

**Smisby Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Smisby Parish Council Attendance**

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)

Councillor Simon Barnett

Councillor David Waters

Councillor Chris Taft

Councillor Sarah Rushman

Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

**Members of the public and other organisations**

District Councillor Michael Stanton, 3 members of the public

1 Apologies

District Councillor Peter Smith and County Councillor Chilton.

2 Declaration of Interest

None identified.

3 Items identified to exclude public

None identified.

4 Chairman's Communications

Welcome to Chris who has come along to see how the council operates and how what the clerk role is like. She will meet with Parish Clerk separately to discuss. Also welcome to Councillor Chris Taft on his first official meeting. As councillor.

The Christmas event was successful and shows great community spirit.  
Newsletter due out Feb.

5 Opportunity for public questions

Member of the public reported that dog mess and potholes are still a problem in the village. Particularly on Chapel Street and Forties Lane. Refresh the issue in newsletter and encourage people to report online as the more people report the potholes the more impact.

Thanks were given to the 2 men checking the security in the village when alarms went out. The Whatsapp group really helped.

Put Christingle on Facebook to reach more children. A local Beavers group are helping with singing.

Speeding on main road is of high concern as it makes the Smisby turn a dangerous junction. It was felt that it is just a matter of time until there is an accident at the Smisby junction due to speeding and visibility. Is there the possibility of getting the strips reinstated as they have worn away, 40 mile an hour sign in a more prominent position, flash up speed sign (like at Belton). Councillor Hewitt to email County Councillor Chilton in the first instance, what funding can we get? Can Smisby get speed monitoring equipment hired out?

6 Approval of last minutes

Approved.

7 Update on actions from previous minutes

Updates discussed in relevant agenda items.

8 Hi-Speed Broadband

Councillor Barnett updated the group. This has now been connected.

9 Update BT Phone Box

Councillors to arrange a referendum form with voting slip and issue with the February newsletter. As it would be for public use no planning is required. The exact location would be decided if the vote was to move the phone box. Similarly electric would need to be decommissioned from Chapel Street. Use yet to be decided but a swaps library is the initial idea.

10 Update Condition of 25 Chapel Street

Carried forward.

11 Update Car Parking (No Parking sign)

New residents on Chapel Street have been parking in front of the bollard. Will make them aware this is a no parking area once they are settled. Generally parking settling down on Chapel Street as work is completed and people move in with less cars. Sign to be fixed to the telegraph pole.

12 Update the Poplars boundary fence

Councillor Hewitt to contact Linda re highways issue of path not being clear.

13 Managing transitional period of Smisby Parish Council

As Councillor Hounslow has now resigned and Councillor Hewitts resignation is pending the Parish Council is still trying to encourage parishioners to apply.

All agreed that it is important not to lose the power of having a Parish Council. All agreed that the Parish Council needs a wider variety of people. Parish Council needs 5 Councillors to run but only 3 to make decisions. Need to plan who will take over as the next chair.

Parish Clerk to find Job to be advertised.

Parish Clerk to bring in forms for new Councillors to complete and update the bank mandate.

- 14 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)  
Potholes as usual. Discussed under public questions.
- 15 To discuss and agree any response to the following Planning Applications  
Councillors had no objections with the planning applications for December 2018 and January 2019.
- 16 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors  
None
- 17 Clerks Report  
Please see attached documents. All other items of information have been emailed to Parish Councillors.
- 18 Statement of accounts, including Audit information  
Accounts distributed for this financial year to date
- 19 Approve payments  
Payments approved as below.

Payee	Value (£)	Reason/Invoice Number	Cheque No
H. Salt	50	Lengthsman	923
D. Whitby	40	Playground Inspection	924
E. Stroud	353.16	Salary	925

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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30.

Signed: ..... Date: .....