

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
At 7.30pm at the Church Hall, Smalley

01/24 Present

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

*02/24 Public Questions*

None

*03/24 Borough Councillor Report*

Cllr L Pizzey reported that the Local Plan is currently being reviewed, the Cinderhill development is included in the plan.

There have been no planning applications submitted for the proposed Solar Park, however an action committee has been formed to fight the proposal.

*04/24 Apologies*

Cllr M Thomson, Cllr J Ainsworth and Cllr T Ainsworth

*05/24 Declaration of Members Interests*

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

*06/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

140/23 Finance

Manutan Grit Bin £126.00 this to be removed as written down twice.

Cllr J Walker proposed the minutes were a correct record and Cllr A Padget seconded the proposal, all members agreed, and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

*07/24 Matters Arising*

Clerk to ask Cllr T Ainsworth if he has chased up Derbyshire County Council regarding the overgrown vegetation from the property at the corner of Wilmot Drive/Dobholes Lane.

*08/24 Planning applications*

*AVA/2023/0859 – 18 Wood Lane  
variation of condition 1 of AVA/2022/0879:*

OBJECT

The proposal does not constitute appropriate development and would be contrary to saved policy EN2 of the Amber Valley Borough Local Plan 2006.

The proposed changes to the design, and increased volume of building, would, by definition, be harmful to the openness and function of the Green Belt.

No 'Very Special Circumstances' are demonstrated which would outweigh the harm to justify a departure from Green Belt Policy.

The proposal is contrary to Part 13 of the National Planning Policy Framework which seeks to only permit appropriate development within the Green Belt.

The proposal fails to meet the environmental objective of sustainability as set out in paragraph 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework. The proposed harm identified results in a clear reason for refusing the application in accordance with paragraph 11 d) i of the NPPF.

Councillor S Yeomans declared an interest in the application below.

*AVA/2023/0923 -18 Wood Lane Variation of conditions 2,3,4 and 10 of AVA/2021/0168*

OBJECT

Overlooking neighbouring properties with loss of privacy.

The applicant is in breach of the planning conditions set out in the original approval which in itself is an offence, this is also not the first time the applicant has applied for retrospective planning for a breach of the planning application.

*AVA/2023/0921 – Matthew Walker, Heanor Gate Road*

NO OBJECTIONS

*AVA/2023/0910 -Marjon, Heanor Road*

OBJECT

overdevelopment of a garden plot which already has two large incidental outbuildings, this application would take the buildings to over 50% of the curtilage of the original house.

*09/24 Police Representative*

PCSO Elizabeth Mosler gave a report to the Council.

Youngsters have been riding off road motorbikes on the recreation ground at Kerry Drive, the police will be keeping a watch on the area.

Highways have agreed to reduce the zig zag length at the crossing by the school which will prevent vehicles parking in front of the traffic lights.

The community speed watch has added several more locations to its list.

## *10/24 Report of the Clerk*

### *i) Playground Inspections*

Both of the playgrounds have been inspected and both satisfactory, the repairs have been completed. The mission board which was sent was incorrect, so this is being returned and a replacement is to be sent out.

There are 2 climbing holds to be replaced, this to be carried out when the mission board is installed.

The ditch at the far end of the football pitch needs clearing, Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to remove all the leaves and debris.

### *ii) Boxing Day Football Match*

Clerk to send a letter to the football managers reiterating the rules and regulations for the use of the football pitch and to reaffirm the rules regarding the safe keeping of the keys.

Cllr Gallimore proposed, and Cllr Walker seconded a secondary lock will be put on the container which will only have one key which will be held by the Chairman. Seven of the Council members agreed Cllr Rogers did not agree and therefore did not vote for this proposal.

Terms of Reference for the Recreation Ground working party

The recreation ground working party is comprised of Cllr A Gallimore Chairman, Cllr G Rogers and Mr A James Groundsman who will jointly decide if games can be played or not depending on the state of the pitch.

If two members of the working party, make a decision and the third member does not agree the majority vote will be implemented.

### *iii) Quotations for Bark*

Cllr J Walker proposed, and Cllr W Judson seconded that bark be ordered for Stainsby Meadow play area, members agreed.

TMA Bark was the best quotation, and the bark will be ordered from them once the weather conditions improve.

### *iv) Tavern Plantation*

A tree has come down in the Tavern Plantation it is not crossing any paths, so members agreed to leave it for natural habitat.

A quotation for the installation of the gate at Stainsby Meadow is to be sent to the Clerk, new anti-theft hinges will be purchased.

v) *Contract of Employment for Clerk and Groundsman*

Members agreed the contract of employment for the Clerk this to be signed, however the Groundsman contract of employment to be revised.

vi) *Grit Bins*

Cllr Pizzey reported that there were 18 grit bins in Smalley, Derbyshire County Council have ownership of 3 Stafford Close, Peatburn Avenue and Heanor Gate, only 1 belongs to Smalley Parish Council which is situated on St Johns Road.

Cllr J Walker proposed, and Cllr Judson seconded that Cllr Pizzey be named as the Snow Warden, Derbyshire County Council will then deliver one tonne of grit to an address in Smalley. Cllr Pizzey, Cllr Paget and Cllr Saddington will deposit grit in grit bins which require filling.

Cllr Pizzey to ask Derbyshire County Council to put a number on each of the bins so residents can report to Derbyshire County Council or Smalley Parish Council when a bin is empty and requires refilling.

vii) *Email address for Councillors for Parish Council business only*

Cllr Judson to contact T3 for further information regarding the proposed email addresses for Councillors.

viii) *Grant applications*

Smalley Pre School have applied for a grant to help run the playgroup for a further 18 weeks.

Members agreed that because this is a business it does not fall under the criteria of the Parish Council's grant policy and therefore are not able to assist.

ix) *Website*

Members agreed that the asset register, budget and insurance documents are put on to the website.

## ***11/24 Finance***

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

Members agreed that the following invoice be paid,

Shelter Maintenance November	£96.62
Sheter Maintenance January	£96.62
Salaries/expenses/pension/HMRC	£3044.66
NT Services	£404.77

P Goodwin part payment of installation of mission  
Climbing wall £445.00

*12/24 Correspondence*

Email from resident concerned about the speeding on Dobholes Lane and the gate on Stainsby Meadow, Clerk sent a reply informing resident about the installation of the gate and cctv on Stainsby Meadow and also the speed indicator device which had been recently installed on Dobholes Lane to try to slow down vehicles.

Community Resilience – this has been circulated to members, the form is to be completed and put on the website and sent to Derbyshire County Council for information.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm