

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held
remotely via Zoom on 24th August 2020 at 7.30pm

42/20 Present

Cllrs S Bower (Chairman), J Walker MBE (Vice-Chairman),
G Rogers, W Judson, T Pride, L Pizzey and J Saddington

43/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr R Saysall, Cllr R Illiffe and Cllr K BATTERY

44/20 Declaration of Members Interests

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

45/20 Minutes of Meeting held on 20th July 2020

RESOLVED: Members agreed the minutes were correct record and the Chairman to sign the minutes and return to the Clerk.

It was noted that the planning decision for the fast food outlet had been moved to the end of September.

A dog fouling sign to be put up on Main Road, Smalley.

46/20 Planning

AVA/2020/0136
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new one
Main Road, Smalley
No objections

AVA/2020/0734
Sandringham Drive Heanor
Erection of carport on side/front elevation
No objections

AVA/2020/0069
St Johns Road
Planning appeal –
Demolition of bungalow and erection of 10 dwellings with new access drive
Objections as previously submitted

Clerk to report the muddy road and concerns about the number of vehicles going in and out of Barden Farm to Derbyshire County Council, Amber Valley Environmental Department and Environment Agency.

Planning Committee

Cllr J Saddington agreed to assist Cllr T Pride on the planning committee.

Clerk to send a letter to Mr J Townsend at Amber Valley regarding terminology used by the Parish Council in its comments made to planning applications, concerns have been raised after an email received from Mr Townsend explained that Agricultural buildings can be changed to dwellings and do not come under the Green Belt jurisdiction. Parish Councillors are not planning experts and can only expressed their concerns with the best interests of the village and wording of the comments from the Parish Council should not be disregarded just because it does not fall into their own criteria

AVA/2020/0771 – Mill Farm, Wood Lane
Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of a replacement dwelling including amendments to the existing exit.

Plans were not available on Amber Valley's website at the moment, Cllr Pride to send comments to Clerk.

47/20 Report of the Clerk

a) Playground Inspections

Stainsby Meadow

The fencing and play equipment are in good order, the Covid 19 signs are to be replaced as the high winds have blown them away.

Dobholes Lane Recreation Ground

The Zip Wire has been repaired.

The following items require repairing

- i) A hand grip requires replacing on the wall scaler, the groundsman to repair this.
- ii) The overhead climbing frame requires 2 rubber rings
- iii) A new panel for the muga, this has recently been vandalised.

The new handrail up to the pavilion has been fitted.

Due to the pandemic football matches had to be curtailed, however 2 matches have recently taken place, due to the pavilion facilities not being available the match fees were reduced.

League Football matches will commence from the 5th September, 4 teams will be playing on the pitch 2 boys and 2 girls under 16's. Information regarding the opening of the pavilion has not been yet given.

The A board giving parking information to be reinstated for the start of the season.

Councillors expressed concerns over the bricks and building debris which has been deposited on the grass verge near to the entrance of Stainsby Meadow Recreation Ground. Councillors to ask resident who has placed them here when they will be removed.

b) Christmas lights

Cllr Bowers and Cllr Pride met with Christmas Light contractor to discuss the additional Christmas lighting; a quotation will be sent in time for the next meeting in September.

This will include additional lighting towards Heanor Road, Dobholes Lane and new lights on the tree at the junction of Dobholes Lane.

c) *Memorial – Remembrance Garden*

RESOLVED: Members agreed that a conventional grave can be purchased for the burial of ashes and for later use for another family member.

d) *Cctv cameras overlooking the footpath by the village shop*

Clerk to ask PCSO J Lorrimer if the police consider cctv overlooking the footpath acceptable.

e) *Accountants Engagement Letter*

RESOLVED: The letter of engagement from internal auditors was signed by the Chairman

f) *Audit 2020*

Thanks, were given to the Clerk for the work carried out on the Audit.

Approval of AGAR section 1

RESOLVED: Section 1 was read by Councillors and approved and will be duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk

Approval of AGAR section 2

RESOLVED: Section 2 was read by Councillors and approved and will be duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk

g) *Application for Planter St Johns Road*

Clerk to ask what the objection to the planter is.

h) Speed Watch

Cllr Pizzey has been in contact with the co-ordinator of Speed Watch and is looking for Four volunteers to enable the training to begin.

Clerk to report the illuminated 30mph speed sign is not working to DCC

i) Work Schedule for Lengthsman

The schedule for the lengthsman was noted.

Clerk to ask the lengthsman to trim the hedge by the Rose & Crown and remind him to cut the ivy off on the top of the wall just below Smalley Hall

Clerk to report the fallen tree near to Pit Lane to Highways at DCC

Clerk to report the overgrown hedge between the Main Road and Kerry drive to Derbyshire County Council as this is obscuring the vision for car drivers exiting Kerry Drive and once the children return to school this will be a very busy junction.

48/20 Finance

Financial and monthly budget report was circulated to members

RESOLVED; Members agreed the following payments to be made.

Shelter Maintenance	£ 85.14
Clerk/Groundsman/Expenses/HMRC	£1396.45
NT Services	£ 382.75
Mabe-Allen Accountants – Internal Audit	£ 774.00
BTC Mowing Dam 01838 July	£ 71.00
BTC Mowing Dam 001661 May	£ 106.50
Bennett Construction – Handrail	£ 450.00
DD	
Eon	£ 42.56

Cllr Saddington to inform the Community Group that the Parish Council has put £500 aside for the Community Group to use to help with the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Co-option Posters have been placed on the website and noticeboards the closing date for applications is 9th September 2020.

49/20 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21st September 2020 via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm