Sub-committee

Council **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr E Sherman and Cllr Tomlinson. Chair to be elected at next Ordinary Meeting.

15/24: Regular Recurring Payments List – For Council approval – See supporting document. Council **APPROVED** the regular payment list.

16/24: To consider holding Sunflower Competition in the flowerbed outside village hall. Council **APPROVED** the Sunflower competition.

17/24: Ratify appointment of Vice Chair from municipal year 2023/24. Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Sherman was Vice Chair.

18/24: To receive an update on Clerks current position. HEARD IN EXCLUSION.

19/24: Finance:

(a) Accounts

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| (i) Accounts for Payment between 1.2.24 to 30.4.24 | £55,245.35 |
| (ii) Income 1.2.24 to 30.4.23 | £116,236.23 |
| (iii) Bank Reconciliations for February 24, March 24, April 24 and Year End for Approval. | |

Council **NOTED** and **APPROVED** finance information.

(b) Financial Year 23/24 Closing Report – See supporting document which summarises financial position for 2023/24. Council **NOTED** report.

(a) Internal Audit Report – See supporting document. Council **APPROVED** report.

Cllr P Curren-Bilbie took Chair.

(b) To approve payment of SLCC member £188.00 for Assistant Clerk. Council **APPROVED** payment.

20/24: Approval of Annual Return 2023/24 – S1 Annual Governance Statement for Approval by the Council. Council **RESOLVED** to approve S1 Annual Governance Statement.

21/24: Approval of Annual Return 2023/24 - S2 Accounting Statements for Approval by the Council. Council **RESOLVED** to approve S2 Accounting Statement.

22/24: Approval of Annual Return 2023/24 - Notice of Period for the exercise of Public Rights. Council **RESOLVED** to approve Notice of Period for exercise of Public Rights.

23/24: Planning:

Ref: [AVA/2024/0146](#)

Address: EVANS CONCRETE PRODUCTS LTD, Pye Bridge Industrial Estate, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4NX,

Proposal: Installation of roof mounted 307.98kW solar PV system comprising of 708 x Canadian Solar 435w modules

Date Valid: 22/Mar/2024

Decision Issued: 7/May/2024

Observation – Ensure not going to cause reflection/glare for motorists.

Consultation Date - 25/Mar/2024

Ref: [AVA/2024/0200](#)

Address: Midshires House, Church Street, Riddings, Alfreton, Derbyshire, ,

Proposal: Listed building consent for repairs to clock tower structure. Like for like replacement of worn out and failed lead to pitched roof at base of clock tower structure. Sanding down of painted wood finish to square section of clock tower, replacement of any rotten timbers, sealing and re-painting of this woodwork. Possible clear liquid rubber seal as last coat to protect the wood

Date Valid: 25/Mar/2024

Decision Issued: 25/Mar/2024

Not within the Parish of Somercotes.

Consultation Date - 26/Mar/2024

Ref: [AVA/2024/0201](#)

Address: Land Off Lower Birchwood, Lower Birchwood, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, ,

Proposal: Outline application for 3 detached dwellings.

Date Valid: 21/Mar/2024

Decision Expected: 7/Jun/2024

Observations – Concerns around historic mining works, access and egress.

Consultation Date - 27/Mar/2024

Ref: [AVA/2024/0186](#)

Address: Land Off Stanley Street, Stanley Street, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, ,

Proposal: Non material amendment to AVA/2022/1104 for turning head updated on Private Road. Solar lighting columns added to selected shared drives. Minor adjustments to parking spaces on shared drive serving plots 77-82. Minor adjustments to parking spaces on shared drive serving plots 173-177. Minor adjustments to plots and parking spaces on shared drive serving plots 63-66.

Date Valid: 15/Mar/2024

Decision Expected: 5/Apr/2024

No comments.

Consultation Date - 16/Apr/2024

Ref: [AVA/2024/0226](#)

Address: Land At Stanley Street, Stanley Street, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, ,

Proposal: Proposed off street residents car parking area

Date Valid: 12/Apr/2024

Decision Expected: 31/May/2024

Observations – Concern over the removal of valuable green land, provision should be part of the wider development not at the expense of open space.

Consultation Date - 23/Apr/2024

Ref: [AVA/2024/0281](#)

Address: TA McDonalds Restaurants Ltd, McDonalds Restaurants Ltd, Hockley Way, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7FA,

Proposal: Non material amendment to AVA/2023/0360 to de-scope of approved works resulting in the reduction of overall extensions, negating the need for works to the car park.

Date Valid: 22/Apr/2024

Decision Issued: 1/May/2024

No comments.

Consultation Date - 26/Apr/2024

Ref: [AVA/2024/0294](#)

Address: 12 Everest Drive, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4TH

Proposal: Replace conservatory with single storey extension

Date Valid: 24/Apr/2024

Decision Issued: 9/May/2024

No comments.

Consultation Date - 2/May/2024

Ref: [AVA/2024/0299](#)

Address: PILKINGTON UK LTD, Cotes Park Lane, Somercotes, Alfreton,

Derbyshire, DE55 4NJ,

Proposal: Subdivision of Pilkington UK Ltd premises up to nine separate employment units comprising 8 No. B2/B8 and 1 No. E(g).

Date Valid: 2/May/2024

Decision Expected: 20/Jun/2024

Observations – Ensure no loss of existing employment, as a result of the development.

24/24: Correspondence

- a. **DALC CIRCULARS** – Previously advised. Council **NOTED** correspondence and to circulate to new members.

Late Items:

25/24: To consider a debt from Bridle Lane Allotment reference annual rent. Council **RESOLVED** to defer payment until liaison group meet on 2nd June, then Allotment Association will have seven days to pay.

26/24: To consider a complaint from Birchwood Lane Allotment reference CCTV camera. Heard in exclusion

Date of Next Council Meeting: Friday 19th July 2024 at 6:30pm. Council **RESOLVED** to move next meeting to Friday 5th July 2024 due to Clerk's long term sickness.

Items heard in exclusion:

9/24: To consider any applications for Councillor co-option. Following representations council **RESOLVED** to co-opt J Coles and E Watson to the council.

18/24: To receive an update on Clerks current position. HEARD IN EXCLUSION. Cllr Curren-Bilbie provided an update on the current status regarding the Clerk's compromise agreement. Council **RESOLVED** to instruct Shirley HR to advise Clerk the agreement will be withdrawn if not completed by 22nd June 2024, with a return to work plan to be developed.

26/24: To consider a complaint from Birchwood Lane Allotment reference CCTV camera.

RESOLVED that this be left with the higher authorities who are currently dealing with the matter.