

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting 10th January 2023

Smisby Parish Council Attendance: Councillors Rushman (Chairman), Cuming, Taft and Das

Members of the public and other organisations: District Councillor Churchill, County Councillor Muller, Mr Hounslow (Parochial Charity) and three members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Brooke, District Councillor Kerry Haines Clerk Caroline Crowder.

2. Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Councillor Rushman has an interest in planning application DMPA/2022/1111

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

None.

4. Chairman's Communications

Village Hall representation - item 12 on agenda

5. Clerks Report

None.

6. Public Questions and Comments

The village lengthsman remarked that the amount of littering due to chewing gum has increased and it is difficult to clean or remove.

Another member of the public has reported problems with dog fouling and urination directly related to their property together with a specific episode of anti-social behaviour which they have been advised to refer to the police directly.

Litter and dog issues to be flagged up in the next newsletter

7. Approval of Minutes from Smisby Parish Council Meeting held on 8th November 2022

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

8. Parochial Charity, District and County Councillors Communications

- i. Mr Hounslow. Parochial charity remains in a strong financial position and are happy with their new investment advisors. They were very happy to support the Christmas party. They have had positive feedback following distribution of the hampers particularly with the revised age qualification. They are keen for suggestions for projects to fund. Mr Hounslow brought along the new tenancy agreement for the Jubilee Grounds which is ready for signing. As Councillor Brooke was not present, and he had been instrumental in discussions around the terms of the agreement, all Councillors decided that it was sensible for him to review it prior to signing.
- ii. County Councillor Muller. Government changing rules on local plan from mandatory to advisory housing targets. An increase in retrospective planning applications has resulted in a look at the fees being charged to try and deter.

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Devolution - at a recent vote south Derbyshire councillors voted against devolution but the process continues.

- iii. District Councillor Churchill. Area Forum at Findern on 14/2/2023 at 18.30. Still a significant shortage of planning officers leading to long delays and some work being outsourced so a reduction in local knowledge. Jobs fair at East Midlands Airport

9. Children's Playground Ongoing Maintenance and Insurance

Resolved, all councillors agreed that as all the equipment was paid for by the Parochial Charity and is thus owned by them that we would be prepared to ask SDDC to carry on inspections and use our current insurance as we are already insured on our current policy for public liability and up to a declared value of £40,000 and an insured value of £48,000.

10. Highways

- i. Potholes are still a significant problem and with the Do it Now website needing quite detailed information it makes reporting difficult.
- ii. Patch surfacing has still not been completed despite being marked up several months ago. Councillor Taft has been reporting regularly
- iii. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to repair the pavement by The Poplars**

11. Speed Watch

- i. Regular speedwatch events still on going
- ii. Speed indicator signs are going to be more accessible but we are still awaiting confirmation of installation costs and location possibilities as well as on going licensing. Councillor Cuming is liaising and County Councillor Muller has indicated that he may have some funding available.

12. Village Hall Representative

- i. The village hall has requested Parish Council nominations to their committee in view of the elections in May and not knowing who will be available.
Resolved, all councillors agreed that Councillor Rushman would continue as Parish Council representative until the new Parish Council is formed

13. Elections 2023

Clerk has asked SDDC when information will be available about this year's election process.
Resolved, all councillors agreed that we should post an invitation and election information to all households in the Parish

14. Footpath Maintenance

Resolved, all councillors agreed that we should maintain F13 and F17. Quotes to be obtained

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15. Planning Applications

- a. DMPA/2022/1111: Erection of timber summer house and pergola, brick and stone wall, timber vehicular and pedestrian access gates, and associated landscaping, replacement decking and driveway at Pitts Farm, Main Street, Smisby, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 2TY

Resolved, no objections were raised but all councillors were keen to be sure that the issue of water run off from the drive has been considered in view of the change of drive material and problems with historical flooding at the bottom of forties lane round into main street

- b. DMPA/2022/1424: Listed building consent for erection of timber summer house and pergola, brick and stone wall, timber vehicular and pedestrian access gates, and associated landscaping, replacement decking and driveway at Pitts Farm, Main Street, Smisby, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 2TY

Resolved, no objections were raised but all councillors were keen to be sure that the issue of water run-off from the drive has been considered in view of the change of drive material and problems with historical flooding at the bottom of forties lane round into main street

- c. DMOT/2022/1563: Felling of 1 no. Ash Tree and pruning of 2 no. Oak trees and 1 no. Sycamore tree at Smisby Manor, Annwell Lane, Smisby, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 2TA

No objections

- d. DMPA/2022/1585: Erection of a replacement dwelling and associated garage / ancillary accommodation High Croft, Chapel Street, Smisby, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 2TJ

Resolved, all agreed comments need sending to SDDC to emphasise that the plot is at the edge of the conservation area and can be seen very clearly. Smisby Parish Council would like to ask that the planners advise around the problems with parking and access along chapel street. They would like them to include an agreement that any damage to the road, verges and kerbs be rectified as soon as possible after the work is finished and that parking for contractors should be on site as it is a big enough plot

16. Approval of Budget

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the budget as agreed and documented in the Finance Meeting held at 18:45 on 10th January 2023. The Grounds Maintenance work for the next financial year has been awarded to SJL Landscapes.

17. Precept

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to set the precept at £6,802.00. Chair and Clerk to sign the paperwork and submit to SDDC.

18. Dates of Future Meetings

14th March, 9th May, 11th July, 12th September and 14th November

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19. Payment Approval

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the payments

To	For	VAT	Total
Clerk	Salary (backpay and November 2022)		£232.43 (paid under delegate authority 01/12/2022)
Alan Stanley Building Contractors	Maintenance work on lockup	£145.00	£870.00 (paid under delegate authority 01/12/2022)
H Salt	Lengthsman		£60.00
Clerk	Salary (December 2022)		£259.28
HMRC	NI and Tax		£156.40

20. Payments Received as follows:

i.	22/11/2022	VAT reclaim	HMRC	£855.69
ii.	01/12/2022	Grant towards grounds maintenance of parish field	Parochial Charity	£644.00
iii.	15/12/2022	Grant towards lockup maintenance	East Midlands Airport Community Fund	£750.00

21. Communications Received Since Last Meeting

- i. NALC: Chief executive's bulletin x 7; Newsletter x 5; Open Letter
- ii. DALC: Newsletter; Training Calendar; Provisional local government finance settlement 2023 to 24
- iii. DCC: Newsletter x 5; Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Monday 17 October 2022; Graffiti Removal; January Health and Wellbeing round up
- iv. SDDC: Local Plan Review: Issues and Options Consultation; Precept; Grants for the Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK); Flood Liaison Minutes & Appendices 17.1.22; Flood Map Changes - Environment Agency; Playground Maintenance
- v. EMA: Request for Noise Monitor; Community Flyer
- vi. South Derbyshire CVS: Things going on at SDCVS!; Funding Bulletin x 3; Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x2
- vii. County Councillor Muller: Division Update
- viii. Parochial Charity: Nominations
- ix. Police: Newsletter; Updated Contact Details; Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) - November 2022
- x. Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner: URGENT: Have your say on the policing budget for 2023/24
- xi. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation: Draft Our Plan 2023 - 2026, and Budget 2023 - 2024 (7)
- xii. Notification of external Auditor Appointment
- xiii. Happy Christmas from Angelique Foster, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- xiv. Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) - December 2022

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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 14th March 2023 in Smisby
Village Hall at 19.30.

Signed: Salushman Date: 14.3.23.