

**Smisby Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**Smisby Parish Council Attendance**

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)

Councillor Rob Hounslow

Councillor Simon Barnett

Councillor Sarah Rushman

Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

**Members of the public and other organisations**

District Councillor Michael Stanton

1 member of the public

1 Apologies

Councillor Mark Parnham, District Councillor Peter Smith, County Councillor Linda Chilton.

2 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Hewitt declared an interest in item 13.

3 Items identified to exclude public

None identified

4 Chairman's Communications

Councillor Hewitt extended our sympathies to County Councillor Chilton.

The first defibrillator training has been run by Ruth and had over 20 people attend. **Communication will be going out** to the Parish informing them of the defibrillator and how to use it including code etc.

5 Opportunity for public questions

Member of the public highlighted that there was a lot dog foul on the pavement directly outside the village hall tonight (12.07.16). All agree this **should be mentioned in the next newsletter.**

Member of the public enquired about the electrical box on the green. Now the tree has been removed they thought it looked unsightly. They wondered if it could be sunk in to the ground. All Parish Councillors agreed that over the months and years the box will blend in as the plants start to grow around it and that having the box in the ground would be problematic for access and would be expensive. Parish Councillors discussed the option of laying the

cable for the lights under the lawn, but they all agreed that they would see how it all worked at Christmas and then revise.

Member of the public flagged that there are still a lot of potholes, particularly on the way to Ticknell, on Main Street, Forties Lane and still going towards Ashby.

6 Approval of last minutes  
Approved.

7 Update on actions from previous minutes

District Councillor Stanton informed us that planning permission for theErection of garage at Church Barn, Chapel Street (Ref: 9/2016/0379) went through last week. District Councillor Stanton attended and thought that this was a good result. All Parish Councillors agreed, they added that they had been consistent in their responses and giving the Parish Councils opinion. It was stated that this result keeps everyone happy.

Outstanding actions were discussed but a record of these discussions has been recorded under the relevant item listed on the agenda or within the District Councillors Item.

8 Update on Village Green

Councillor Hounslow updated the group. Bloomin' Gardens have given a quote to replace rotten posts and replace with fewer but thicker posts. Current posts are 4x4 and they suggest to replace with 6x6. They will replace/add reflectors. They advised that fencing hinders the upkeep of the lawn and all agreed it will look better without chains.It was commented that the main aim is to prevent cars from being able to park on the green and that chains could always be added at a later date. Oak post for the plinth has been installed so the plaque can now be ordered.

Councillor Hounslow gave the group a draft mock-up of what the plaque could say. All discussed wording and made amendments which were agreed. All Councillors agreed that font should be sized and fit as appropriate and set in the middle. **Councillor Hounslow will make the amendments and email around Councillors for approval.** Material for the plaque was discussed. **Councillor Hounslow to get advice on material** but it was suggested that it would be nice to use the same material that was used on the Jubilee grounds and lock up so that the Parish all ties in together. It was thought that Carol Parnam ordered previous signs for these.

Costs were discussed. It was estimated that the works to the green are going to cost the Parish Council £1000 on top of what the Parochial Charity is

funding. **Councillor Barnett will take this item to be discussed at the next Parochial Charity meeting.** All councillors agreed that the work should go ahead. **Parish Clerk to claim VAT back and then claim the £966 fee from Blooming Gardens from the Parochial Charity. Clerk will email Councillor Barnett the appropriate receipts.**

9 Update on Chapel Street Works

The Parish Councillors reported back that they have had a number of meetings with Private/commercial contractors to get quotes on the works required. Horsby (a reputable contractor) gave an estimate quote of £16000 for doing the ground works, removing matting, laying tarmac and curbing along 1.8m.

Previously Derbyshire District Council estimated that remedial work would cost £9000. But as this was half of the areas budget this would not happen especially as money is not reaching the south of the district at the moment. Parish Councillors would be interested to know a break-down of this estimate so that they compare it to the commercial quote and then seek a like for like quote so they can see where provides best value. All Parish Councillors agreed that they do not want a temporary repair job. Parish Councillors mentioned that DDC seem reluctant to visit and engage in conversation therefore **Councillor Hewitt to send a strongly worded email to Ashworth** directly to seek a definitive decision arguing that this is the completion of an unfinished job.

Councillor Chilton had previously mentioned that this would need to come from capital budget if it was pursued. **Councillor Hewitt to seek an update from her** at a more respectful time.

It was asked if the Parochial Charity would be able to fund the works and it was stated that the Parochial Charity only offers funds which fill in the gaps of the public purse.

10 Defibrillator

It was reported to the group that the defibrillator had been purchased following an extraordinary meeting between Councillors Rushman, Hewitt, Barnett and Hounslow. Councillor Hewitt paid for the Defibrillator and heated cabinet that night and this will be reimbursed from the Parish Accounts. It has since arrived and the first round of training is complete. This was provided by Ruth Green to some members of the local community.

The fitting of the Defibrillator was discussed. It was asked if planning would be necessary as it was going on the outside of the Village Hall and in a conservation area. District Councillor Stanton reported that Ticknell have

recently fitted a defibrillator and they didn't get planning permission as it is an emergency facility.

It was confirmed that the defibrillator has an alarm inside the cabinet which can be deactivated by a code. This will give a certain level of security and ensure that it is used by the village not stolen.

**Communication will provided in the next newsletter but an interim flyer was discussed. It was agreed that a simple black and white door drop should be done through Carol Parnam.**

11 Village Hall Air Conditioning

Councillor Barnett reported that the planning was signed off on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. However, he now has to complete another application form to agree to one of the conditions and provide detail of the fencing (colour, material, construction). Another £97 fee. **Councillor Barnett will speak to planning before submitting drawings and form to ensure there are no more hidden fees.** He will also start getting the feedback on the walls when he returns from his holidays.

12 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)

Potholes were discussed in item 5.

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

The Felling and Pruning of trees at 1 Truro Cottage (Ref: 9/2016/0589) was discussed. Councillor Hewitt did not comment on this item. No objections were raised.

14 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors

District Councillor Stanton reported that Local Plan Part 1 was adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The second phase (Local Plan part 2) is now in progress which deals with smaller areas of development. He hasn't seen Smisby come up in anything yet as is seen as an unsustainable village (no shop, no transport, minimal services) and it is impossible to extend without spoiling as it is a conservation area and Brownfield sites are not listed as builders generally don't like them. If anything changes he will let the Parish Councillors know.

District Councillor Stanton mentioned the availability of a play mobile over the summer, but as there is a cost and there are not many children this was not discussed any further.

Councillor Hewitt mentioned that after the Parish Councillors cleaned the play equipment it was noticed that one of the baby swings brackets were starting to break. Councillor Hewitt but tape across the swing to show it was out of

use. Later a man in a yellow jacket was seen taking the swing away. As this is not a council park (it was paid for by the Parochial Charity) the Parish Councillors wondered who this would be and if it would be returned. District Councillor explained that it is the responsibility of the District Council to inspect even if it is not a council park. **District Councillor to investigate this and find out where the swing has gone and if they intend to fix/replace it.**

15 Clerks Report

Parish Clerk offered the hard copy of the Local Plan to everyone.

Parish Clerk has now received the Audit request for information and has discussed the issue of it not reaching her previously with Grant Thornton. They now have all current contact details. **Parish Clerk to complete the Audit forms and arrange for an external auditor to sign it off before arranging for the Chair to sign.** Parish Clerk explained to Grant Thornton that the next Parish Council meeting wasn't until September. Section 1 of the Audit signed off.

All other items of information have been emailed to Parish Councillors.

16 Statement of accounts

Parish Clerk shared to date overview for July 2016. Approved.

19 Approve payments

Payments approved as below.

Payee	Value	Reason/Invoice Number
E. Stroud	£331.56	Clerks Salary
S. Hewitt	£600	Defibrillator reimbursement
H. Salt	£50	Village Lengthsman (2/6)
D. Whitby	£40	Playground Inspections (2/6)
S. Hewitt	£68.90	Newsletter Printing
R. Hounslow	£50	White Line reimbursement
Village Hall	£90	Replacement cheque for Hire of Hall
Bloomin' Gardens	£966	Tree Landscaping
Bloomin' Gardens	£528	Grounds Maintenance (1/4)

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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30.

Signed: ..... Date: .....