

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 9th March 2021

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

Members of the public and other organisations: District Councillors Churchill and Haines, County Councillor Chilton, Parochial Charity Trustee Robert Hounslow and one member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

None received

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

None.

5. Clerks Report

- a. Clerk was over paid by 1 penny in July 2020 and 1 penny in September 2020, two pence will be taken from clerks pay for March 2021 payment.
- b. Payment schedule should have read £413.41 for clerk salary on 12th January 2021, corrected in accounts.
- c. Minutes for 14th July 2020 meeting payment to Bloomin' Gardens should have read £432.00 not £4.32
- d. Clerk on annual leave 29th March – 9th April (this is annual leave from 2020-21 which the chair has approved to be carried over to the 2021-22)
- e. May meeting can go back to normal slot of 11th. **All Councillors agreed to keep as the advertised date of 18th May.**

1. Public Questions and Comments

Lengthsman thanks the council for their pay increase and advised that they thought the new telephone box looked amazing.

2. Approval of Minutes from Smisby Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2021

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



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1. Parochial Charity Communications

Robert Hounslow thanked the chair for being invited to the meeting and for the nomination from the Council for his trustee position on the Parochial Charity. There had been one other vacancy which the charity had filled with Paul Cooper from Smisby Manor. He thanked the

Chair for the letter the charity had received from her on behalf of the Council. He had replied to the letter advising that the charity would help fund any future projects, the council must however seek alternative funding before being able to approach them to fund. He thanked the Council for the work on the telephone box which he said looked stunning. The charity is looking at quotes for reseeding, repairing or returfing the parish field, which they will fund. Councillor Brooke advised that before any work is done, they must gain the Council's agreement as the leasee of the field, as any work could have an impact on our ground's maintenance.

2. Policies, Risk and Asset Register Review

After discussion over the playground equipment, insurance, state of the field and playing field lease, **all councillors agreed to the updates on the policies, but wished the asset register and risk assessment to stay as work in progress until the items discussed had been resolved.** It was discussed to get a small skip onto the field which could then be filled up with items that should not be on the field by asking for community help to fill. **Action Clerk to get three quotes for a small skip.**

3. War Memorial Roll

Councillor Rushman had received a list of names that could be added to the war memorial and after review it appeared that three names could be added. On the annual asset check it had been noted that there was no space left on the memorial, it was suggested than any additions would need to go on a separate plinth/plaque. It was discussed as to what the criteria for addition of a name would be, it was agreed that a public consultation would need to be held to discuss any new additions and the criteria. **All Councillors agreed to leave this subject open for future discussion.**

4. Telephone Box

The telephone box has been installed on site and after a couple of issues had been resolved by X2 connect it was now ready for the concrete base and the electrical work. Councillor Taft hoped this work would be complete by the end of the week. He had been asked to consider removing the phone box lettering from the top of each side and replace with something different. **All Councillors agreed to leave with the signage it currently had.** Discussion was had over what to put into the box along the lines of shelving and noticeboards. **Action Councillor Taft to research this and circulate ideas and costings.**

5. Highways

Councillor Rushman had emailed DCC and requested a site visit again, but had not received any response. This was escalated to County Councillor Chilton in the meeting. She advised she is stepping down as councillor but will chase all the issues before she leaves in May. She asked for all the details to be sent through to her of the issues and she would escalate this within DCC.

1. Smisby Lockup

Councillor Rushman was putting together an application to see if there was funding available for the maintenance work needed from East Midlands Airport.

2. Communication

Councillor Rushman had compiled the March 2021 newsletter which she was to get to the printers this week. This will be the last one that will be printed in a large volume for at least one year. The newsletter will be available on the website, in the telephone box and anybody requesting a personal copy from Councillor Rushman.

3. Drains and Flooding

No current issues, however Councillor Taft had been advised by DCC that work near to Pitts farm should be completed by end of March 2021. **Action Councillor Taft to chase this with DCC if it has not been completed on time.**

4. Community Speed Watch

No change, on hold due to current COVID-19 guidelines.

- a. Councillor Cuming had received an email from 20s plenty, which is a campaign to restrict the speed limit through villages and towns to 20 miles per hour. He asked if the Council would be willing to support this campaign. **All Councillors agreed and Councillor Cuming will email in the Councils support.**

17. Parish Field

Councillor Brooke is to discuss details with Robert Hounslow on the tenancy before the Council can agree to sign. **Action Councillor Brooke to converse with the Parochial Charity Trustee.**

18. Grounds Maintenance for 2021/22

The Council had discussed the tenders and **All councillors agreed to Bloomin' Gardens for the ground's maintenance contract, asking if they could weedkiller the grass at the war memorial and tidy around the benches at Forties Lane/Chapel Street. Action the Clerk to contact Bloomin' Gardens.**

19. Poplars Pavement

The Clerk has requested that DCC reinstate the pavement and street sign, reference number **F760178**. No response has been received. **Action the Clerk to chase a response from DCC.**

20. Commemorative Bench

The Council had been approached about a donation towards a commemorative bench for a parishioner by the Parochial Charity. It was discussed and the majority of councillors felt that it was a lovely idea, however they felt that personal donations would be fitting rather than the use of public money. **Action Councillor Rushman to write back to the Parochial Charity.**

21. To discuss and agree any response to any Current Planning Applications

Planning application DMPA/2021/0333, although not on the agenda until the next meeting has a closing date of the end of March 2021. **All Councillors agreed that they did not object to the planning but wished to ask the applicants to consider installing road signs stopping large lorries coming through the village. Action the Clerk to comment on the application on SDDC website.**

22. District and County Councillor Updates

- a. District Councillor Haines advised that one vacancy in their planning team had just been filled and one more about to. The District Council are to take

part in a pilot scheme for recycling coffee pods, communications were due out from SDDC soon on how this is to work. She confirmed that all brands of pod should be able to be recycled.

- b. District Councillor Churchill had passed along an email to the Clerk on Village Halls reopening. The Fire Service had passed on details of their CHARLIE scheme which allowed the Fire Service to come out and provide risk assessments for vulnerable households. The Freeport bid had been successful which would take place in three areas: East Midlands Airport, Ratcliffe on Soar power station, and land next to Toyota. It should create in the region of 60,000 jobs and large business rates into SDDC. It was discussed that this will affect traffic levels and an increase in flights out of the airport. Smisby is right below the flight path this would therefore have a large impact on the parish. District Councillor Haines was to attend a consultation and would report back to the Parish Council.
- c. County Councillor Chilton advised that each time DCC had suggested 20 mile an hour speed limits the police have gone against this wish. She has a contact at the airport which she will pass along to the clerk to circulate. She has asked DCC to add Smisby to the community flyer. She advised that she would chase down any outstanding highways issues. She advised she will not be standing at the May election and this would be her last meeting.
- d. The Chair thanked County Councillor Chilton for her help over the years.

23. Dates of Future Meetings 2021

18th May, 13th July, 14th September, 9th November 2021.

24. Approval of Payments

a. Clerk	Clerk's salary	£413.19
b. D Whitby	Playground inspections	£40.00
c. H Salt	Lengthsman	£50.00
d. Bloomin Gardens	Grounds Maintenance	£432.00
e. Clerk (Zoom)	Zoom Meeting	£14.39
f. GJ. Grouse Paving Solutions	Ground work for phone box	£1,650.00
g. Clerk	Phone top up	£10.00
h. X2 Connect Limited	Phone box	£3,160.00
i. Clerk	Travel expenses	£56.70

All payments approved, the invoice for Bloomin' Gardens has not yet been received. Clerk to pay digitally. Two councillors to digitally sign the payment schedule after the meeting.



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25. Payments received as follows:

a. HMRC	VAT reclaim	£242.82
b. SDDC	Concurrent expenses	£1,842.00
c. Parochial Charity, Donation for phone box and ground works		£4,810.00

26. Communications received since last meeting

- a. NALC x 30
- b. DALC x 12
- c. County Councillor Chilton x 7
- d. Charlotte Farrell 20's Plenty for Derbyshire x 1
- e. DCC x 6
- f. SDDC x 8
- g. District Councillor Churchill x 3
- h. Police x 3
- i. Parochial charity x 3
- j. Councillor Rushman x 1
- k. BHIB x 2
- l. Amy Biddell at Jamie Mather x 1
- m. Office of National Statistics x 2
- n. CVS x 5
- o. Calor Gas 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 18th May 2021 (virtual or physical to be decided by Clerk and Chair).

Signed:



Date:

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