

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
At 7.30pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

**127/25 Present**

M Gallimore (Chairman), L Pizzey, A Paget, G Rogers,  
M Thomson, J Ainsworth, S Yeomans and J Saddington

***128/25 Public Questions***

Members of the public who have received letters from the National Grid asking for access onto their land to survey the area, were present at the meeting requesting further information.

Cllr Paget reported on the information she had received, a meeting is to be held with CPRE to discuss the access requests on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, the Chairman will keep the parishioners informed.

Residents were advised to email Lindsey Farnsworth with any comments or questions concerning the national grid upgrade.

There is a Facebook group called Derbyshire against pylons which has information regarding this project.

It was noted that any endangered wildlife or plant species should be photographed for evidence which may be required in the future.

The National Grid are still looking at the routes which the pylons could take, stage II of this project will take place in the Autumn/Winter.

***129/25 District Councillor Report***

The solar farm application cannot be completed until the National Grid have agreed where the pylons are to be sited.

Cllr L Pizzey reported he had obtained free grit from Derbyshire County Council from the snow warden scheme and will be filling the grit bins in the village.

***130/25 Apologies***

Councillor W Judson and T Ainsworth

***131/25 Declaration of Members Interests***

***RESOLVED:*** Members agreed to take any Declarations of Members Interests as they occur in the meeting.

***132/25 Co-option of Councillor***

Mrs M Bowen has put forward her application to join the Parish Council, there were no other applicants.

Cllr M Thomson proposed Mrs M Bowen co-opted on to the Parish Council, Cllr A Paget seconded this proposal and all members were in favour.  
Cllr M Bowen signed the declaration of office form.

### *133/25 Minutes of Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024*

Cllr M Thomson proposed the minutes were a correct record and Cllr A Paget seconded the proposal, all members agreed, and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

### *134/25 Matters arising*

None

### *134/24 Planning applications*

COND/2024/0205 Discharge of condition 4  
Heanor Gate Spencer Academy  
No objections

### *135/24 Report of the Clerk*

#### *i) Budget*

The Budget for 2025/2026 was circulated, budget to include,

- subscription fees for Dalc and CPRE
- money towards legal fees.
- Clerks wages increase as per Local Government Services Pay Agreement
- New Play Equipment
- Election costs
- Staff wages increase
- Stainsby Meadow Boundary

Cllr A Paget proposed that the budget for 2025/2026 be approved and the precept set at £57,855.00, Cllr Rogers seconded the proposal, all members were in favour.

#### *ii) Playground Inspections*

Cllr Rogers reported that all the playgrounds were in good condition.

The football pitch is fine and matches are taking place.

Bark to be installed once the equipment is available to use to distribute the bark.

#### *iii) National Grid Upgrade*

This has previously been covered earlier in the meeting.

*iv) Grit Bins*

Clerk to contact the building company who recently built on the houses at the bottom of Adale Road to ask for permission to install a grit bin here.

*v) Quotes for playground equipment*

Clerk has arranged for a site meeting to obtain a quotation for new toddler swings and trim trail, which is on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

*136/25 Finance*

Monthly financial report previously circulated.

Cllr S Yeomans proposed that the following payments be made, Cllr A Paget seconded and all members agreed.

Members agreed that the Clerks wages be increased in line with the Local Government Services pay agreement for 2024/2025.

Shelter Maintenance	£101.24
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2399.30
NT Services	£404.77
Excel	£42.04
Eon	£33.90

Members noted that if XL Bully dogs are being walked without a muzzle the police are to be called immediately.

The burst water pipes in the village and been reported and are being repaired.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The pavement from the Rose and Crown to Smalley Green requires maintenance the vegetation has grown over the pavement.

Clerk to obtain a quotation for fencing at Stainsby Meadow.

The tree survey to be distributed to members.

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm