

## Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Smisby Parish Council Attendance: Councillors Cuming (Vice Chairman), Dickens and Brooke, Clerk Caroline Crowder

Members of the public and other organisations: District Councillor Lowe and 3 members of the public.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Councillors Taft and Sullivan, District Councillor Haines, County Councillor Muller.

2. To receive declarations of Interest on items on the agenda (under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that in declaring an interest you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is "personal" or "prejudicial").

None.

3. To determine which items if any on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None.

4. Chairman's communications (if any)

- i. The work on the Pinfold has been started this week.

5. Clerk's report

i. Parochial Charity Funding

The contribution towards the field maintenance has been agreed as the same as last year.

ii. Policy Review

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the following as being reviewed with no updates needed: Asset Register, Biodiversity, Code of Conduct, Community Speed Watch risk assessment, Complaints, Council Meeting Risk assessment, Data Privacy notice, Data Protection, Financial Regulations, Retention of Records, Risk Assessment, Sexual and General Harassment, Standing Orders**

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the updates proposed by the Clerk to the following: Dignity at Work, Disciplinary, Equality and Diversity, Grievance, Play Area Risk Assessment and Website Accessibility Statement.**

iii. Training Feedback

Data Protection training completed; no changes needed to how the Council operates. Freedom of Information training cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

iv. Jubilee Field Report

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to publish the report on the website.**

Councillor Cuming reported that the moles are back on the football pitch, Clerk to report to the Parochial Charity.

v. Clerk Annual Leave

20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> December.

6. Opportunity for public questions and comments (10 minutes)

A member of the public mentioned the potholes around the parish. Councillor Cuming advised that himself and Councillor Taft have reported them, along with the traffic signs that need re-erecting.

7. Approval of minutes from Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
**Resolved, all Councillors approved the minutes, and the Chairman of the meeting signed them as a true and accurate record.**

8. Approval of minutes from Parish Council Finance Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
**Resolved, all Councillors approved the minutes, and the Chairman of the meeting signed them as a true and accurate record.**

9. District and County Council Communications  
Update from District Councillor Lowe, by 2028 the local government devolution should have completed. SDDC are continuing with the new leisure centre and civic office. The gully cleansing contract is being negotiated at the moment.

10. Parochial Charity Communication  
They are moving forwards with the CIO. One trustee has stepped down, if anyone is interested in being nominated, please contact a member of the charity. They have had people applying for various grants, no one for the winter fuel grant, it is still available for people to apply for.

11. Aircraft Noise Nuisance  
Councillor Cuming provided an update, there has been ongoing correspondence on the noise action plan, this went live 15 months ago, a number of banned aircraft are still being run. There is currently no penalty structure, the Council have asked for this to be changed. Councillor Cuming continues to communicate with them. Ongoing issues of noise routes and possible changes has been delayed by six months. He has asked them to send a representative to the next meeting. Smisby is showing up as submitting complaints, links will go into the next newsletter.

12. War Memorial  
Councillor Taft volunteered in the previous meeting to clean in the warmer months, he is happy to be joined by any other willing volunteers.

13. Pinfold Ownership and Restoration Plan  
SDDC have taken the tree down, but the land is still not registered and ownership of it is unclear, but SDDC show on their map as they are responsible for the hedges. The Parish Council have got a contractor in to clear this up, and this has now been started. The Council will continue to look into siting of the benches. The wood from the old tree is still in storage.

14. Playground Inspections and Repairs  
The Clerk reported that nothing is above a low risk, therefore no work is needed at the moment. Councillors Taft and Cuming have recently checked the whole field.

15. Highways  
See chairman's report.

16. Speed Watch  
This has restarted now the lighter days are here. The Police had the annual speed watch conference a few weeks back, attended by several of Smisby Speed Watch members.

17. Newsletter  
The winter newsletter was circulated just before Christmas. The spring one is due soon. Councillor Cuming will discuss this with Councillor Taft.

### 18. Jubilee Field BBQ

It has been suggested that a BBQ on the Jubilee Field would attract people to the field and hopefully promote ideas of what the parish would like to see happen to it. Councillor Cuming agreed to try and find a suitable date that did not clash with other village events.

### 19. To discuss and agree any response to any current Planning Applications

No comments.

### 20. Dates of future meetings

13<sup>th</sup> May (19:00 start with the Annual Parish meeting, the Annual Parish Council meeting to follow on its conclusion), 8<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

### 21. To approve payment of accounts as follows:

22. Date	Method of Payment	To whom paid	Particulars of payment	Total £	VAT £	Already paid under Clerk and Chairman Delegated Authority
03/02/2025	Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary (January 2025)	260.24		Yes
03/02/2025	Bank transfer	SDDC	Playground inspection and minor maintenance (January 2025)	65.58	10.93	Yes
11/03/2025	Bank transfer	Clerk	Salary (February 2025)	291.84		No
11/03/2025	Bank transfer	SDDC	Playground inspection and minor maintenance (February 2025)	65.58	10.93	No
11/03/2025	Bank transfer	A person	Lengthsman	60.00		No
11/03/2025	Bank transfer	Clerk	Mileage 2024 25	113.40		No
11/03/2025	Bank transfer	DALC	Clerk training	55.00		No

### 23. Payments Received

- i. 20/01/2025 VAT refund HMRC £232.31
- ii. 31/01/2025 Concurrent function SDDC £1,842.15

### 24. Bank Balance

£11,060.08. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to open a business reserves account.**

### 25. Communications received since last meeting.

- i. NALC: Chief executive's bulletin x 8
- ii. DALC: Newsletter x 2; Darley Dale Town Council's third Big Green Energy Day; Forum
- iii. DCC: Newsletter x 7; Derbyshire County Council Developer Contributions Protocol consultation x 2; Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan - Submission Plan; Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 5 March 2025 x 2; Public experiences of local pharmacy services wanted; Temporary Road Closure | Manchester Lane, Hartshorne | 07/04/2025 - 08/04/2025
- iv. SDDC: Playground Inspection Report x 2; Polling District and Polling Place Review; SDDC Active Wellbeing Strategy Adult Consultation
- v. South Derbyshire CVS: Funding Bulletin x 1; Health and Wellbeing Bulletin ; Community Reach Bulletin x 2
- vi. East Midlands Airport: EMA Community Flyer; Aircraft Noise Nuisance; EMACC Annual Review 2024; EMA Parish Forum - 12.00-14.00 on Thursday 27th March 2025
- vii. Ron Bailey: Safety of lithium-ion batteries campaign
- viii. Police: Newsletter; Parking Enforcement
- ix. Immediate Justice Newsletter February 2025

The Chair thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed. The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Smisby Village Hall starting at 19:00, with the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Council Meeting will start on its conclusion.

Signed: ..... Date: .....