

**Smisby Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Smisby Parish Council Attendance**

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)  
Councillor Sarah Rushman (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Mark Parnham  
Councillor Simon Barnett  
Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

**Members of the public and other organisations**

District Councillor Michael Stanton, District Councillor Peter Smith, 1 member of the public

- 1     Apologies  
Councillor Rob Hounslow, County Councillor Linda Chilton
  
- 2     Declaration of Interest  
None
  
- 3     Items identified to exclude public  
None identified
  
- 4     Chairman's Communications  
A warm welcome to everyone and happy new year. The Xmas event was the best one yet. Sad news with the passing of a parishioner, the attendance at church showed the community spirit.
  
- 5     Opportunity for public questions  
Dog poo is still an issue on pavements, verges and roads particularly on Chapel Street. One member of the public has had to put a fluorescent sign on the front of their house raising awareness. **Councillor Hewitt will add it to the front page of the next newsletter.**
  
- 6     Approval of last minutes  
Approved.
  
- 7     Update on actions from previous minutes  
Outstanding actions were discussed but a record of these discussions has been recorded under the relevant item listed on the agenda or within the District Councillors Item.

- 8 Update on Village Green and Lamp Post  
Ongoing - Councillor Hounslow to pursue getting the lamppost removed and a sign put up on his return. Estimate costs are £800. The Parish Council still need to clarify who owns the land – **check land registry**.
- 9 Interpretation Notice Boards – WI Centenary Challenge  
The church board has now been finished. It is hoped that the Village Hall board will be worked on in the next few weeks with the view of installing it when the weather improves.
- 10 BT Phone Box  
Ongoing – work agreed to be done in the spring.
- 11 Update on Village Hall Windows  
A minor change has been made to include a small ledge to remove the need for rain caps. It is hoped that the windows should be in before the AGM. be installed before the AGM.
- 12 Update Hi-Speed Broadband  
Councillor Barnett is still pursuing this, He advised that BT have been doing culvert tracing but that it is still unknown where the box will be situated.
- 13 Update Car Parking on Main Street  
Ongoing - Since using the A-boards there have been no complaints about parking. Longer term plans are still being considered.
- 14 The Poplars boundary fence  
Councillor Hewitt drafted a letter to Harper Crewe. All agreed this was good to send. **Parish Clerk to forward on on behalf of SPC.**
- 15 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)  
Potholes as usual.
- 16 War Memorial Cleaning update  
The application has been submitted. A grant has been applied for but the Parish Council and or Parochial Charity may have to pay for anything over that amount. Not expected to be more than £1500. Councillor Barnett will update at the next meeting.
- 17 To discuss and agree any response to the following Planning Applications  
Councillors had no objections with the following applications.
- 9/2017/1349 – Erection on storage building at the rear of Forties farm heath Lane, Boundary.

9/2017/1181 – extension and alterations to main house and erection of detached outbuildings and garden room at The Mill, Main Street, Smisby

9/2017/1251 – erection of 2 storey side extension and porch at 29 Chapel Street, Smisby.

**It was asked if the Parish Clerk could ask for an extension on all planning applications from now on to allow the Parish Councillors to discuss at the meetings.**

There was discussion around the re-application for revised plans at the Old Chapel. There was concern that the work appeared to be going ahead despite the application not having been agreed yet. District Councillor confirmed that it was still listed to be discussed at committee. The neighbour has concerns with privacy as the height of the floors are being raised. The Parish Council have recommended that there is a site visit – District Councillor Smith will keep us informed.

29 Chapel Street was also discussed regarding work done with the drive. District Councillor Smith confirmed that this didn't need planning and all agreed it was better to have parking off Chapel Street as long as is used. Them parking in front of the Jubilee grounds will be overlooked while the work is going ahead and Bloomin Gardens do not need access.

18 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors

District Councillor Stanton – Nothing to report

District Councillor Smith – On behalf of County Councillor Chilton he informed us that if the Parish would like any lampposts not to be switched off at midnight for fear of increased crime then the Parish should let County Councillor know which ones and she will try and get them switched back on. Need to give the location and number of lamppost.

19 Clerks Report

The Parish clerk advised that the grounds maintenance tender letter has been sent out.

All other items of information have been emailed to Parish Councillors.

20 Statement of accounts

Accounts distributed for this financial year to date. It was also agreed to request a precept of £5110 for 2018/19. **Parish Clerk to follow up if there is an invoice from Bloomin Gardens for the plinth.**

21 Approve payments

Payments approved as below.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Reason/Invoice Number</b>	<b>Value</b>
Bloomin Gardens	885	Grounds Maintenance INV 642349 (2nd Payment)	£528.00
H. Salt	886	Lengthsman (5th Payment)	£50.00
D. Whitby	887	Playground Inspection (5th Payment)	£40.00
E. Stroud	888	Clerks Salary (5th Payment)	£294.72

The vice chair thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30.

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