

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somerccotes Parish Council held on Friday 05th July 2024 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somerccotes

Present: Cllr C Addison-Lees, Cllr M Barron, Cllr J Coles, Cllr P Curren-Bilbie (Vice Chair), Cllr J McCabe, Cllr J Parker, Cllr E Sherman, Cllr S Tomlinson, Cllr J Walker, Cllr S Walker (Chair) and Cllr E Watson

34/24: To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors:

P Wardle

P Slater

35/24: Social Media: None present.

36/24: Variation Order of Business. None.

37/24 (i) Declaration of Members Interests.

Cllr C Addison-Lees – Item 42/24 and 43/24

Cllr J McCabe – Item 42/24 and 43/24

Cllr S Tomlinson – Item 42/24 and 43/24 later retracted as information not relevant to items on the agenda.

Cllr E Sherman – Item 50/24

38/24: To consider and Councillors' Request for Dispensation. None.

39/24: Public Speaking:

3 members of the public were present and County Councillor Philip Rose.

1 member of the public spoke about the voluntary rescue badger group they currently volunteer for and where enquiring about protocols for donations/grants.

40/24: The minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting on 28th May 2024 were **APPROVED**.

41/24: 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 the following items are taken in exclusion due to their confidential nature.

Council **RESOLVED** items 44/24 to be taken with public exclusion.

42/24: To Receive an update on Allotments and concerns raised by the Bridle Lane Allotment Association at the Parish Meeting.

Council **RESOLVED** that the report presented to the Council be shared with each Allotment Association, that all Allotment matters be heard at the Full Council with no Liaison Group or Subcommittee arrangements to be continued, and that ahead of the next tenancy renewal the Service Level Agreement with the Allotment Associations be reviewed to ensure all matters within the title deeds are adhered to.

43/24: To receive an update on Bridle Lane Allotment debt. Council **RESOLVED** to pursue debt as per debt policy.

44/24: To receive staffing report. Heard IN EXCLUSION.

45/24: To hear from Derbyshire County Councillors regarding concerns raised at the Parish Meeting regarding highways in Lower Somercotes and Pye Bridge.

The Council raised the following that had largely been raised at the parish meeting.

Lower Somercotes – Sludge and debris on road and vehicle avoiding by going around on other side of the road.

Blackstone construction site issues as contractor have downed tools.

Stanley Street County Council refusing deal with lorries mounting pavements due to their poor condition.

Derbyshire County Council not attending when incidents are happening and letting 16t lorries using 7.5t limit road.

46/24: To consider Freedom of Information (FOI) request on respiratory issues within the Parish. Council **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to write to Public Health Derbyshire for details for the last 24 months (30th June 2022 to 30th June 2024) of respiratory issues within the Parish.

47/24: To consider Councillor representation at 40th Anniversary of Somercotes Parish Council Inauguration. Council **RESOLVED** for Cllr E Watson, Cllr J Coles, Cllr E Sherman and Cllr J McCabe to represent the Council.

48/24: To elect Chair to HR Committee as per Terms of Reference. Council **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr E Sherman.

49/24: Finances:

(a) Accounts

- (i) Accounts for Payment between 1.05.24-31.05.24 £ 19,640.99
- (ii) Income 1.05.24 to 31.05.24 £ 3,367.19
- (iii) Bank Reconciliations May 2024
- (iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.05.224 **£126,208.00**

Council **NOTED** accounts.

(b) Financial Report. The RFO's financial report was **NOTED**.

50/24: Planning:

REF: AVA/2024/0333

Address: 33A Leabrooks Road, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4HB

Proposal: Change of use of ground floor car showroom (Sui generis) to office (E(g)(i)). Single storey extension. Change of use of first floor flat (C3) to office (E(g)(i)).

Date Valid: 17 May 2024

Decision Expected: 5 July 2024

No comments.

REF: AVA/2024/0421

Address: Taylors Corn Stores, 100 Nottingham Road, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4LY.

Proposal: Change of Use of Retail Showroom (Class A1) to Children's Leisure Facilities (Class E) to include purchase and consumption of hot and cold food on the premises.

Date Valid: 17 June 2024

Decision Expected: 5 August 2024

Observations – Amber Valley Borough Council to ensure operating hours are compatible with a local residential area.

51/24: Correspondence: DALC Circulars – Council **NOTED** the circulars

52/24: Date of Next Meeting: 20th September 2024.

Meeting Closed 20:25

Items held in exclusion.

44/24: To receive staffing report. Heard IN EXCLUSION. Council **RESOLVED** to progress the following recommendations:

1. The settlement agreement costs presented are noted.
2. A Locum Clerk be employed for ten hours a week as soon as possible at a cost of upto £25 per hour total (Inc any on costs).
3. A job specification and advert be prepared to recruit a new Clerk on a scale point range of 21 to 26 for 12 hours per week.

The Council **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to Cllr S Walker (Chairman), Cllr E Sherman (HR Chair) and Acting Clerk Kimberley Walker to interview Locum Clerk.