

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th March 2025
At 7.30pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

12/25 Present

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

13/25 Public Questions

None

14/25 Apologies

Councillor M Bowen

15/25 Variation of Order of Business

None

16/25 Declaration of Members Interests

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

17/25 County Councillor Report

Cllr Ainsworth to report again the pavement which is overgrown and very narrow from the Rose and Crown towards Smalley.

The stile on Wood Lane was damaged 2 years ago and still requires repair, however this has been reported on several occasions.

Cllr Ainsworth to request the road sweeper to clean the pavements.

18/25 Minutes of Meeting held on 24th February 2025

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

19/25 Matters arising

None

20/25 Planning

AVA/2025/0058 proposed extension to entrance area to accommodate new shower and changing facilities, first aid and welfare room to the ground floor, along with a new staff canteen to the first floor.

Solvay Composite Materials, Delves Road, Heanor

No objections

AVA/2025/0131 Variation condition 2 (approved plans) of AVA/2024/0814
Pine Close, Smalley

No objections

21/25 Playground Inspections

Stainsby Meadow Recreation Ground

No problems have been highlighted with the play equipment on Stainsby Meadow, still waiting for the bark to be laid.

Dobholes Lane Recreation Ground

A small piece of wire has been found sticking out of the trapeze swing, Cllr Padget and Cllr Gallimore to remove the trapeze tomorrow.

All other equipment is in good condition.

The football pitch is in good condition and teams are playing on the pitch; however it was noted football was being played on Stainsby Cricket Ground on Saturday, Clerk to ask Groundsman why football was being played on the cricket ground and not on the football field.

22/25 Toddler Swings

Cllr Judson proposed, and Cllr Padget seconded the motion that the small zip wire is to be removed and the toddler swings to be installed in its place.

23/25 National Grid – Upgrade

The second stage of consultation will now take place in February/March 2026.

Surveys are not conducted in gardens of residents, if any residents are notified about a survey being conducted in their garden, they should contact National Grid to inform them.

Cllr Padget to put an update on the National Grid on the website.

24/25 Grit Bins

Cllr Padget proposed, and Cllr Padget seconded the motion that the two grit bins are purchased one to replace the bin at the bottom of Cloves Hill and the second on Meadow Drive as agreed by the Management Company of the Miller Homes Development.

25/26 Tree Survey

Cllr Judson proposed, and Cllr Ainsworth seconded that the Clerk to arrange for a tree survey to be conducted.

26/27 Stainsby Meadow Boundary

Two quotations have been received, waiting for one more quotation, this to be put on the agenda next month.

27/25 Cllr Paget – Protocol regarding County Councillors election publicity

Members agreed that Borough Councillors who also sit on the Parish Council should be mindful when producing publicity leaflets and ensure it is emphasised who they are acting on behalf of.

28/25 Date of next meeting

The Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 28th April 2025.

29/25 Finance

Monthly financial reports previously circulated.

Cllr A Padget proposed that the following payments be made, Cllr J Saddington seconded, and all members agreed.

Shelter Maintenance	£101.24
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£1897.00
NT Services	£404.77
Eon	£4.81
Waterplus	£16.84
Art Group Rent of premises for	
Parish Council Meeting 3 meetings	£45.00
Excel – Ink/Paper	£108.01

An invoice is required from NT Services detailing dates and times and where the litter picking has been conducted.

Clerk to give a report regarding the variances in the budget.

30/25 Correspondence

Application for Grant from Stainsby Cricket Club, Clerk to ask for this to be resubmitted with a specific item of what the Cricket Club wish to purchase.

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – to be put on the agenda next month.

The Bell is registered as Village Asset, the application runs out next year, this to be put on the agenda next month.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm