

## Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Smisby Parish Council Attendance: Councillors Rushman (Chairman), Cuming, Taft, Das and Brooke. Parish Clerk Caroline Crowder

Members of the public and other organisations: District Councillors Churchill and Haines, County Councillor Muller, Mr Hounslow (Parochial Charity) and 1 member of public.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None.

### 2. Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

None.

### 3. Any Agenda items that should be taken with the public excluded

None.

### 4. Chairman's Communications

The chairman had received a phone call about a tree at the bottom of Forties Lane as a large branch had fallen, which took down a phone line. This is to be reported to SDDC for them to consider checking the trees. The Councillors were concerned that other trees bordering the highway may cause similar issues in the future. Clerk to report to Open Reach and DCC.

Elections will be held in May 2023, the chairman advised that she will not be standing for re-election. She will put an update in the newsletter encouraging people to stand. Any enquiries can be made to the clerk or any of the Councillors.

### 5. Clerks Report

The clerk will be on annual leave, 5th-9th December and 19th December – 2nd January 2023

The contractor has advised that work on Lockup has now completed. Councillor Taft confirmed that pointing and the door have been done but the drainage hasn't. The invoice will need to be checked before payment can be authorised.

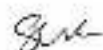
A member of public has asked if the Parish Council could contact the Flight Evaluation Executive to request a portable noise monitor for the village. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed, the clerk will request this.**

### 6. Public Questions and Comments

A member of the public reported they had seen fly tipping on Anwell Lane and Smisby Road near the roundabout in the Ashby area. Also, there were more potholes on Anwell Lane and Forties Lane.

### 7. Approval of Minutes from Smisby Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Resolved, all Councillors approved and the Chairman signed the minutes.**



8. Parochial Charity, District and County Councillors Communications

- a. Mr Hounslow, asked if the Parish Council newsletter would continue online. The chairman confirmed that it would as only two people have asked for paper copies. The clerk asked for confirmation that the Charity would continue to pay for the enhanced maintenance they requested on the football pitch, this was confirmed. The Council have tried to engage with the public about what they would like to see on the field, but nobody has come back with any comments. They are now a charitable corporate organisation and all investment transfers are now complete with Rathbones of London. The memorial bench is now in place for Jeff Barnes. Hampers age has been lowered to 60 and they have received more forms in to them. In this current financial crisis, the charity is happy to help where they can and welcome any enquiries.
- b. County Councillor Muller advised that DCC are awarding up to £1000 as warm space grants. Devolution agreement to go ahead with a public consultation to be held, on forming one mayoral authority of Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. There have been issues with HGVs using roads incorrectly, DCC have passed a motion to talk to the secretary of state to ensure they have their own HGV sat navs. There have been new signs put up around Smisby which seems to have helped. Airspace modernisation programme is going ahead. He has been chasing people in Highways. Councillor Taft advised that nothing is happening, they are not responding to his communications.
- c. District Councillor Haines advised that SDDC have issued communications about the Local Plan, they encourage people to respond to the survey. SDDC have seen a reduction in fly tipping.
- d. District Councillor Churchill advised that the planning department are still having issues, they have a new team leader starting in the new year. A new gully tanker has been acquired and they are looking for ideas to name the vehicle.

9. Motion of Delegate Authority

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed that the Clerk and Chairman have delegate authority to make any payments that are in the agreed budget.**

10. Remembrance Sunday

Councillor Taft will be presenting the wreath on Remembrance Sunday. A member of the public has offered to donate their Tommy figure. The Councillors were happy to accept and the Chairman will talk to the member of public concerned.

11. Christmas Lights

Lighting of the Christmas tree event is being organised for 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

*Paul*

12. Clerks Pay

The Clerk has now gained the Certificate in Local Council Administration, which will allow the Council to go for the General Power of Competence if they get enough elected Councillors at the next election. As per their contract this comes with a one or two-point scale increase. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to a two-point scale Increase.**

13. Finance Meeting

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to meet at 18:45 on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

14. Planning Applications

None.

15. Dates of Future Meetings

10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> September and 14<sup>th</sup> November

16. Payment Approval

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the payments**

To	For	VAT	Total
Clerk	Salary (October 2022)		£232.43
SJL Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance (October)	£92.00	£552.00
H Salt	Lengthsman (1 month)		£30.00
Royal British Legion (via clerk)	Poppy wreath	£3.40	£17.00

17. Payments Received as follows:

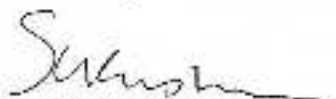
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18. Communications Received Since Last Meeting

- NALC: Chief executive's bulletin x 4; Newsletter x 1
- DCC: Newsletter x 2; Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Monday 17 October 2022; our Council Your Voice 2022
- SDDC: South Derbyshire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation; Repton Area Forum - 11.10.22; Free Tree scheme 2022; Local Plan Review: Issues and Options Consultation; Pre-Submitted Questions - Flood Liaison Meeting 17.11.22; Active South Derbyshire Newsletter; Firework Displays
- EMA: East Midlands Airport - Airspace Modernisation Programme Stage 2, Phase Two - Reminder to RSVP if you haven't already
- Funding E-Bulletin from South Derbyshire CVS
- Parochial charity: Funding

The Chair thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in Smisby Village Hall at 19:30.

Signed: .....



Date: .....

10<sup>th</sup> January 2023