

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024
At 7.30pm at the Church Hall, Smalley

13/24 Present

M Gallimore (Chairman), L Pizzey, J Walker MBE, G Rogers, W Judson,
J Saddington, J Ainsworth M Thomson and S Yeomans

14/24 Public Questions

None

15/24 Borough Councillor Report

Cllr L Pizzey reported that the Local Plan is now out for consultation.

Electoral divisions are under review, and open for comments until 1st April.

16/24 Apologies

Cllr A Paget

17/24 Declaration of Members Interests

RESOLVED: Members agreed to take any Declarations of Members Interests as they occur in the meeting.

18/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th January 2024

10/24 ii) Should read pavilion and not container.

06/24 Minutes of meeting should read 18th December 2023.

Cllr W Judson proposed the minutes were a correct record and Cllr G Rogers seconded the proposal, all members agreed, and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

19/24 Matters Arising

Members agreed that a hasp and staple lock would be a suitable way to secure the pavilion.

20/24 County Councillor Report

Cllr T Ainsworth to ask Derbyshire County Council if a letter has been sent to the resident on the corner of Wilmot Drive and Dobholes Lane regarding the overgrown garden encroaching on to the pavement.

Potholes are to be reported to the Derbyshire County Council portal with photographs and the full address of the location.

The resurfacing of St Johns Road will be taking place soon, although it was noted that there is still a pending planning application for three more houses in the location which could cause damage to the new surface.

21/24 Police

PCSO Elizabeth Mosler reported that the XL Bullie dogs belonging to a resident in Smalley have been seen roaming Stainsby Meadow, the police are looking into this matter.

It is thought that poison has been put down around the Dam as two dogs have recently been ill after walking in this area. The Rural Crime team has been made aware.

22/24 Planning

AVA/2023/0955 Construction of 2 no detached dwellings, The Vicarage, Smalley

Plot 1 - overbearing and bulky/out of scale within the plot, design guidance not followed, the original application was for a dormer bungalow.

Plot 2 - overlooking and loss of privacy for properties on Vicarage Close

Concerns generally about the applicant who has contravened planning approval and then put in retrospective planning on a previous development.

Enforcement are not enforcing the approved plans.

AVA/2023/0960 Two detached houses with garages

Land to Rear Of 23 St Johns Road St Johns Road Smalley

Planning policy statement 3 excludes residential gardens from the definition of previously developed land and as the site is within an already established settlement the proposal is unacceptable garden grabbing and would be out of accord with the character of the area and would significantly change the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers through overlooking, loss of residential amenity land and loss of privacy.

COND/2024/0011 Discharge of condition 5 (landscaping) of AVA/2012/1157 land at Heanor Road

No objections but want it made clear that the responsibility for maintenance in perpetuity is by the applicant.

AVA/2024/0050 Variation of condition 3 Carrington Farm Heanor Road Smalley

Concerns as to why they need to extend opening hours when not busy - noise impact from barking dogs and light pollution as they will need lighting especially in winter months from 4pm until close.

23/24 Report of the Clerk

i) Playground Inspections

Dobholes Lane

The climbing grips have been put in place, and the mission board has been installed.

Cllr Rogers to investigate obtaining spares for the equipment.

The conical swing to be oiled.

Stainsby Meadow

The equipment is satisfactory and new bark will be put down in the Spring.

The Groundsman will concrete in the litter bin.

ii) Contract of Employment

The contract of employment for both the Clerk and Groundsman has been reviewed and to be signed by employees and Council.

iii) Email address for Councillor for Parish Council business only.

Clerk to ask Auditor if this is a legal requirement.

iv) Standing orders

Members approved the revised standing orders.

v) Health and Safety Workstation Policy

Cllr W Judson proposed, and Cllr J Walker MBE seconded that the above policy be adopted by the Council, all Councillors agreed.

vi) Tavern Plantation

Members approved the risk assessment prepared for the volunteers working in the Tavern Plantation.

Cllr Ainsworth reported that the trees which had been donated by members of the public have been planted. There have been 28 trees and 40 hawthorn planted, these have been staked and have been fitted with guards to protect them.

The hedgerow has been cleared of litter and tidied up.

Cllr Ainsworth proposes to organise maintenance days with volunteers to keep the area free of brambles and to keep the trees in a good condition.

Cllr Ainsworth was thanked by the Council for all the hard work she has done in completing this project.

24/24 Finance

The financial report and budget report for February has been previously circulated.

Members agreed that the following invoices be paid,

<i>Shelter Maintenance</i>	<i>£96.62</i>
<i>Salaries/expenses/pension/HMRC</i>	<i>£1816.55</i>
<i>NT Services</i>	<i>£404.77</i>
<i>Wel Medical Limited</i>	
<i>New battery for defibrillator</i>	<i>£192.00</i>
<i>P Goodwin part payment of installation of mission</i>	
<i>Climbing wall</i>	<i>£445.00</i>
<i>Thorpe Trees</i>	<i>£1113.27</i>
<i>Excel</i>	<i>£70.78</i>
<i>M Gallimore reimbursement for lock</i>	<i>£43.70</i>
<i>J B Clowes – Tree stakes and guards</i>	<i>£86.45</i>

Clerk to ask Mr Paget if Wel Medical service the defibrillator every year or if this must be requested.

25/24 Correspondence

Horsley Woodhouse Parish Council – Consultation Paper

Members agreed with the consultation paper and that there needs to be a link to Smalley to enable passengers from Horsley Woodhouse to be able to catch the H1 into Derby.

Email regarding budget 2024 – Clerk and Chairman to draft an article for the Parish Magazine explaining the costs of the Christmas lights and why they have been reduced.

Smalley Tennis Club

Clerk to inform the tennis club that they will be looking into moving the pole with the cctv camera to outside the tennis club perimeter.

The grit has been delivered and all the bins are now full.

The Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to clear the litter from Morley Manor to the Rose and Crown, the hedgerow opposite the shop and from Holly Farm towards Heanor on both sides.

The gate on Stainsby Meadow has now been reinstated, Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr Tissington who has marked the gate for identification purposes.

The meeting closed at 21.32.