

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting 14th March 2023

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

Members of the public and other organisations: District Councillors Churchill and Haines, County Councillor Muller, Mr Hounslow (Parochial Charity) and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Brooke and Taft.

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

One email from some parishioners that wanted to discuss the planning application that was put in for Forties Lane, this has now been withdrawn.

5. Clerks Report

- i. The Clerk and Chairman had recently completed an asset check. The only issue found was two pieces of fencing need fixing around the playground equipment. The Chairman has these and will ensure they are fixed. Notices were put up advising that the equipment is now insured and maintained by the Parish Council and not SDDC
- ii. The May meeting can go ahead on 9th May if at least three Councillors have stood and are available to attend. If not then it will need to be 23rd May and SDDC will need to have District Councillors attending until Councillors can be co-opted.

6. Public Questions and Comments

No comments.

7. Approval of Minutes from Smisby Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2023

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

8. Parochial Charity, District and County Councillors Communications

- i. Mr Hounslow, see update on annual meeting minutes. Contract has been signed off by the Parochial Charity and a copy will come back to the Council.
- ii. County Councillor Muller, pot hole repairs completed 1588 in the last seven days. DCC had 21 gangs now have 34 gangs on pothole repairs. Council tax set at 3.75%, 1.2% of which is for adult social care. Coronation fund, he has some money available that he could support any celebrations with, anyone wishing to apply should email him directly. Nothing on Freeport. Devolution, consultation has happened, the affected authorities are going to debate the results next week. Proposal will then go through to government. Decision

likely to be late 2024. Stakeholders are not just the City and County Councils, but they are the ones that can vote on decision. He also thanked Councillor Rushman for her time as a Councillor. A member of public said pot hole repair quality has improved a lot. Councillor Taft regularly reports potholes.

- iii. District Councillor Churchill, advised that he is not restanding in the elections this year. He also thanked Councillor Rushman.
- iv. District Councillor Haines, grass cutting up and running again.

9. Policy Update Approvals

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the updates.

10. Highways

Councillor Cuming encouraged more people to report the potholes via DCC website. Link on the Parish Council website to DCC Highways. All drainage seems to be holding up.

11. Footpath Contractor

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to go with H J Nicholls.

12. Speed Watch

Speed Watch activities have been difficult lately due to darkness and couldn't do with the recent road works. The data gathered will hopefully assist in getting a SID, the process is also getting a lot easier.

13. Elections 2023

Local Elections are being held on 4th May 2023. Anyone wishing to stand as a Parish Councillor needs to contact SDDC.

14. Planning Applications

- i. DMPA/2022/1585: Erection of a replacement dwelling and associated garage / ancillary accommodation High Croft, Chapel Street, Smisby, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 2Y **NO COMMENTS**
- ii. DMPA/2023/0062: The variation of condition nos. 2 and 3 of permission ref. DMPA/2021/1286 at Holmleigh, Forties Lane, Smisby, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 2SN - **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN There has been a lot of concern of this application. The Chairman advised it has been withdrawn but encouraged people to add their comments to any application they are concerned over, this can be done on the SDDC website.**
- iii. DMOT/2023/0182: Works to 12no. trees in a conservation area Hillside Cottage, Main Street, Smisby, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 2TY **NO COMMENTS**

15. Dates of Future Meetings

9th or 23rd May, 11th July, 12th September and 14th November

16. Payment Approval

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the payments

To	For	VAT	Total
Clerk	January 2023 salary	0.00	259.48 PAID UNDER DELEGATE AUTHORITY BY CLERK AND CHAIRMAN
SDDC	litter bin servicing 2022- 23	23.61	141.65 PAID UNDER DELEGATE AUTHORITY BY CLERK AND CHAIRMAN
Clerk	February 2023 salary	0.00	259.28
H Salt	Lengthsman	0.00	60.00
Amazon (via clerk)	Printer ink	3.00	17.99
Kilworth Machinery	Election mailshot printing and postage	13.20	79.20
Clerk	Mileage 2022-23	0.00	89.10

17. Payments Received as follows:

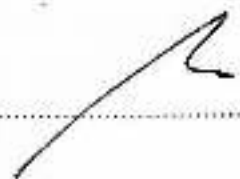
- i. 27/01/2023 SDDC Concurrent Expenses 22-23 £1,842.15
- ii. 03/03/2023 HMRC VAT reclaim £184.81

18. Communications Received Since Last Meeting

- i. NALC: Chief executive's bulletin x 8; Newsletter x 6
- ii. DALC: Newsletter x 3; A Look Back at 2022
- iii. DCC: Newsletter x 5; Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 13 March 2023 x 3; Vision Derbyshire Business Start Up Support Scheme; Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan
- iv. SDDC: Area Forum Dates - January/ February 2023; Elections 2023; For information - estimated cost to a Parish Council for a contested election; Process for filling a casual vacancy; Voter ID Briefing; Repton - Area Two Agenda Pack 14.02.23; For information - District & Parish Elections - 4 May 2023
- v. Briefing from Angelique Foster, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- vi. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service - Community Risk Management Plan (7)
- vii. Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) - February 2023
- viii. South Derbyshire CVS: Funding Bulletin x 2; Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x 2
- ix. District Councillor Haines: Local Plan Update; Active Communities and Health Team Newsletter Winter 23
- x. Email concerning issues in the village
- xi. Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Team - January 2023 Update
- xii. Brian Wood: Internal Audit 2022/2023

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 9th or 23rd May 2023 in Smisby Village Hall at 19:30.

Signed:



Date: 9/5/23