

**Smisby Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting

**Smisby Parish Council Attendance**

Councillors Rushman, Cuming, Das and Brooke. Parish Clerk Caroline Crowder

**Members of the public and other organisations**

District Councillors Haines and Churchill, County Councillor Chilton and one member of the public

1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Taft

2 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

None

3 Any Agenda items that should be taken with the public excluded

None

4 Chairman's Communications

- a. Councillor Rushman had recently joined a DALC chairs meeting where it had been discussed that it may be possible in future to run a mixed meeting (physical and virtual). It was also highlighted that continuing to hold a virtual meeting meant that attendees could join from anywhere in the world.
- b. The proposed purchaser of the telephone box had spoken to her and advised that she was making plans to have it disconnected from the electricity to allow her to move it.
- c. A member of the public had approached her about the parking situation in Smisby, in respect of approaching the nursery to see if they were willing to open their car park to the public.
- d. The defibrillator pads at the Village Hall expire at the end of this month. **All councillors agreed to the purchase and replacement of these by Councillor Rushman.**

5 Clerks Report

None

6 Public Questions and Comments

None

7. Approval of Minutes from Smisby Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**All Councillors approved and the Chair will digitally sign after the meeting.**

8. Telephone Box

- a. Councillor Taft was unable to attend the meeting, there was therefore no update on the tenders for the work needed for the new telephone box.

- b. Councillor Rushman advised that the Parochial Charity had verbally agreed to fund the new telephone box. The clerk had spoken to the council insurers who advised that it would be covered on the council insurance even though it is to be sited on the Smisby Village Hall land, as long as we had permission to site there. The Village Hall have emailed the clerk to say they give this permission.
- c. Peggy Moore has agreed to the purchase of the old telephone box and to undertake the work and costs needed to move this.

#### 9. Grounds Maintenance Contract 2020/21

- a. Due to the urgent need to agree the contract this had been agreed via email from the majority of the councillors. **All councillors formally agreed to accept the new quote from Bloomin' Gardens for this year's maintenance contract.**
- b. It was discussed that as the play field was owned by the parochial charity that maybe they should pay or contribute towards the maintenance. The lease of the field by the parish council from them was also discussed and should this charge be reduced or waived, as the funds from the parish council could be used elsewhere for the benefit of the village. **Councillor Brooke agreed to document a letter to the parochial charity and forward to the Clerk to officially send to out.**

#### 10. Parking

- a. Councillor Rushman had been asked by the public to look into extra parking being created where a hedge had been removed in the village. This work would need to be agreed and undertaken by DCC Highways. **Action Clerk to email DCC Highways and County Councillor Chilton to request they investigate this with the view to holding a site meeting.**
- b. Parking issues have eased slightly during lockdown due to the village hall and the pub not being open. As the pub has now reopened and some of the car parking facilities not current available there, and the prospect of the village hall reopening in the near future, parking spaces will become an issue again. Councillor Rushman had been approached by a member of the public to see if the council agreed to approach the nursery with the view of them opening their car park to the public. This was discussed by the councillors, with advice being given by District and County Councillors reference insurance and double white/yellow lines. Agreement was gained for **Councillor Cuming to informally approach the nursery with respect of them opening their car park to the public.**

#### 11. Smisby Lockup Door

Councillor Taft had spoken the South Derbyshire District Council about the door and had gained advise about how it could be treated. He had noticed that there was some damage that may need attention. Councillor Rushman advised that this could be discussed more at the next council meeting. **Action Clerk to add to the agenda of the next meeting.**

#### 12. Communication

Councillor Rushman has produced two newsletters during her time as chair. She has received feedback that some community groups had not been included in the last one, this was due to the urgent nature of issuing out at the start of Covid-19 lockdown. She asked for the councillor's thoughts on the continuation of producing the newsletter with respect for

charging for adverts (no charges had been made for the two she had produced), whether we needed a physical newsletter posted out to all or could this be reduced to try and reduce costs. After much discussion it was agreed for **the clerk to write to the advertisers and see if they would be willing to pay for their adverts. Also, to write to the community groups to ask for their contributions to the next letter.** Once the new telephone box was installed the council discussed that they could have physical newsletters in there for anybody wishing to pick one up and then publish online also, therefore cutting down on the amount needing to be printed and no postage costs.

### 13. Current Planning Applications

- a. Councillor Cuming had sent in comments on behalf of the council for planning application DMPA/2019/1316.
- b. No other planning comments or objections.

### 14. District and County Councillor Updates

- a. County Councillor Chilton, had looked into the ownership of grit bins after District Councillor Churchill had raised a case with DCC for one that had been broken on the hill between Ticknall and Smisby. She had found that the two in Smisby village were owned by the Smisby Parish Council, but not the one that had been reported, although DCC believe that they do not own this one. **Action County Councillor Chilton to discuss with Ticknall Parish Council if they own this grit bin.** She updated the group on the double white and yellow lines that had been installed along the road next to the Foremark reservoir as an emergency traffic order due to the dangerous parking.
- b. District Councillor Haines, they have seen an increase in fly tipping up by 40%, she encouraged the public to report any instances seen to SDDC. There is now a new head of planning in office, Stefan Saunders.
- c. District Councillor Churchill, advised he had recently been running around the Smisby parish and the drains that have seen issues all appeared to be working correctly. The district council were now catching up with their meetings as they had moved to virtual ones. He reported that Bretby Parish Council had produced a business continuity plan.

### 15. Dates of Future Meetings

8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (to be held virtually)

10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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16. Approval of Payments

Payee	Value (£)	Reason/Invoice Number	BACS/Cheque No
HMRC	150.80	Employer payment for April/May/June 2020	BACS
C J Crowder	402.20	Clerk Salary (May and June 2020)	BACS
D Whitby	40.00	Playground inspection (July and August 2020)	BACS
H Salt	50.00	Lengthsman (July and August 2020)	BACS
C J Crowder	14.39	Zoom meeting	BACS
C J Crowder	1.30	Postage	BACS
Bloomin' Gardens	4.32	Grounds Maintenance quarterly invoice	BACS

**All Councillors agreed to the payments, Clerk to pay digitally.**

17. Payments Received

Second instalment of Precept from SDDC 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 £2,606.50

18. Communications received since last meeting

- a. NALC x 6
- b. DALC x 12
- c. County Councillor Linda Chilton x 5
- d. CVS x 2
- e. DCC x 5
- f. SDDC x 10
- g. District Councillor Churchill x 4
- h. Police x 1
- i. District Councillor Haines x 1
- j. BHIB Insurers x 1
- k. Betel x 1

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 8th September 2020 to be held virtually.

Signed: .....  ..... Date: .....09/09/2020.....