

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th December 2024
At 7.30pm at the Church Hall, Smalley

110/24 Present

M Gallimore (Chairman), L Pizzey, A Paget, G Rogers, W Judson,
M Thomson, J Ainsworth and T Ainsworth

111/24 Public Questions

None

112/24 District Councillor Report

The Local Plan has been submitted however concerns have been raised over the inclusion of a parcel of land to provide housing which has not been agreed with the landowner.

A meeting of representatives from parish councils from the whole of Derbyshire took place recently and are putting forward alternative schemes for the National Grid to consider and are pushing for the cables to be placed underground where possible.

The Ratcliffe Power Station site is planned to become an incinerator plant to provide energy.

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

The Government has announced that there is to be a major overhaul within local authorities and Amber Valley could be abolished.

113/24 Apologies

Councillor J Saddington and S Yeomans

114/24 Declaration of Members Interests

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

115/24 Co-option of Councillor

The Council has received one application for Councillor; however, they were not able to attend the meeting, this to be put on the agenda for next month.

116/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 18th November 2024

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

117/24 Matters arising

Cllr Gallimore has replaced the old shrubs in the planter and will be filling with more compost.

RESOLVED: All members agreed that The Institute will in future be the venue for the Parish Council Meetings.

118/24 Planning applications

AVA/2024/0370 Four04 Nova House, Hall Farm Way
Detached office building – comments previously submitted still stand.

AVA/2024/0856 Lady Somerset House
Proposed extensions and a replacement garage
Members agreed Cllr Gallimore to look at the application and send comments to the Clerk for submission.

AVA/2024/0814 1 Pine Close, Smalley
Proposed erection of a first floor over the existing footprint, two storey extensions to front and rear and a detached garden room.
Out of character with the rest of Pine close and the wider street scene which are all either bungalows or dormer bungalows, if approved this would be the only house along that stretch of road with an unproportionally high ridge in comparison to the rest of the homes in the area. This would cause loss of privacy for the surrounding properties.

119/24 Land Registry – Lasting Legacy Cllr J Walker MBE

Clerk to contact the Land Registry regarding the changing of Dobholes Lane Recreation Ground to Jan Walker Recreation Ground.

120/24 Playground Inspection

Cllr Judson and Cllr Rogers have confirmed that when the electricity turned off in the pavilion the cctv is still working.

The showers in the pavilion have been checked for Legionnaires disease a report to be sent to the Parish Council however the showers are clear and safe to use.

The football pitch is in good condition.

The fence is broken at the bottom of Dobholes Lane Recreation Ground and the ditch will require clearing once all the leaves have fallen.

Stainsby Meadow

Cllr Paget declared an interest in item below.

A new platform on the toddler multi play equipment has been installed.

121/24 Police

PC Liz Mosler reported there had been two reports of anti-social behaviour in the past month in Smalley.

It was reported that there were a group of children riding e-bikes on the pavements in the village.

122/24 County Councillor Report

The white arrows on the road at the Rose and Crown have been repainted.

Councillor Ainsworth suggested that the Parish Council should consider what it would be prepared to take on if Amber Valley were to close.

Cllr Ainsworth to look at car parking problems on Kerry Drive due to inconsiderate parking after Christmas.

123/24 Grit Bins

Members agreed to contact DCC for permission to install a grit bin on the new development at Smalley Chase, once permission has been granted the Council will purchase a bin for the site.

Clerk to ask DCC if the Council can purchase grit from them.

124/24 Quotes for Playground

Additional money is to be put aside for new play equipment in the budget to provide a trim trail and a set of toddler swings.

125/24 Mobile Phone

The Clerk now has a mobile phone the number to be put on the website and sent out to all councillors.

126/24 Finance

The monthly financial and budget report was previously circulated.

All members agreed the following payments be made.

Shelter Maintenance	£101.24
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£1848.75
NT Services	£404.77
BT	£162.54
Relief Clerk 2 meetings	£120.00
ICO	£40.00
P Goodwin – repair of play equipment	£180.00

Additional poppies are to be purchased for next year this to be put in the budget.

Members to keep a watch on the trees along Dobholes Lane at the Tavern Plantation.

The meeting closed at 21.02.