

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting 9th November 2021

Smisby Parish Council Attendance: Councillors Rushman (Chair), Cuming, Brooke and Taft.
Parish Clerk Caroline Crowder

Members of the public and other organisations: District Councillors Churchill and Haines,
Parochial Charity Trustee Robert Hounslow and 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Muller due to other work commitments.

2. Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Councillor Brooke for planning application.

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

None.

4. Chairman's Communications

None.

5. Clerks Report

a. The Clerk is on annual leave from 15th December until 3rd January 2022.

b. Finance meeting, **Resolved all Councillors agreed to meet at 18:30 on 11th January 2022.**

6. Public Questions and Comments

Pothole seen on Chapel Street, Councillor Taft to report to DCC Highways.

7. Approval of Minutes from Smisby Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2021

All Councillors approved and the Chair signed the minutes.

8. Parochial Charity Communications

Rob Hounslow advised that the PCC now wished to maintain the football pitch. This was discussed and the PCC are happy for only one grounds maintenance contractor to be employed for the whole field, but the pitch will need special attention. Clerk to ask PCC to formally advise what is needed and if they will pay the extra cost. The wild flower area was discussed. The Councillors agreed to ask the community via the next newsletter what they would like to see there, which could then be dedicated for the Platinum Jubilee next year. It was agreed that the Councillors need to consider the long-term plan for the Jubilee Field.

9. Parish Field

The PCC have asked for a change from 10 years to a 7-year lease. **Resolved, all agreed to this.**



10. Drains, Flooding and Highways

Councillor Taft has circulated a report before the meeting to the other Councillors. He attended the flood liaison meeting, and has asked for the Smisby flooding issues to be placed on their agenda. Councillor Cuming has asked DCC for the grates and drains to be cleaned, it has been seen that 4 have been cleared already but there are still others that need to be cleared.

11. Smisby Lockup

Councillor Taft asked if the work could now be authorised on the lockup. The Clerk advised that a formal quotation has not been received, she will chase this up with ASBC Heritage. East Midlands Airport have agreed a partial grant, the PCC may be able to assist with the rest of the funding, once the Council has tried to gain other funding.

12. Community Speed Watch

Councillor Cuming provided an update on the Community Speed Watch. He is hoping that as they collect more data it will highlight any issues to DCC Highways. He is to send all the data so far to County Councillor Muller and ask him to attend the next meeting. They are in need of more volunteers to assist in the speed watch activity, anybody wishing to volunteer should contact him or the Clerk.

13. Planning Applications

No comments.

14. District and County Councillor Reports

- a. District Councillor Churchill provided an update on the Freeport; the business plan has been delayed. Area Forum meetings can no longer be held virtually and the Chief Executive believes they should not be held in person with the current Covid situation. He is therefore reconstituting them to be a community meeting. The next one is on Tuesday 30th November at 6:30pm via Teams (virtual meeting). The Podback scheme has been operating since mid-April, 1764 households registered and over a quarter of a million pods collected. Ground maintenance, now in winter schedule but as it is warm, they will continue if they can. The pest control service is no longer operating out of SDDC. A mapping portal is now available on the SDDC website
- b. District Councillor Haines, the national shortage of drivers has not impacted SDDC yet but it is close. Services are so far not impacted. Collection calendars should go out soon.

15. Dates of Future Meetings

11th January, 8th March, 10th May, 12th July, 13th September and 8th November 2022.

16. Payment Approval

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| a. Clerks' salary | Clerk | £459.01 |
| b. Lengthsman | H Salt | £60.00 |



c. National insurance and tax	HMRC	£18.20
d. Grounds maintenance	Bloomin' Gardens	£432.00

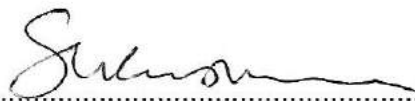
17. Payments Received

None

18. Communications Received Since Last Meeting

- a. NALC: Chief executive's bulletin x 7; Events x 1; Newsletter x 4
- b. DALC: Report Writing for Local Councils - training course - dates available; Basic Survey & Tree Inspection Training Course - 23 November 2021; Resilience, Wellbeing and Mental Health Training - 18 January 2022; Annual Report 2020 – 2021; S Derbyshire parishes newsletter #1; Papers in preparation of the 75th AGM - 19 October 2021; Basic Survey & Tree Inspection Training Course - 15 March 2022; October Newsletter; DALC AGM – presentation; Chairs, Clerks & Councillor's Forum - Wednesday 3 November at 2.30 pm; DALC November '21 Newsletter
- c. DCC: 21 Sept – Community News from Derbyshire County Council; Derbyshire Day 2021; Royal British Legion - Derbyshire Lamp Post Poppy Campaign 2021; Free Stop Smoking Services' Derbyshire County Council Snow Warden Scheme 2021-22; 11 Oct – Community News from Derbyshire County Council – NetZero campaign, Home from Hospital scheme, foster for Derbyshire, Get Online Week, Anti-slavery day, grants for young Chesterfield musicians; 25 October – Community News– take our survey for a chance to win £100, Shine a Light, care worker jobs, action on plastic, library space opportunity, new police panel members sought, bird flu, domestic abuse week, Safer gambling week, Stress Awareness week
- d. SDDC: Active Communities and Health Team Newsletter Summer / Autumn 2021; Free Tree Scheme; Hate Crime Awareness week, Drop in Event - Stenson Fields Community Centre - Monday, October 11 between 3-5pm; Flood Liaison Meeting; Flood Liaison Meeting - 02.11.21; Consultation: Draft Melbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan; Area Forum/Community Meetings; Flood Liaison Meeting - Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 10am
- e. District Councillor Churchill: Member briefing: South Derbyshire District Council Climate Action Plan; Member briefing: updated mapping portal; Rural Crime Event
- f. District Councillors Haines:
- g. CVS: The Latest News from South Derbyshire CVS x 7; South Derbyshire CVS Community Development Update
- h. Police: Police & Crime Commissioner's - Antisocial Behaviour Grant
- i. North West Leicestershire Council: Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document - public consultation x 2
- j. Various: Playing Field/Recreation Ground at Smisby
- k. Parochial Charity: Jubilee Field Lease
- l. Highways England: NOTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORKS - M1 NORTHBOUND JUNCTION 23 TO JUNCTION 23A

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 11th January 2022 in Smisby Village Hall.

Signed:  Date: 11.1.22