

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting 13th July 2021

Smisby Parish Council Attendance: Councillors Rushman (Chair), Taft, Cuming and Brooke.
Parish Clerk Caroline Crowder

Members of the public and other organisations: District Councillor Churchill, County Councillor Muller, Parochial Charity Trustee Robert Hounslow and two members of the public

1. Smisby Parish Council Meeting Risk Assessment

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the risk assessment.

2. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Das unavailable due to course attendance. District Councillor Haines due to annual leave.

3. Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

None.

4. Any Agenda items that should be taken with the public excluded

None.

5. Chairman's Communications

Councillor Rushman advised that the grant application to East Midlands Airport for work on the Smisby Lockup had been successful. This grant only covers part of the amount needed for the repairs; the Parochial Charity would be approached for the rest. **Action the Clerk to write to the Parochial Charity.** She had been approached by a member of the public reporting a style that was broken and unsafe. Councillors Cuming and Brooke offered to assist the land owner with the repairs needed. The Chair has signed the draft lease for the Jubilee field and has returned to the Parochial Charity Clerk.

6. Clerks Report

The Clerk advised that the external auditor had acknowledged the certificate of exemption and if they are not approached by anybody within the consultation period then no further action was needed.

7. Public Questions and Comments

A member of the public expressed their concern for the noisy night flights out of East Midlands Airport, and asked what action could be taken. County Councillor Muller advised that with the Freeport going ahead at the airport the number of flights was likely to increase. He suggested that the Parish Council and individuals could write to the airport, lobby Heather Wheeler MP and also respond to the government consultation. For those wishing to see the consultation please follow this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flights-restrictions-at-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-beyond-2024-plus-national-night-flight-policy>

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The closing date for the consultation is 3 September. District Councillor Churchill advised that SDDC will put together a response to the consultation which will come to their Environmental committee in August for approval.

8. Approval of Minutes from Smisby Parish Council Meeting held on 6th May 2021
All Councillors approved and the Chair signed the minutes.

9. Parochial Charity Communications

Robert Hounslow thanked the Chair for the return of the signed draft lease, this is now with Fisher German legal department to progress. Work on the football pitch is continuing and the hope is that it will be ready for the start of the season in September. The Charity have appointed Rathbones of London as their new financial advisers, they meet with them next week. They are selling a piece of land and are hoping to use the money raised from this to purchase some land local to Smisby, which they would then rent out. He asked that if anybody knows of any land to let him know. A bench is being purchased in memory of Jeff Barnes, this being jointly funded by the Charity and donations. Councillor Rushman asked him if he could take back to the Charity that the Council wished to apply for funding on the Smisby Lockup maintenance work.

10. Platinum Jubilee Beacon and Liaising with the Village

Councillor Rushman asked all present to consider if they wished to assist in organising an event to celebrate the Jubilee next year. Her suggestion was a beacon and a bonfire.

11. Parochial Charity

No further comments.

12. Village Hall

The Chair advised that all Council meetings are now back to in person, in the Village Hall. As the Village Hall was now reopening it was to be expected that parking issues may arise again.

13. Newsletter

The next edition of the newsletter will be published online next week, with some copies being placed in the telephone box and two copies being delivered to households as requested in the parish.

14. Parish Field

See section 5.

15. Drains, Flooding and Highways

Councillor Taft reported that he and Councillor Cuming had recently met with DCC Highways to review the issues still being experienced in the parish. High-capacity grates have been installed at the bottom of Forties Lane and repairs have been completed on Main Street. A recent heavy downpour had caused problems with the drains as they were blocked. He and a member of the public had gone out and cleared them to allow the water to run down. DCC advised they had contacted the land owner who fields had the run off and advised them to install french drains. Councillor Taft has written again to DCC Highways asking the

to reinstate the agreed monthly inspection and road sweeps. DCC Highways had looked at the parking issue on Chapel Street and advised if the Council wished this to be officially turned into parking, then they would need to apply for the conversion of use. They had agreed that if the Council wish to have a H bar on the road by the access to the Jubilee Field that this could be done. Councillor Brookes asked if parking in the Jubilee Field had been considered for residents. A member of the public advised that they believed it had previously been considered but not considered as a good solution. DCC Highways have advised that the pavement near the Poplars could not be reinstated as disabled access due to the lamppost siting and no drop kerbs. They had also expressed that they wished the tree stumps to be removed from the end of Forties Lane. Repairs have taken place on parts of the pavement on the road into Ashby.

16. Community Speed Watch

Councillor Cuming advised that as the restrictions from Covid were now about to be lifted he had been informed that training would now be allowed to take place. Before this could happen, the necessary equipment would need to be purchased, he estimated this to cost £441.00. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the purchase of the equipment.** Once the equipment has been purchased, he can then book in a training session in the Village Hall. Volunteers are needed and he asked the Chair to put this into the newsletter.

17. Planning Applications

No comments.

18. District and County Councillor Reports

- a. District Councillor Churchill advised of the issue experienced around Foremark reservoir in June. He advised that all the relevant authorities were aware of the situation and working to ensure this did not happen again. Hospitality is opening up again, and there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour at the local public houses, and no issues whilst the Euro 2020 was on. Download has gone ahead this year with reduced capacity and no issues have been experienced. Area Forums were currently suspended due the legislation that they could only be held face to face and the District Council not having measures in place to ensure that these could as yet happen safely. He believed they would start again the autumn.
- b. County Councillor Muller introduced himself as this was his first meeting in Smisby since being elected. He advised that there were new team members in the Highways department and he hoped this would mean that the Smisby issues were addressed. He recommended that any issues were reported to DCC either via their website or by calling them in. He believes that the Freeport would bring some issues locally around the Toyota site. The previous County Councillor Linda Chilton was to be given the honour of alderman of Derbyshire. He has a generous community fund and welcomed any applications to him. **Action the Clerk to formally write to him asking for funding for the speed watch equipment.**

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19. Dates of Future Meetings

14th September 2021

9th November 2021

20. Payment Approval

Clerk's salary	Clerk	£413.41
Tax and NI	HMRC	£154.80
Bloomin' Gardens	Grounds Maintenance	£432.00
Playground inspections	D Whitby	£40.00
Lengthsman	H Salt	£60.00

21. Payments Received

Precept	SDDC	£2737.00
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22. Communications Received Since Last Meeting

- a. NALC: Chief executive's bulletin x 8; Events x 10; NALC STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2021 x 2; Youth Survey; Newsletter x 5; coronavirus update
- b. DALC: Training Reminder; DALC update for councils on high court ruling regarding holding of remote meetings x 3; May Newsletter; Training Reminder and Latest Courses; June Newsletter; Playground Inspection Training Course - 7 September 2021; New Training Course - Understanding Procurement and Writing Simple Contracts & Agreements; Newsletter for July 2021; Training Reminder - Code of Conduct - Understanding Planning; Cyber Crime and Fraud awareness training - Free!!; THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS - 2ND JUNE 2022
- c. DCC: Community News - 17 May 2021; 2021 05 11 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2021-22; Domestic Abuse Surveys; Road Closure: Annwell Lane, Smisby; 14 June – News from Derbyshire County Council – Extra funding for community groups, Nutrition and Hydration Week, Talk Fostering; Mobile library Routes 26 July to 20 August; Local List Consultation 2021
- d. SDDC: Flood Liaison Meeting Minutes 01.03.21; Members' briefing: Podback scheme; Active Communities and Health Team Newsletter Spring 2020; Flood Lion Meeting; Derbyshire Community Heroes Roll of Honour 2021; Area Forum Meetings: Active South Derbyshire Sports Pass and Grant Scheme - OPEN
- e. District Councillor Churchill: Useful Contacts
- f. Councillor Cuming: 20s Plenty for Derbyshire
- g. Debbie White: Derbyshire Victim Services
- h. Police: Reporting parking issues
- i. CVS: The Latest News from South Derbyshire CVS x3; From Liz Gumbley - South Derbyshire CVS re Funding Opportunities; Befriending & Social Activities in Derbyshire - Referrers Survey; Helping Groups and Organisations Move Forward through Covid-19
- j. Jaz Aldi team at Neighbourly: ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH | Opportunity to collect surplus food donations
- k. Parochial Charity – Jubilee Field Draft Lease

Sum

The Chair thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14th September 2021 in Smisby Village Hall.

Signed:  Date: 14.9.21