

Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 11th September 2018

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 11th September 2018.

Smisby Parish Council Attendance

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)

Councillor Simon Barnett

Councillor David Waters

Councillor Rob Hounslow

Councillor Sarah Rushman

Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

Members of the public and other organisations

District Councillor Michael Stanton, 3 members of the public

1 Apologies

District Councillor Peter Smith and County Councillor Linda Chilton.

2 Declaration of Interest

None identified.

3 Items identified to exclude public

None identified.

4 Chairman's Communications

Welcome to everyone to the meeting. Continuing on from the last meeting 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. The Newsletter has been sent out which had articles about the phone box, vacancies, defibrillator, SDDC sign on telegraph pole for no parking at the end of Chapel Street. Parish Clerk to upload old newsletters on to website.

5 Opportunity for public questions

Member of the public reported that dog mess is still a problem in the village and would like it to be featured in the next newsletter. It appears to be a late night and early morning issue. Could display 'Yuk' signs.

Pot holes still an issue and there is a large crack down the middle of Annwell Lane.

It was reported that the swing in the park hasn't been replaced yet.

The Parish Council advised that they awaiting further information about the goal stop before either submitting for a grant or committing to funding it.

The noise on Sunday afternoons from motor bikes racing neary was raised. The issue was discussed and it is believed to fall under NWLDC. Can Police be notified? Can regularity be monitored?

6 Approval of last minutes

Approved.

7 Update on actions from previous minutes

Updates discussed in relevant adenda items.

8 Hi-Speed Broadband

Councillor Barnett updated the group. Migrations should be happening very soon. Councillor Barnett will chase for updates and test speeds. Costs have been recovered for Parochial Charity.

9 Update BT Phone Box

An article about the proposal to move the village red telephone box has been published in the last newsletter. All agreed that there needs to be a vote whether to relocate or not. A new location will make it more visible for the village and more accessible as a book exchange. **Councillor Hewitt to explain the options in the news letter and ask for a vote** (as done with the tree).

10 Condition of 25 Chapel Street

This is a Council Property. It has come to the Parish Councils attention that the kitchen and bathroom in-particular are in an appalling state and need refurbishing. 2 other houses have been refurbed in the last 2 years. **Councillor Hewitt to write a letter to the Council to request. District Councillor Stanton to contact District Councillor Smith and keep Councillor Hounslow in the loop.**

11 Car Parking on Chapel Street and Main Street

Parking still making visibility and safety difficult. Signs for 'safe drivers' and 'children playing' were discussed for awareness.

12 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. Work to build a wall has been seen but it is believed that this was not the correct type of wall. It is believed that a dry wall specialist is being sourced so that the wall is aesthetically pleasing for the village.

- 13 Managing transitional period of Smisby Parish Council
As Councillor Hounslow has now resigned and Councillor Hewitts resignation is pending the Parish Council is still trying to encourage parishioners to apply.
Parish Clerk to advertise before the next meeting.

All agreed that it is important not to lose the power of having a Parish Council. All agreed that the Parish Council needs a wider variety of people. One Parishioner attended the meeting and could become a councillor. Parish Council needs 5 Councillors to run but only 3 to make decisions.

- 14 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)
Potholes as usual. Discussed under public questions.
- 15 To discuss and agree any response to the following Planning Applications
Councillors had no objections with the planning applications for August and September 2018.
- 16 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors
None
- 17 Clerks Report
Please see attached documents. All other items of information have been emailed to Parish Councillors.
- 18 Statement of accounts, including Audit information
Accounts distributed for this financial year to date
- 19 Approve payments
Payments approved as below.

Payee	Value (£)	Reason/Invoice Number	Cheque No
H. Salt	50	Lengthsman	910
D. Whitby	40	Playground Inspection	911
S. Hewitt	79.50	Newsletter printing	914
E. Stroud	353.16	Salary	912
Parochial Charity	310	Jubilee Field Rent	913
Kilworth Machinery	52.12	Newsletter distribution	915

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 13th November 2018 at 7.30.

Signed: Date: