

Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 14th November 2017

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 14th November 2017.

Smisby Parish Council Attendance

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)
Councillor Sarah Rushman (Vice Chair)
Councillor Mark Parnham
Councillor Rob Hounslow
Councillor Simon Barnett
Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

Members of the public and other organisations

County Councillor Linda Chilton, District Councillor Michael Stanton, District Councillor Peter Smith, 1 member of the public

1 Apologies

None

2 Declaration of Interest

None

3 Items identified to exclude public

None identified

4 Chairman's Communications

A warm welcome to everyone. Friday is the deadline for the Xmas event. There have not been many responses yet. Event is on the 2nd December 6pm.

5 Opportunity for public questions

It was noted that the bags of fly tipped rubbish on Forties Lane have been collected by the Dream Team and that the service was good.

6 Approval of last minutes

Approved.

7 Update on actions from previous minutes

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 and Lamp Post

Councillor Hounslow met Debbie from the lamp post organisation who said that we could not have a replica unless there is evidence there was one there before. The lamppost could be moved on to the pavement and put a post with signs on it could be on the village green. An estimate of £800 was given for moving the lamppost.

This meeting also questioned who actually owns the village green triangle, Parish Council, Parochial Charity or the District Council. **District councillors will check land registry and Councillor Parnham will contact Andrew Mosely** to help establish who owns it. All agreed that residents next to where the lamppost would be moved to should be consulted and possibly the whole village. This will not be a quick process. **Councillor Hounslow to continue conversations with Debbie.**

It was also noted that power needs to remain on the village green to power the lights to the Christmas Tree lights. The Christmas tree will be going up soon **Councillor Parnham arranging.**

In addition, it was flagged up that the village is very dark and residents feel vulnerable to crime. It was asked if any lamppost remain on after midnight, is it that they are being upgraded to LED. **County Councillor Chilton to look in to this and see if any can be left on.**

9 Interpretation Notice Boards – WI Centenary Challenge

Ongoing

10 BT Phone Box

It was confirmed that we now own the BT Phone box and can do it up. All agreed this should be done in the spring.

11 Update on Village Hall Windows

Thanks were given to District Councillor Stanton for his support at the planning meeting. Lisa Brown seemed to understand the inconsistencies, arguments and issues raised by Smisby Village Hall and the vote was unanimous. Windows should be installed before the AGM. **Councillor Hounslow to chase before he goes away.**

12 Update Hi-Speed Broadband

Kerry Bailey, Project Officer from Derbyshire County Council attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing issues with getting faster broadband in to the village. She gave a background in the broadband of Derbyshire.

Councillor Barnett explained what he has arranged so far and the remaining problems. He has also sent out a letter with all the details and options to the parishioners. Kerry is going to pursue these issues, seek possible alternatives and keep in contact with Councillor Barnett. She mentioned a few initiatives that may be of interest and passed over some contacts names. She is happy to take any questions from residents. **Councillor Barnett will send her a copy of what the village has currently got in place.**

13 Update Car Parking on Main Street

At the Village Hall Committee meeting it was agreed that all users should sign in and give registration number so that they can be located if needed, A weatherproof A-board to be put outside and inside saying 'are you sure you have parked ok?', 10ft rope introduced (if they are not certain there is enough space this can be tested with a rope. It is hoped that these measures will have an impact.

14 The Poplars boundary fence

Councillor Rushman found the original plans and proposals online. There was discussion about the wall, the fence and reinstating the hedge. District Councillor Smith will take the points to the planners but it needs to have the people in the house on board to have any weight. This case may not get very far as the plans have already been approved but the Parish Councils feels strongly that the original plans have not been met and do not fall in line with the village conservation area aesthetics. In addition, the path is unusable due to the collapsed wall – report to highways. All agreed to write to Harper Crewe initially to point out their disappointment in the finished product and the remaining problems. **Councillor Hewitt to draft and letter and Parish Clerk to send.**

15 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)

Potholes as usual.

16 War Memorial Cleaning update

The pre-application has been submitted. Councillor Barnett is now researching the history and will submit the full application at the end of November. Don't pay any VAT, may get approval for February. Funding between Parish Council and the Parochial Charity to be decided.

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

Councillors had no objections with the following applications.

9/2017/1081 – Change of Use industrial to dwelling at Cedar Lawn, Forties Lane.

18 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors

County Councillor gave an update including budget consultation has passed, tourism and its impact, Swarkstone Bridge, decluttering of signs on roads.

District Councillor Stanton gave an update including South Derbyshire Housing Plan (will be able to turn down large developments, will be reassessed in 2010) Part 2 in operation sites have been identified but are not set in stone.

District Councillor Smith had discussion about the Old Chapel planning application (9200150504). He will send through the notifications of variations, issues with internal changes **Councillor Hewitt to write a responses and Parish Clerk to send.**

19 Clerks Report

The Parish clerk advised that the grounds maintenance tender will be sent out and that the precept will be coming up soon.

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

20 Statement of accounts, including Audit information

Accounts distributed for this financial year to date along with a forecast for 2018.

21 Approve payments

Payments approved as below.

Payee	Cheque No	Reason/Invoice Number	Value
RBL Poppy Appeal	876	Poppy Wreath INV 30087339	£25.00
Kilworth Machinery	877	Envelopes and postage INV 32007	£50.93
Kilworth Machinery	878	Envelopes and postage INV 32289	£50.93
Bloomin Gardens	879	Grounds Maintenance INV 642349 (2nd Payment)	£528.00
S. Hewitt	880	Newsletter Printing	£33.80
S. Hewitt	881	Newsletter Printing	£104.00
H. Salt	882	Lengthsman (4th Payment)	£50.00
D. Whitby	883	Playground Inspection (4th Payment)	£40.00
E. Stroud	884	Clerks Salary (4th Payment)	
Grant Thornton	875	Audit INV 87376665	£120.00

The vice chair thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30.

Signed: Date: