

Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 8th May 2018

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 8th May 2018.

Smisby Parish Council Attendance

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)

Councillor Simon Barnett

Councillor Vacancy

Councillor Rob Hounslow

Councillor Sarah Rushman

Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

Members of the public and other organisations

County Councillor Linda Chilton, District Councillor Peter Smith, 5 members of the public

1 Appointment of Chair for 2018/19

Councillor Steve Hewitt nominated and seconded. All agreed.

2 Appointment of Vice Chair for 2018/19

Councillor Sarah Rushman nominated and seconded. All agreed.

3 Apologies

District Councillor Michael Stanton.

4 Declaration of Interest

None identified.

5 Approval of accounts as at 31st March 2018

Approved.

6 Items identified to exclude public

None identified.

7 Chairman's Communications

Welcome to everyone. Councillor Hewitt explained that there would be changes to the Parish Council over the next year as Councillors leave the Parish. He encouraged parishioners to get involved and apply for vacancies. Councillor Parnham has already resigned, this being his last official meeting, and therefore an advert will be placed soon. **Emma to raise vacancy with SDDC and process accordingly.** All said thankyou to Councillor Parnham for his dedication over the last 14 years (he confirmed he can still be contacted for the Xmas tree and he still has a bench to erect!). It is hoped that there will be

some continuity as the new team learns the ropes, as both chair and vice chair have committed to their roles for the next 6-9 months and the vice chair has agreed to chair when necessary until May 2019. It will depend on numbers of interest whether an election will be necessary.

8 Opportunity for public questions

Number of pot holes has increase over the bad weather. They are County's responsibility and it is everyone's responsibility to report them and pin point them using the online 'Report it' facility (you can also use 'Fix my street'. The reports there are the better. There has been a rise in people claiming compensation, which takes time to investigate and cyclists are in danger. County Councillor Chilton advised that they now have a team out about filling potholes and they have the right to fill ones that they see on their route that haven't been reported. There will be following a priority scheme with main roads at the top and then on the depth and width of the hole. External companies are sometimes used for better value, but the parish asked if their work was ever checked/monitored afterwards?

Hazel asked if we have a PCSO how to contact. She was advised to call 101 and use twitter.

Flytipping has increased since the tips charge for disposal. Several issue have been reported in our area and people are getting fined. Culprits tend to be people out of the area. It was confirmed that the local tips are Newhall, Lount and Coalville with 7 days a week being covered across tips. For example, when Lount is closed for 2 days Coalville is open. All agreed that it doesn't make sense to boarder restrictions on postcode etc. as it increases likelihood of fly tipping. Parishioners were advised that they were at liberty to write to there MP with concerns and issues. This is a nationwide concern.

Dog fouling is still a problem, will be added to the newsletter.

Parishioner Peggy would like to commemorate the end of the first world war centenary by buying an 6ft long oak bench for the village with a plaque for Smisby Land Army. She would like to pay for this personally but would like to know who she needs to contact. County Councillor Chilton will pass this request to planning for advice. She also mentioned that there maybe the possibility for a grant towards it. A location was discussed as this is likely to need planning permission. Replacing the existing bench at the bottom of the church wouldn't need planning.

It was reported that the grass was cut last Monday but that it is too long and the pitch needs cutting shorter. Mr Whitby would like to get a goal net and ball stop for the girls football team as there is no fencing. The Councillors requested

more information about what he would like to include the size and cost. **Mr Whitby has some information from Active Derbyshire that he will send the Councillor Hewitt who will then forward it to District Councillor Smith.** It was suggested that the Parochial Charity may be able to fund this.

A member of the public raised that there is £20 in a dormant account left over from the Neighbourhood Watch many years ago. She asked who should have it. All agreed this could go towards new defibrillator pads. **This will have to be documented formally as a donation** (letter in and out to accept). The Neighbourhood watch has dissolved, most areas have also folded.

9 Approval of last minutes

Approved.

10 Update on actions from previous minutes

Updates discussed in relevant agenda items.

11 Confirm grounds maintenance

All agreed to continue with Bloomin Gardens quote for 2018/19 and to pay per extra cut over the winter. **Emma to get a price for putting the lines down for the football pitch.**

12 Chapel Street wear and tear - review

All agree that this work still seems to be ok. There is still the option to add oak posts if it deteriorates over the years.

13 BT Phone Box

It was suggested that the Parish buys a newly refurbished phone box rather than doing the existing one up. There could be potential to get a grant towards this. The option to move the phone box was also discussed. Both options to be canvassed to the parishioners like the process of removing the tree last year. There would also need to be a site meeting about viable locations.

14 Servicing of defibrillator

Councillor Hewitt still to look in to this and contact the supplier. District Councillor Smith asked for him to be contacted if we struggle.

15 Car Parking on Chapel Street and Main Street

The Council wrote to residents about the parking problems on Chapel Street (houses 21 to 29 and all cottages) – District Councillor Smith to send a copy of the letter to County Councillor Chilton/civil parking officers. It is thought that there are people who didn't receive the letter who are parking inconsiderably. Users of the village hall are still a problem. All agreed to wait until building work

settle down to see how it changes. All agreed that a sign about parking should be put on the telegraph pole.

16 Hi-Speed Broadband

Councillor Barnett updated the group. A green box has turned up and this should be up and running by the end of June.

17 Update the Poplars boundary fence

The Councillors have still not heard back after the letter was sent. The fence is still of concern and the issue is ongoing.

18 Update on Village Green Lamp Post

Councillor Hounslow updated the group. This is all in hand and due to cost £1100 which the Parochial Charity may fund. The signpost to go the middle is due to be metal, can we have an oak one? As it's a conservation area it should be like for like but there is already an oak one in the woods. Need to arrange a final site meeting and inform immediate neighbours about the change, although the new LED light should be none intrusive. County Councillor Chilton advised that Smisby is due to have the rest of its lights changed to LED in 2019 but this may have been brought forward.

19 Update of war memorial cleaning

Councillor Barnett updated the group. Smisby has been given a grant and the memorial has been pencilled in for cleaning.

20 Update Interpretation Notice Board – WI Centenary Challenge

All in hand, proofs nearly finished.

21 Managing transitional period of Smisby Parish Council

Discussed in chairman communications.

22 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)

Potholes as usual. Discussed under public questions.

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

Councillors had no objections with the planning applications for April and May 2018

24 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors

District Councillor Smith congratulated the Parish Councillors on being an excellent team and getting results. They will be sadly missed.

25 Clerks Report

Please see attached documents.

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

26 Review and agree insurance documents for 2018/19

Agreed.

27 Statement of accounts, including Audit information

Accounts distributed for this financial year to date. Audit in progress and due to be submitted in July. Section 1 approved and exemption signed.

28 Approve payments

Payments approved as below.

Payee	Value	Reason/Invoice Number	Cheque No
H. Salt	50	Lengthsman	898
D. Whitby	40	Playground Inspection	899
Smisby Village Hall	90	Hire of Hall for meetings	903
E. Stroud	331.56	Salary	900
Bloomin Gardens	528	Grounds Maintenance	901
BHIB Limited	409.89	Insurance	902

29 Set dates for 2017/18 parish meetings

10th July 2018

11th Sept 2018

13th Nov 2018

8th Jan 2019

12th Mar 2019

14th May 2019

9th July 2019

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 10th July 2018 at 7.30.

Signed: Date: