

Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2019

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 14th May 2019.

Smisby Parish Council Attendance

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)

Councillor Simon Barnett

Councillor David Waters

Councillor Chris Taft

Councillor Sarah Rushman

Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

Members of the public and other organisations

District Councillor Kerry Haines, County Councillor Chilton and 6 members of the public

- 1 Appointment of Chair for 2019/20
Councillor Steve Hewitt stood for chair and this was proposed and seconded.

- 2 Appointment of Vice Chair for 2019/20
Councillor Sarah Rushman stood for Vice chair and this was proposed and seconded.

- 3 Apologies
District Councillor Andrew Churchill

- 4 Declaration of Interest
Councillor Barnett has a planning application submitted.

- 5 Approval of accounts as at 31st March 2019
Accounts were reviewed and authorised for the financial year.

- 6 Items identified to exclude public
None identified.

- 7 Chairman's Communications
A warm welcome to everyone especially to new District Councillor Haines and the new Parish Clerk Caroline. Further to vacancies within the Parish Council, there a couple of parishioners who are interested and will come to the July meeting. Another would still be needed in the future. Councillor Barnett and Waters will be leaving. Councillor Hewitt thanked them both for their commitment.

8 Opportunity for public questions

Darren Whitby asked if the Parish meeting could be moved to a different day so that it doesn't clash with Judo. The Parish Councillors will consider this (Judo is 5.30 to 8.30pm).

After the emotional feedback on facebook about the phone box the attendance by the public was expected to be higher. This sparked a discussion about whether the public know they can come and how best to advertise the meetings. All agreed the text at the bottom of the agenda saying 'the public are most welcome' could be larger text. Dates already appear on the website, and on the newsletter. The Councillors are reluctant to add this to social media due to the recent negativity.

9 Approval of last minutes

Approved.

10 Update on actions from previous minutes

Updates discussed in relevant agenda items.

11 Road Safety (B5006)

Councillor Taft updated the group. After registering incidents with Crest and being intouch with highways the Council has agreed to replace the rumble strip and repaint the white markings on the road. A number of other actions were discussed and were largely agreed by the council but are awaiting confirmation that they will be done including moving obscured 40 signs, backing them with yellow, grsduated triangle markings on the road, move Derbyshire watch your speed behind NWL sign and a second 40 sign further along the road.

12 BT Phone Box

The referendum results were announced.

All households within the parish were sent a voting form (over 120 households). 38 households participated.

25 (66%) households supported the relocation of the phone box to the Village Hall.

13 households (34%) were in favour of retaining the phone box on Chapel Street.

This item will be on the agenda at the next meeting for further discussion and project planning.

13 Crime Prevention

The Councillors have had valuable information from a Parish that has CCTV. There seem to be a lot of work and cost involved to maintain the running of the CCTV. There operations were explained. They have had it for over 10 years

and have only caught 1 dog fouler. There was discussion around it's value in Smisby

14 Holly Tree

The Holly tree over hanging a parishioner's garden from the jubilee grounds has been pruned by bloomin gardens.

15 Update Car Parking (No Parking sign)

Although the wording has been given to DDC the sign hasn't arrived yet. District Councillor Smith to chase.

16 The Poplars

County Councillor Chilton has not heard anything back yet. It was agreed that recent photos and follow up letter should be sent to Harper Crewe/Calke Estate.

17 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)

Potholes as usual – all to keep reporting. The more people report the more pressure the council are under to fix them.

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

Councillors had no objections with the planning applications for April and May 2019.

19 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors

County Councillor Chilton advised that a number of jobs have been reported on 'Do it now' and have reference numbers. She will also chase for a timeline regarding the B5006 safety work.

District Councillor Smith updated the group on the missing swing. A number of teams have been involved and the product is now on order from Holland. This was District Councillor Smiths last meeting. Everyone thanked him for his guidance and involvement.

20 Clerks Report

Please see attached documents. All other items of information have been emailed to Parish Councillors.

21 Grounds maintenance contracts

Pending

22 Review and agree insurance documents for 2019/20

Agreed and payment issued

23 Statement of accounts, including Audit information
 Accounts distributed for this financial year to date. Final balance sheet agreed for 2018/19 and the Audit form authorised and signed in the relevant section.

24 Approve payments
 Payments approved as below.

Payee	Value (£)	Reason/Invoice Number	Cheque No
H. Salt	50	Lengthsman	933
D. Whitby	40	Playground Inspection	932
E. Stroud	353.16	Salary	934
S. Hewitt	101.36	Newsletter printing	935
Kilworth Machinery	52.12	Newsletter and Vote Postage	936
Bloomin Gardens	360	Over hanging tree	937
E. Stroud	40.16	Clerks expenses	938
BHIB	402.30	Insurance	939
Village Hall	90	Meeting room hire	940

25 Set dates for 2019/20 parish meetings
 3rd July (Wednesday) 2019 re arranged for 5th August (Monday)
 10th September 2019
 12th November 2019
 7th January 2020
 10th March 2020
 12th May 2020 (including AGM)
 14th July 2020

The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7.30.

Signed: Date: