

Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 10th January 2017

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 10th January 2017.

Smisby Parish Council Attendance

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)

Councillor Simon Barnett

Councillor Sarah Rushman

Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

Members of the public and other organisations

County Councillor Linda Chilton, District Councillor Peter Smith, 1 member of the public

1 Apologies

Councillor Mark Parnham, District Councillor Michael Stanton, Councillor Rob Hounslow.

2 Declaration of Interest

None identified.

3 Items identified to exclude public

None identified

4 Chairman's Communications

Happy New Year. Councillor Hewitt hopes that Smisby newsletter will be out towards the end of January.

5 Opportunity for public questions

It was noted that there will soon be lots of vans and construction vehicles in the village as work starts on the new church roof in January. It will take approximately 3 months to complete. **This will be added to the newsletter.**

Cigarette butts are becoming a problem outside a rented house in the parish.

6 Approval of last minutes

Approved.

7 Update on actions from previous minutes

It was also asked if it needs registering with the NHS. Councillor Rushman has registered the defibrillator with the NHS.

Outstanding actions were discussed but a record of these discussions has been recorded under the relevant item listed on the agenda or within the District Councillors Item.

- 8 Update on Village Green and Lamp Post
All agreed that the village green looks fantastic. Councillor Chilton requested some photos of the existing lamp post and possible lamp posts for her to pursue funding. **Councillor Hounslow to do research in to LED Lamp Posts.**
- 9 Update on Chapel Street Works
Chapel Street works is now completed. All agreed that a fantastic job has been done and that is a vast improvement. **Councillor Hewitt intends to write a thank you letter.** It now needs to be looked after. Everyone agreed to keep an eye on it and report any mistreatment, for example waste trucks going up the curb (is there enough room?). The top soil and grass seed is yet to take so needs care, adding cones might be a good idea to prevent vehicle mounting the curb. It was thought that **taking photos of Chapel Street** now would be a good idea so that if any builders damage the area then they can be held accountable. Residents have also been asked to park on the curb opposite where possible.
- 10 Village Hall Air Conditioning
Councillor Barnett confirmed that the Air Conditioning is now complete.
- 11 BT Phone Box
Parish Clerk has submitted the relevant forms and will now **continue with the next steps** by completing the form, requesting for the electrics to be retained and to send off a cheque for £1.
- 12 Precept 2017/18
All agreed a slight increase to the precept request to allow for a rise in overheads of the parish (ie grounds maintenance increase). Parish Clerk to complete and send off forms with a request of £4914 precept.
- 13 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)
There is still a big pothole on Forties Lane. Also the hole in the pavement on Burton Road near the Tap House (SDDC side of road) is still there. It was thought that it would be in the Councils interest to fill it before a runner has an accident.
- 14 To discuss and agree any response to the following Planning Applications
The following planning deadlines expired before the January meeting but Councillors had no objections.

9/2016/1060 – Felling of Tree at Cherry Tree Croft - No Objections
9/2016/1176 – Replacement Porch at Fir Tree Cottage – No Objections

It was also mentioned that the Gold Handwash in NWL is going through planning to be a workshop.

Smisby was also given the opportunity to comment on the Alpaca Farm planning – No Objections.

15 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors

County Councillor Chilton noticed a street light (on Heath Lane) hidden in conifers that could be a contributing factor to traffic accidents in the area as this is a black spot and speeding area. She advised that such reports now need to be reported via the 'Do it now' interactive map on the DDC website as do potholes. She urged that everything should be reported. If car debris is noticed this should also be reported and the clean team will remove it.

County Councillor Chilton informed the group of 'Clear out your old electricals'. Take old or broken electricals to your local tip in exchange for a golden ticket which could win £'s. The nearest SDDC tip for Smisby is Newall. In addition it was noted that tips will charge for demolition waste from now on - £3 per bag of rubble.

Dial a bus was discussed (transport for the elderly). Let County Councillor Chilton know if there maybe any interest from residents in Smisby.

District Councillor Smith updated the group of South Derbyshire Local Plan 1/2 planning appeal which was won as the housing permissions have already been granted for the next 5 years 2017-21. They will continue to challenge every application for more houses and intend to decline all large ones not already granted.

District Councillor Smith advised of the following events:

17th January, 7.30-9pm Street Names and Chimney Pots, Historical Talk, Repton Village Hall

Job Hunting Advice workshops: Starting Monday 23rd and every Monday thereafter with the last session on February 13. At Etwall Library helping with CV writing, covering letters and application forms, as well as searching and applying for work online. Sessions are on a drop in basis between 2pm and 4pm, however it is advised that anyone wanting support to help complete a CV should book an appointment by calling the Old Post Centre in Newell on 01283 552263. Etwall Library is also hosting computer sessions from 2pm

until 3.15pm and 3.30pm until 4.45pm on Wednesdays throughout January and February which aim to give people the help and advice they need to use a computer to its full potential.

31st January, 6.15pm Safer Neighbourhood and Area Forum, Repton Village Hall

2nd February, Harry Potter Night from 5-6.30pm Sharpes Pottery and Swadlincote Library. Suitable for 7+

14th February, from 2pm Signs of Spring - Wildlife Watch, Rosliston Forestry Centre.

Smisby Councillors enquired if there had been any further news on the Old Chapel/Old Barn application that go through planning. It was noticed that this had now been taken off internal reports – **District Councillor Smith to investigate.**

15 Clerks Report

The Parish Clerk will send out request for grounds maintenance tenders to Bloomin Gardens, Help at Hand and one other.

A good visual map has been added to the notice board showing how to report issues and who is responsible for what in SDDC.

The Parish Clerk gave the group a copy of the finances to date.

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

16 Statement of accounts

Parish Clerk shared to date overview for January 2017. Approved.

19 Approve payments

Payments approved as below.

Payee	Value	Reason/Invoice Number	Cheque No
H. Salt	50	Lengthsman	842
D. Whitby	40	Playground Inspection	843
Philip Hamlet	6088.80	Village Green Works	841
Bloomin' Gardens	528	Grounds Maintenance	844
E. Stroud	294.72	Salary	845
E. Stroud	62.48	Expenses	846
BT	1	Phone Box Adoption	847

S. Barnett	24.80	Christmas lights timer	848

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 14th March 2017 at 7.30.

Signed: Date: