

Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 12th November 2019

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting

Smisby Parish Council Attendance

Councillors Rushman, Taft, Das, Cuming and Brooke. Parish Clerk Caroline Crowder

Members of the public and other organisations

District Councillors Haines and Churchill, 5 members of the public

- 1 To Receive Apologies for Absence
County Councillor Chilton

- 2 To Receive Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda
Councillors Brooke and Cuming for planning application DMOT/2019/1113.

- 3 To Determine which Items if an on the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded
None

- 4 Planning Applications
No objections

- 5 Chairman's Communications
The Chairman apologised for the September meeting being cancelled at short notice. Unfortunately, there were not enough councillors available to make the council quorate. Thank you to County Councillor Chilton who provided a £350 grant for work to take place on the field. Action Councillor Rushman to speak to Darren Whitby about the work needed and suggest if more funding is needed, he approaches the Parochial charity

- 6 Opportunity for public questions
A member of the public asked if the phone box could be painted where it is currently sited. Councillor Rushman advised that we should hold off doing any work until the phone box has been moved. She will look into organising a meeting to discuss the use of the phone box with local residents. She also advised that when it is moved, we will most probably have a different phone box and not this one as it was in a bad state of repair. A member of the public asked if the council could assist with the overhanging vegetation at Channel Cottage. The clerk is to report this via DCC for further action. A member of the public asked if it was possible to have a reporting page on the parish council website, they had seen this on the Breedon Parish Council website. Chair agreed that a useful links page could be added. Clerk to create useful links page.

7 Presentation and Talk from the Police Commissioner Hardyal Dhindsa



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The embedded presentation was given by the Police Commissioner.

The Councillors and members of the public expressed the following concerns to the Police Commissioner:

- a. Visible police presence in Smisby. It has been some time since the residents had seen any police presence in the village and they asked if it was possible that someone was able to make a regular visit.
- b. Calls to 999 and 101 where not getting the correct Police Force to respond. As the postcodes for Smisby are all Leicestershire ones there seems to be confusion on the call handlers end as to who to send out.
- c. Calls to 101 where not been given the correct attention. One member of the public had recently called to report a suspicious van which had no valid tax or MOT, and was told she had to report this online, she was not able to report via the 101 line. The Police Commissioner was asked to look into this issue. He advised all the residents to still report via 101 as even if no further action was taken from the call, it would be logged against Smisby to show that an incident had been raised.
- d. No police representation attends the Parish Council meetings. In the past a representative would attend a few meetings per year. The Police Commissioner was asked if he could look into reinstating this.
- e. The Police Commissioner advised that he had asked his colleagues for statistics on how many issues had been reported via 101 for the Smisby area. He was advised none. This caused serious concerns to the public and Councillors as they had certainly reported many issues including recent break ins. Councillor Cuming emailed the Police Commissioner with details of a break in he had experienced and reported to 101 this year.
- f. The Police Commissioner asked that all road traffic safety concerned be logged via CREST. Councillor Cuming advised he had received a response recently from CREST advising that although they understood his concerns their current restraints meant that they could take no further action. Councillor Brooke said we all need to report everything in order to raise our parish profile within DCC, SDDC and PCC.
- g. Contact details for the Police Commissioner are: Telephone 0300122600, email pccoffice@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk, twitter @derbysPCC, facebook @derbyshirePCC, website www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk

Some items on the published agenda are not able to be discussed due to time constraints. They will be put in the January agenda.

8 Banking Mandate

It was agreed that all councillors and the clerk should be authorised bank account signatories. Clerk to send off the banking mandate to NatWest also with a change of address form.

9 Approval of minutes from Parish Council meetings held on 5th August 2019

These were approved and signed by the Chairman as being accurate.

10 Update on actions from previous minutes not otherwise on agenda

No updates

11 BT Phone Box

See 6.

12 Crime Prevention

See 7

13 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors

District Councillor Churchill thanked the council for the warm welcome he received at the recent village event. The two District Councillors had run their first surgery in Repton last week, their next one was in Repton Village Hall on Monday 20th January. They would also like to host a surgery in Smisby Village Hall later next year. He advised that SDDC were currently offering Safer Neighbourhood Grants of up to £2500.

