

SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Somercotes Parish Council held at 6.30pm on Friday 20th January 2023 in the Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes

Present: Cllr Addison-Lees, Cllr M Barron, Cllr J McCabe (Chair), Cllr P Wardle, Cllr J Parker, Cllr P Slater, Cllr J Walker, Cllr K Judson, Cllr A Ryde, Catherine Hedley (Clerk), Kimberley Walker (Assistant Clerk)

Others: PCSO Supervisor Jenny Lorimer, Derbyshire Police

AGENDA

PART 1

83/2022.23: Apologies for Absence: Cllr S Walker, Cllr V Bonsall, Cllr P Curran-Bilbie

84/2022.23: Social Media:

85/2022.23: Variation of Order of Business. Council **RESOLVED** to consider Item 93 as first item of agenda.

86 /2022.23: (i) Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr J McCabe – Item 92/2022.23 – S137 Applications

Cllr J McCabe – Item 94/2022.23 – Birchwood Lane Allotments

Cllr C Addison-Lees – Item 94/2022.23 – Birchwood Lane Allotments

87/2022.23: Councillors' Request for dispensation – None received

88/2022.23: Public Speaking:

PCSO Jenny Lorimer introduced herself as the supervisor for the PCSO service and asked for details of any concerns council had for the parish. Council sited the following issues as those of concern:

- General speeding issues and noisy vehicles.
- Inconsiderate/illegal parking particularly on Somercotes Hill, and Quarry Road.
- Parking on crossings.
- Electric scooters concerns

PCSO Lorimer explained that the priorities the PCSO service had at present for the area were:

- Nuisance vehicles at the Range car park
- Drug dealing in Somercotes

She also explained that there would be newsletters circulated every month and the website updated. She welcomed input from the Parish Council for the website. She hoped that where possible officers could attend parish council meetings but when this was not possible, updates would be provided.

89/2022.23: The Minutes of Somercotes Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2022, those of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on the 30th November 2022 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on the 2nd November 2022 were **APPROVED**

90/2022.23: To determine which items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. – **None determined.**

91/2022.23: Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2023.24 were **APPROVED.**

92/2022.23: S137 Applications – Council **APPROVED** the payments from S137 budget for Somercotes Bowls Club and Somercotes Local History Group of £250 and £200 respectively.

93/2022.23: Finance:

Council APPROVED the following:

(a) Accounts

(i) Accounts for Payment between 1.10.22-31.11.22	£58,541.89
Income 1.10.22 to 31.11.22	£11,982.58
(ii) Petty Cash Payments	£131.71
(iii) Bank Rec & Statements for Oct and Nov 22	
(iv) Total Bank Balances & Cash in Hand at 31.11.22	£127,454.02

(b) Council NOTED the Financial Forecast Report and considered where savings could be made: Council **RESOLVED** that:

- The skip service be restricted to one skip per month
- That the current payments to the wardens for skip days remained at 3 hours @ double time.
- That a further report regarding DALC membership would be presented to council at the next meeting when course fees had been ascertained to determine the basis of future memberships.
- That the clerk sought quotes for Hanging Basket provision

(c) Precept Report 2023/24 - Council **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2023.2024 be £194,500. This represents a 13.59% increase from 2022.23.

(d) Council NOTED the increase in SCP for the Assistant Clerk/RFO upon the completion of CILCA.

*At 8.30pm, Council **RESOLVED** to suspend **STANDING ORDER Para 3(x)** (A meeting shall not exceed a period of 2 hours.)*

94/2022.23: Allotments Report

Council RESOLVED:

Constitution:

- (a)** That a Chairman for the Allotments Sub-committee be nominated at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2023.
- (b)** To uphold the rule that the Chairman cannot be an allotment holder.
- (c)** For the clerk to inform the Allotment Associations that where an allotment official is also a councillor that a representative is sent to the Allotment Sub-committee meetings.

Rents:

- (a)** That the rents as recommended in the report be applied from 1 April 2023
- (b)** That the clerk attend a course on allotment management and provide a further report in due course.

Fires:

- (a)** That the Clerk write to the Allotment Associations requesting that a notice be displayed on the gates of allotment gardens indicating when a fire was lit. In addition that a record be kept with times, dates, plot numbers and the names of those lighting the fires.

Flooding Issues – Birchwood Lane

- (a)** That the clerk seek advice from a professional on how best to alleviate the flooding issues on Birchwood Lane Allotments.

95/2022.23: Planning – Council RESOLVED that the Clerk write to AVBC to ascertain whether S106 money allocated to AVA/2022/1104 – (Stanley Street development) would be spent in the Somercotes area and if any was available to the parish council.

96/2022.23: Correspondence - AVA/2021/0880 - Response to request from SPC for Call In by Secretary of State – Council **NOTED** the response

PART 2 Confidential Items – None.

97/2022.23: Date of next meeting: Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Friday 17th March 2023.