

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026
At 7.00pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

125/26 Present

J Saddington Chairman, G Rogers, W Judson, T Pride, L Pizzey,
M Bowen, M Thomson and W Rippin

126/26 Public Questions

None

127/26 Apologies

J Ainsworth

128/26 Co-option of Councillor

Mr W Rippin gave a brief report of why he would like to become a member of Smalley Parish Council. All members agreed that Mr Rippin should be co-opted on to the Council.

129/26 Variation of Order of Business

None

130/26 Declaration of Members Interests

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

131/26 To confirm the non-confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th June 2026

Cllr Pride proposed, and Cllr Bowen seconded, the minutes were agreed as a correct record by the members and duly signed by the Chair.

132/26 Matters arising

The tennis club to send the electricity paperwork to the Council.

Clerk to confirm the number of cameras on the tennis club

The Garden Party at Mrs D Allsops is on Saturday 25th July from 11am until 3pm in aid of the red cross.

133/26 Planning Applications

AVA/2026/0398 3 Church Close detached garden annex

The outside decoration should be in keeping with the area.

AVA/2026/0412 Bell Lane Farm

Retrospective planning application to retain gazebo

Members object as the application is in green belt and is visible from the road.

134/26 Playground Inspection

Stainsby Meadow

All the equipment in good condition, the weeds have been sprayed.

The fence will need attention soon as showing signs of deterioration.

The bark is looking in good condition.

The groundsman has mowed Stainsby Meadow.

Dobholes Lane

The play equipment is fine.

Quotations have been sort for the repair of the zip wire from several contractors, however only one has been received from Sutcliffe.

Clerk to arrange for Cllr Rogers to meet the playground inspector on site to discuss the zip wire. Once this meeting has taken place Clerk can arrange for the work to be carried out on the zip wire.

The football matches have been completed for this season, and the groundsman has put down grass seed where required.

135/26 Risk Assessment Policies

Cllr Pride has reviewed the risk assessment policies which will be circulated to members. Members to look at these and at the next meeting in September agree procedures to ensure that checks are regularly carried out and noted in the minutes.

136/26 Defibrillator

Clerk to contact Mr N Padget regarding the maintenance of the defibrillator.

137/26 Chair's Actions

Horsley Woodhouse Carnival Sign was put on Stainsby Meadow fence.

Two burials took place in the Parish Council burial ground last week.

138/26 Milepost

The milepost is currently being renovated, members agreed to reimburse the milepost society member for costs incurred.

139/26 County Councillor Report

A bonfire incident in the village was attended by the fire brigade; it has been flagged as an environmental concern. The police, fire service and the environment agency are all aware.

Derbyshire County are looking at the possibility of new 20mph zones in Derbyshire.

Local Government Reorganisation will commence in April 2028, elections for the new Council will be held in May next year.

The bins not being collected on the appropriate day is due to the weather being so hot and vehicle breakdowns.

The last Speedwatch in the village was 5/6 weeks ago, another Speedwatch to be arranged soon.

140/39 Finance

Monthly financial report and budget report was circulated previously.

Cllr T Pride proposed and Cllr J Saddington seconded the following payments be made, all members agreed.

Shelter Maintenance	£111.36
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2179.64
Art Group - Rent for Smalley Institute for 1 meetings	£15.00
M Blackwell – Mowing burial ground	£50.00
Dalc – subscription fees	£985.21
Greg Long Tree Care – 12 trees reduction to safe height	£10,080.00
Buxton Ltd – removal of cylinder at pavilion	£234.02
Lengthsman July	£425.00
Income	
Interest	£26.10
Funeral Fees	£1660.00

141/26 Correspondence

Derbyshire County Council – speed concerns – Noted

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