14 Parish Field Tenancy

After discussion it was agreed that the changes Fisher German proposed for the parish field tenancy were acceptable. Clerk to inform Fisher German

15 Drainage Issues

During recent weather the already seen drainage issues on Forties Lane and down into the village have got worse. Councillor Taft had taken some photos to illustrate this. He had seen the council come out and clear some drains but not all of them in the village. He has found out that there should be a drain clearance once a year and the gutters brushed four times a year. He has asked DCC to consider increasing this to twice a year for drain clearance. Clerk to chase the opened incidents with DCC and ask if the drain clearance can be altered to twice a year.

16 Road Safety – B5006

Slow progress is being made on the implementation of agreed actions with DCC Highways; they should have all been completed by the 7th November. Outstanding tasks are: -

- a. Reinstate the existing / worn Rumble Strips on B5006 (southbound)
- b. Repaint existing / faded road markings e.g. the 'SLOW' and the 40 mph Roundels (north and southbound)
- c. Paint new Chevrons with preceding 'SLOW' immediately prior to entering the 40-mph zone (southbound)
- d. Reposition the partially obscured 40 mph repeater sign (northbound)
- e. Replace the newly installed 30 cm diameter 40 mph sign, with one that is 45 cm in diameter (northbound)

Action: Linda Chilton to follow-up with DCC Highways

17 The Poplars Boundary Wall

Construction of a new retaining wall is in progress. On completion, the following tasks will need to be completed in the following order: -

- a. Mount the 'Main Street' and 'Annwell Lane' road signs to the wall
- b. Extend the existing stone flower border and 'taper-in' to the new wall
- c. Arrange for DCC Highways to tarmac the new pavement up to the end of the kerbstone edge outside The Poplars

18 Approve payments

All payments approved as below.

Payee	Value (£)	Reason/Invoice Number	Cheque No
H. Salt	50.00	Lengthsman (September and October)	948
C. Crowder	18.40	Clerks Expenses	949
C. Crowder	244.79	Clerk Salary (August)	950
D. Whitby	40.00	Playground Inspection (September and October)	951
Kilworth Machinery	18.45	Postage for invites	952
PKF Littlejohn LLP	96.00	External audit charge	953
HMRC	161.60	Tax and national insurance	954
C. Crowder	447.28	Clerk salary (402.20) Poppy wreath (17.00) Printer cartridge (25.99) Stationary (2.09)	955
W R Slater	200.00	Repair to bollards on green	956
H Salt	50.00	Lengthsman (November and December)	957
D Whitby	40.00	Playground inspection (November and December)	958
S. Rushman	20.00	Replacement poppy wreath	959

Payments Received:

Received from	Value	Reason/Invoice Number
SDDC	£ 1,771.00	Concurrent Expenses for 2017/18
SDDC	£ 1,806.00	Concurrent Expenses for 2018/19

14. Communications received since last meeting:

- a. NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin 30/08/19, 11/10/19, 18/10/19, 25/10/19
- b. South Derbyshire Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Consultation
- c. South Derbyshire CVS Funding Event Wednesday 25th September 2019
10:00 – 12:30 Sharpe's Pottery Museum Swadlincote
- d. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circular number 10/2019

- e. DALC circular no. 10/2019
- f. South Derbyshire Environmental Forum - autumn update
- g. 2019 Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Questionnaire, deadline for completion 20/10/19
- h. East Midlands Airport Future Airspace Programme

15. Set dates for 2019/20 parish meetings

14th January 2020

10th March 2020

12th May 2020 (including AGM)

14th July 2020

19 Action Log

Date Raised	Owner	Action	Progress	Date Closed
12/11/19	Chair	Speak to Darren Whitby about work on the field		
12/11/19	Chair	To organise a residents meeting to discuss the future use of the telephone box		
12/11/19	Clerk	To report overhanging vegetation at Channel Cottage to DCC	Complete	14/11/19
12/11/19	Clerk	To update website with a useful links page		
12/11/19	Clerk	Complete banking mandate and change of address and submit to NatWest bank		
12/11/19	Clerk	To inform Fisher German that the council accepts the proposed changes to the tenancy agreement	Complete	13/11/19
12/11/19	Clerk	Clerk to chase the opened incidents with DCC and ask if the drain clearance can be altered to twice a year.		

The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 19:30 in the Smisby Village Hall.

Signed: Date: