

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting 10th September 2024

Smisby Parish Council Attendance: Councillors Cuming (Vice Chairman chairing the meeting), Brooke, Dickens and Sullivan, Clerk Caroline Crowder

Members of the public and other organisations: District Councillor Haines and 2 members of the public.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Councillor Taft, County Councillor Muller and District Councillor Lowe.

2. To receive declarations of Interest on items on the agenda (under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that in declaring an interest you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is “personal” or “prejudicial”).

None.

3. To determine which items if any on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None.

4. Chairman’s communications (if any)

Councillor Cuming advised that there had been a lot of correspondence with the Parochial Charity.

5. Clerk’s report

Clerk asked which Remembrance Wreath to order. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to selection G at £50.00.**

6. Opportunity for public questions and comment (10 minutes)

No comments.

7. Approval of minutes from Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9th July 2024

Resolved, all Councillors approved the minutes and the Vice Chairman who is chairing the meeting, signed them as a true and accurate record.

8. Parochial Charity Communication

Councillor and Trustee Dickens advised that the charity was still in the process of transitioning to a CIO. They continue to look after land, tree maintenance has been approved and continued maintenance payment to be made to the Council, they have sponsored flowers at the Village Hall, made a donation to the Smisby WI, paid for student books, supported social engagements in the village, most recently the summer party. The Christmas party is planned for 30th November. They are looking to support the Village Hall with a purchase of a gazebo.

Councillor Cuming wished to pass along the Council’s thanks to the Charity. The Village Hall Chairman had also thanked them at the summer party.

Councillor Cuming advised that the Council in conjunction with the Bluebell Arboretum had felled a dead ash tree in the jubilee field. As such the work that Fisher German was looking to undertake may already have been done.

He wished to thank Claire Hynam for her time as a trustee on the charity, she has now stepped down. The Charity Clerk had asked the Council to propose a new trustee to replace her. **Resolved, Councillor Cuming proposed Elizabeth Sturgess, Councillor Sullivan seconded, all Councillors agreed to this nomination. Clerk to advise the Charity of**

this nomination. Councillor and Trustee Dickens is to pass along the contact details for Elizabeth Sturgess.

9. District and County Councillors Communications

District Councillor Haines advised that the local plan is being updated and should be out for consultation soon. She reminded the Council that Safer Neighbourhood grants were still available to apply for. Polling District and Place Review has been announced by SDDC, Clerk has put the details in the Parish Council noticeboard.

10. Financial Regulations

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to adopt the regulations.

11. Pinfold Restoration

Councillor Brooke thanked District Councillor Haines for her assistance in the highways map. It is believed the area falls under highways and therefore DCC. The Parish Council via the newsletter will ask the parishioners for their thoughts and ideas on what they would like to see. Councillor Cuming advised that he would try and get some quotes. Councillor Brooke would try to find a wood carver to look at the wood from the old, felled tree.

12. Playground Inspections and Repairs

The Clerk advised that there was nothing showing as more than a low risk on the latest report, no further action needed at this time. Parish councillors also do regular checks.

13. Highways

Work has been carried out on the road and the markings and cats' eyes have been replaced. Councillor Cuming advised that he still has outstanding incidents logged with DCC for the missing 40 sign and the obstructed view of other 40 signs. Councillor Brooke had checked the ownership of the land on Chapel Street, and it is owned by SDDC. District Councillor Haines took an action to liaise with SDDC and find out what they could do to assist with maintenance. Councillor Cuming advised that this would be documented in the latest newsletter to ask what parishioners would like to see there.

14. Speed Watch

No updates.

15. Newsletter

The next issue should be out soon.

16. Noticeboard outside the Village Hall Repairs

Smisby Village Hall Committee have agreed to replace the current notice board that is owned by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be given an area of the new noticeboard. The Clerk asked for this area to be secure.

17. To discuss and agree any response to any current Planning Applications

No comments

18. Dates of future meetings

12th November 2024. 14th January 11th March 13th May 8th July, 9th September, 11th November 2025.

19. To approve payment of accounts as follows:

Date	Method of Payment	To whom paid	Particulars of payment	Total £	VAT £	Already paid under Clerk and Chairman Delegated Authority
01/08/2024	Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary (July 2024)	282.62		Yes
01/08/2024	Bank transfer	Shed Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Grounds maintenance 6 th payment	364.19	60.70	Yes
01/08/2024	Bank transfer	SDDC	Playground inspection and minor maintenance (July 2024)	65.58	10.93	Yes
01/09/2024	Bank transfer	B Person	Webpages	15.00		Yes
12/09/2024	Direct Debit	Information Commissioner's Office	ICO renewal	35.00		No
10/09/2024	Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary (August 2024)	282.42		No
10/09/2024	Bank transfer	Shed Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Grounds maintenance 7 th payment	364.19	60.70	No
10/09/2024	Bank transfer	SDDC	Playground inspection and minor maintenance (August)	65.58	10.93	No
10/09/2024	Bank transfer	A Person	Lengthsman	60.00		No
10/09/2024	Bank transfer	Royal Mail (via clerk)	Postage	0.85		No

20. Payments Received

None

21. Bank Balance

£11,473.43

22. Communications received since last meeting.

- i. NALC: Chief executive's bulletin x 10; Newsletter x 9
- ii. DALC: Newsletter x 2
- iii. DCC: Newsletter x 9; Temporary Road Closure | Annwell Lane, Smisby | 22/08/2024 - 29/08/2024; Pylon Campaign - funding & next meeting date; Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 15 October 2024
- iv. SDDC: Playground Inspection Report x 2; Review of Private Hire Licensing Policy and Conditions Review of Street Trading Policy; Safer & Stronger Neighbourhoods grants; SDDC Civic Service - Sunday 1st September 2024; Annual CCTV Consultation
- v. South Derbyshire CVS: Funding Bulletin x 1; Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x 2; DCC Discretionary Grants Consultation; CV/UCAS Boosting Opportunity for 16-19 Year Olds; South Derbyshire District Council Civic Save the Dates 2024/2025
- vi. East Midlands Airport Community Flyer Summer 2024; EMA Community Flyer
- vii. Ron Bailey: Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters
- viii. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire: Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan Consultation
- ix. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Derbyshire Division Boundary Review - Final Recommendations
- x. District Councillor Haines: Smisby Pinfold and highways x 2
- xi. Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan Consultation: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire
- xii. Immediate Justice Newsletter
- xiii. Ashby de la Zouch Town Council: Ashby Neighbourhood Plan - Statutory Consultation
- xiv. CPRE Derbyshire: Breaking news: Pylons and Planning Training
- xv. Fisher German: Smisby Recreational Ground Ash Tree

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 12th November 2024 in Smisby Village Hall at 19:30.

Signed: Date: