

Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 13th November 2018

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 13th November 2018.

Smisby Parish Council Attendance

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)

Councillor Simon Barnett

Councillor David Waters

Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

Members of the public and other organisations

District Councillor Michael Stanton, 3 members of the public

1 Apologies

District Councillor Michael Stanton and Councillor Rushman.

2 Declaration of Interest

None identified.

3 Items identified to exclude public

None identified.

4 Chairman's Communications

Welcome to everyone to the meeting especially Chris and Rob. All agreed that the poppy's around the village looked great for Remembrance Day and can be reused. However, 2 have gone missing. Has anyone seen anything?

A big thank you to Hazel who has done a sterling job of litter picking this year.

1st December is the light switch on event.

Are the grit bins well stocked? – Councillor Hewitt to check with Mark Parnham.

5 Opportunity for public questions

Member of the public reported that dog mess and potholes are still a problem in the village.

Pot holes still an issue and there is a large crack down the middle of Annwell Lane and sunken ironworks. County Councillor to ask highways to check on their rounds.

It was reported that the swing in the park hasn't been replaced yet.

The Parish Council advised that they awaiting further information about the goal stop before either submitting for a grant or committing to funding it.

The noise on Sunday afternoons from motor bikes racing nearby was raised. The issue was discussed and it is believed to fall under NWLDC. Can Police be notified? Can regularity be monitored?

6 Approval of last minutes

Approved.

7 Update on actions from previous minutes

Updates discussed in relevant agenda items.

8 Hi-Speed Broadband

Councillor Barnett updated the group. There has been a delay of the connection to the new box. It has been about 6 months since the box was installed in June but is now expected to be working the week before Christmas. Parish Clerk to write to Open Reach to express dissatisfaction with service if it is not all up and running before Christmas. Councillor Barnett will continue to chase for updates and test speeds. County Councillor Chilton to find out who the new contact at DCC is and pass these details on to Councillor Barnett.

9 Update BT Phone Box

An article about the proposal to move the village red telephone box has been published in a past newsletter. All agreed that there needs to be a vote whether to relocate or not. A new location will make it more visible for the village and more accessible as a book exchange. **Councillor Hewitt to explain the options in the newsletter and ask for a vote** (as done with the tree). Work likely to happen in Spring if move/replacement agreed.

10 Update Condition of 25 Chapel Street

This is a Council Property. It has come to the Parish Councils attention that the kitchen and bathroom in-particular are in an appalling state and need refurbishing. 2 other houses have been refurbished in the last 2 years. District Councillor Smith will visit with an officer and pick up case. He will to update us and keep Rob Hounslow in the loop.

11 Update Car Parking (No Parking sign)

Councillor showed the A4 flimsy sign that SDDC had put up on telegraph pole. It wasn't exactly the kind of tasteful sign Smisby Parish had in mind. Councillors to decide on wording size of sign and District Councillor Smith will ensure highways get this done properly.

12 Update the Poplars boundary fence

The Councillors have still not heard back after the letter was sent. The fence is still of concern and the issue is ongoing. District Councillor Smith to pick this up.

13 Managing transitional period of Smisby Parish Council

As Councillor Hounslow has now resigned and Councillor Hewitts resignation is pending the Parish Council is still trying to encourage parishioners to apply.

All agreed that it is important not to lose the power of having a Parish Council. All agreed that the Parish Council needs a wider variety of people. One Parishioner attended the meeting and could become a councillor. Parish Council needs 5 Councillors to run but only 3 to make decisions.

No body replied to the recent advert on the notice board therefore the Parish can co-opt. Chris Taft put himself forward. He was then nominated by Councillor Hewitt and seconded by Councillor Barnett. Welcome Councillor Chris!

Parish Clerk to find Job spec and email it around and then advertise.

Parish Clerk to bring in forms for new Councillors to complete and update the bank mandate.

14 New Commemorative Bench and Remembrance Day

Parishioner, Peggy, kindly got a beautiful commemorative bench engraved for the village. It was a real team effort to get it installed in time for Remembrance Day and shows what a hands on Parish Smisby is. Thank you to County Councillor Chilton whose initial registration helped it move through the channel so quickly.

15 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)

Potholes as usual. Discussed under public questions.

16 To discuss and agree any response to the following Planning Applications

Councillors had no objections with the planning applications for August and September 2018.

17 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors

District Councillor Smith – Please note that there the last bin collection before Christmas is on the 19th December. There is no collection on Wed 26th Dec. The next collection date is 2nd January 2019. Guidance leaflet are being distributed this week.

County Councillor Chilton – Raising awareness of Adult Social Care and what equipment is available. The hole in the footpath near the tap house is still there and County Councillor Chilton is still investigating. Add information to newsletter.

18 Clerks Report

Please see attached documents. All other items of information have been emailed to Parish Councillors.

19 Statement of accounts, including Audit information

Accounts distributed for this financial year to date

20 Approve payments

Payments approved as below.

Payee	Value (£)	Reason/Invoice Number	Cheque No
H. Salt	50	Lengthsman	917
D. Whitby	40	Playground Inspection	918
S. Hewitt	153.40	Poppies for village	920
E. Stroud	353.16	Salary	921
SDDC	1219.07	Village Lamp post Works	919
E.Stroud	17	Poppy Wreath	916
S. Hewitt	109.80	Poppies for village	922

The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.30.

Signed: Date: