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DATE: 7th JANUARY 2025

Pursuant to Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 notice is hereby given that the following items of business are to be discussed at the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council to be held at 6:30pm on Friday 17th January 2025 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes.

Matthew Evans | Clerk and Proper Officer to the Council
Somercotes Parish Council

AGENDA

83/24: Apologies for Absence

84/24: Social Media:

The Council welcomes the use of social media, filming and recording at meetings, provided that such activities do not disrupt and or otherwise have an adverse effect on the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to record the meeting should declare so at this point.

85/24: Declarations of Interest

(a) Declaration of Members Interests

Members of the Authority are required to declare any interests they have which are covered by Section 43 of the Localism Act 2011.

(b) Register of Members' Interest:

As a matter of good governance and best practice, members are reminded that they have a duty to keep their register of interest up to date, and that any changes to their interests should be declared to the monitoring officer of Amber Valley Borough Council within 30 days of the member becoming aware of the change.

NOTE: Members who are two or more months in arrears with their Council Tax are prohibited from voting on matters concerning the Council's budget or precept requirements per Section 106 of the Local Government Finance

Act 1992.

86/24: Variation of Order of Business

87/24: Public Participation

(a) Members of the Public Section

In accordance with Standing Order 3(f) members of the public will be given a total period of thirty minutes (each member of the public is entitled to speak for a total period of five minutes) in order to ask questions or comment on matters stated on the meeting's agenda.

(b) Local Authority Section

If the Police Liaison Officer, County Council or Borough Council Member is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant Parish Council matter.

88/24: To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Friday 15th November 2024, and to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Friday 29th November 2024

89/24: To consider motions by Councillors in accordance with Standing Provision 9(b):

(a) Proposed by Councillor J. McCabe:

“Council **RESOLVES**: To undertake a deep clean of the Parish Hall twice annually.”

(b) Proposed by Councillor J. McCabe:

“Council **RESOLVES**: To amend the Section 4 of the Standing Orders of the Council via means of the inclusion of the following new passages:

Section 4 (xiii) All Councillors shall be notified of meetings of sub committees of the Council, and supplied with the agendas and minutes of those meetings.

Section 4 (xiv) All Councillors shall be entitled to attend meetings of sub committees”

(c) Proposed by Cllr. J. McCabe:

“Council **RESOLVES**: To instruct the officers of the Council to investigate and report back on the viability of the Parish Bar. And to present possible options of sub leasing the bar to an external third party provider.”

(d) Proposed by Cllr. S. Tomlinson and Seconded by Cllr. J. Coles

“Council RESOLVES: That all members of the public and Councillors who wish to speak with officers regarding official Council business, be required to make an appointment via e-mail or telephone before arriving at the Parish Office.”

90/24: To receive reports from the Clerk for discussion, adoption and resolution:

(a) Parish Council Website and .Gov.Uk domain update

To receive a report from the Clerk in regards to the progress the Council has made in relation to the Council's compliance with its GDPR policy and transition to .GOV.UK domain, and consider a recommendation to update the Council's website in line with WCAG 2.1 AA standard as required by legislation.

(b) Parish Hall Terms of Use Policy Update

To receive a report from the Clerk in regards to recommendation to amend and update the terms of use for the Parish Hall.

(c) Parish Hall Maintenance and Service Policy

To receive a report from the Clerk in regards to the recommendation to institute a policy concerned with how the Council maintains and operates the Parish Hall.

(c) Parish Hall Refurbishment

To receive a report from the Clerk in regards to the recommendation to approve the process of refurbishment in accordance with the Council's legal obligations as per the terms of its lease of the Parish Hall.

(d) Section 137 Grants Policy Update [Pages 37 – 64]

To receive a report from the Clerk in regards to the recommendation to amend and update the Council's Section 137 Grants Policy to reflect accounting and regulatory practices for dispensation of financial grants and awards.

(e) Allotment Garden Update

To receive a report from the Clerk in regards to the current situation concerning the Council's Allotment Garden's on Bridle Lane and Sleetmoor Lane.

91/24: To receive reports from the Responsible Financial Officer for discussion, adoption and resolution:

(a) Council Investments Policy

To receive a report from the RFO recommending the adoption of a Council Investments Policy in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003.

(b) Section 137 Grant Application

To receive an application from the 1st Somercotes (St Thomas) Beavers and Cubs for a Section 137 grant, and accompanying report from the RFO.

(c) Bank Signatories

To receive a report from the RFO recommending the addition of new signatories to the Council's bank accounts, and the removal of former and deceased councillors and employees.

92/24: To receive reports from Committees of the Council:

(a) HR Committee

To receive a report from the HR Committee recommending an update to its terms of reference.

93/24: Parish Council Finances

(a) Accounts between 24/08/2024 and 24/09/2024

- (i) Payments**
- (ii) Income**
- (iii) Bank Reconciliation**
- (iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand**

(b) Income 24/08/2024 to 24/09/2024

(c) Final Budget 2025/2026

(d) Approval of Precept Request

94/24: Planning

(a) Cllr. S. Tomlinson: Stanley Street Update

(b) Cllr. S. Tomlinson: Highway Situation – Birchwood Ln and Nether Farm

95/24: Correspondence:

**(a) Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government
Devolution White Paper**

**(b) Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government - Local
Audit Reform: a strategy for overhauling the local audit system in
England**

**(c) Request from the 'Curry Lounge' to undertake building work on the
Market Place Car Park for the purpose of installing new water pipes.**

(d) Somercotes Fun Fair

96/24 Confidential Item(s)

(a) Exclusion of The Public:

Council **RESOLVES**: Members of the press and the public are excluded from the meeting during the following agenda item by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted. This is in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Schedule 12A (Access to Information) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following agenda items:

(b) Employment of Clerk

To receive a report from the Deputy Clerk recommending the employment of a Clerk and Proper Officer.

97/24: Date and Time of Next Meeting

Friday 21st March 2025, at 6:30PM, to be held at Somercotes Parish Hall, Nottingham Road, DE55 4LY.