

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
At 7.30pm at the Church Hall, Smalley

130/23 Present

M Gallimore (Chairman), A Paget, L Pizzey,  
J Walker MBE, G Rogers, W Judson, M Thomson, J Ainsworth and

*131/23 Public Questions*

A representative from Smalley Fund Raising Group reported on the Groups fund raising activities and how they are helping people in the community.

The Boxing Day football match was discussed, members agreed that the Groundsman and football committee would decide near the time if the pitch was suitable for use.

100 remembrance lamp post poppies would be purchased for next year.

The Parish Council decided last year that as the contract for the Christmas lights was proving to be too expensive this would not be renewed. It was costing around 25% of the income received by the Council and members felt that this money could be better spent elsewhere in the village.

Community Events can be advertised on the Parish Council website and in the Parish Magazine.

*132/23 Police Representative*

PSCO James College gave a police report.

The Chairman ask PSCO College as new legislation was coming out regarding XL Bully dogs, what would the police take any action regarding the 3 XL Bully dogs a resident owns in the village. PSCO College said he would have to look back at all the previous reports, however if there were any new incidents regarding the dogs the police have more powers to deal with them.

*133/23 Apologies*

Cllr J Saddington and Cllr S Yeomans

*134/23 Declaration of Members Interests*

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

*135/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

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

### *136/23 Planning applications*

AVA/2023/0876 Heanor Gate Spencer Academy  
Erection of two storey building  
Cllr Judson declared an interest in the above application.

No objections, however, concerns about the drainage running from site into gardens, have been raised by parishioners and the Council request there be suitable drainage put in place to avoid flooding adjacent properties.

AVA/2021/0852 – variation of condition  
2 Laurel Close, Smalley – No objections

AVA/2023/0859 to allow flat roof on a barn conversion to be replaced with a pitched roof - 18 Wood Lane, Smalley

The Council objects as follows contrary to saved policy EN2 - the proposed changes to the design would by definition be harmful to the openness and function of the green belt.

TRE/2023/0374 – Crown lift to 3.5 metres and 5.2 metres over highway  
Kidsley Grange Nursing Home, Smalley – No objections

AVA/2023/0899 30 Cloves Hill  
Dormer Loft conversion incl new veranda  
No objections

### *138/23 Cllr T Ainsworth – Derbyshire County Council*

Cllr Ainsworth reported that the signs and bench projects can now go ahead as permission from Derbyshire County Council has been granted.

Cllr Ainsworth to investigate the overgrown garden on the corner of Wilmot Drive, the resident has been asked to ensure that the brambles do not obstruct the pavement, however the work has not been completed.

### *139/23 Report of the Clerk*

#### *Playground Inspection*

Cllr Rogers inspected the playground; his report is below.

- Studs and rubber caps on the equipment on Dobholes Lane have been installed and the fencing on the muga repaired.
- Rubber grips are to be replaced.
- All equipment on Stainsby Meadow satisfactory
- The chain on the chain walk requires tightening up.
- Clerk to ask the lengthsman to clear to ditch of debris at the bottom of the football pitch.
- Clerk to obtain prices for bark on Stainsby Meadow.

*ii) Replacement of lower climbing wall panel*

Two quotes have been obtained for the replacement of the lower wall panel, Playdale would not quote as this is Sutcliffe play equipment.

Cllr Paget declared an interest in the above.

Members agreed that Mr Goodwin be asked to replace the climbing wall panel.

*iii) Budget 2023/2024*

The budget was circulated to the members of the Council along with a report explaining the proposals for the following years budget (see attached). Members accepted the budget and that the precept be increased by 16%.

Councillor J Walker MBE proposed that the precept be set at £55,100 for 2024/2025 accepted, Councillor W Judson seconded, seven councillors agreed this proposal Councillor Pizzey did not agree.

The parish council land line will be phased out and a mobile phone will be purchased for the Clerk as the land line is not used very much and the annual cost to the Council is £540.

*iv) Contract of Employment*

Due to the increase in salary for the Clerk as per the nalc 2023 agreement a new contract of employment is to be written for the Clerk and Groundsman.

*vi) Website Accessibility Statement*

Members agreed that the website accessibility statement be accepted, this to be put on the website.

*vi) Grit Bins*

Cllr L Pizzey to confirm which grit bins belong to the Parish Council. It was noted that it costs £120 to fill a grit bin from Derbyshire County Council.

*vii) Councillors to organise an email address for Parish Council business only*

Clerk to arrange email addresses for each councillor for Parish Council use only. First name.second name@smalleyparishcouncil

***140/23 Finance***

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

Cllr J Walker proposed the following invoices be paid, Cllr Judson seconded, and all members agreed.

Shelter Maintenance	£96.62
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£1677.00
NT Services	£404.77
Shelter Maintenance	£96.62
ICO renewal fee	£40.00
Derbyshire County Council – siting of bench	£105.00
Harlite installation of Christmas lights	£3695.98
Manutan – replacement of grit bin St Johns Road	£126.00
Hiscox Insurance addition to policy of cctv and Speed indicator	£27.31
Manutan – Grit Bin	£126.00
M Gallimore Chairmans Allowance	£9.06
P Goodwin – playground maintenance	£30.00
BT	£142.14
Eon	£46.82

Cllr J Ainsworth reported on the donations given to the Council for the purchase of trees to regenerate the Tavern Plantation.

Clerk to write to Cllr T Ainsworth to request funding for the additional costs of delivery, stakes and rabbit guards.

Cllr Ainsworth will arrange a day in March for the trees to be planted.

Grant applications to be put on the agenda for next month.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.