

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025  
At 7.30pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

**101/25 Present**

L Pizzey (Chairman), M Gallimore (Vice Chairman), G Rogers, M Bowen,  
S Yeomans, W Judson, J Ainsworth, J Saddington and M Thomson

***102/25 Public Questions***

None

***103/25 Amber Valley Borough Councillor Report***

Cllr Pizzey distributed a leaflet distributed regarding proposed changes to councils in Derby and Derbyshire.

The consultation will be held until 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Members agreed that Cllr Pizzey to complete the questionnaire on line on behalf of the Parish Council.

Members agreed that the preferred option is A.

There is to be a Community Governance review – Parish Councils may in the future require more councillors and they will be looking at amending boundaries. A consultation will be taking place in the future.

***104/25 Apologies***

Cllr R Morgan

***105/25 Variation of Order of Business***

None

***106/25 Declaration of Members Interests***

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

***107/25 To confirm the non-confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th June 2025***

**75/25** Cllr J Saddington was present at the meeting

**82/25** Cllr J Ainsworth and Cllr M Gallimore to attend to the planter on St Johns Road.

Members agreed the minutes were a correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

### *108/25 Matters arising*

None

### *109/25 Planning*

AVA/2025/0454

Lilac Cottage 64 Main Road Smalley Ilkeston Derbyshire DE7 6EE

Proposed front porch extension

No objections

AVA/2025/0467

120 Heanor Road Smalley Ilkeston Derbyshire DE7 6DX

Proposed Single storey rear elevation, partial side extension and increase of height to existing garage roof

No objections

AVA/2025/0446

To change the current external look of the annexe from cream render to cream external UPVC cladding.

The Annexe 4 Leys Houses Bell Lane Smalley Ilkeston Derbyshire DE7 6DU

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No objections

### *110/25 Lengthsman Duties*

Cllr J Ainsworth declared an interest in the following item.

Clerk to confirm duties with Mr Ainsworth.

This will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Mr Ainsworth to provide a copy of his public liability insurance.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Judson proposed and Cllr Bowen seconded that Mr Ainsworth carry out these duties for the Parish Council.

Clerk to report the ivy which has grown over the pavement by Ashmere Care Home to Cllr Richard and DCC

### *111/25 Playground Inspection*

The spares have been delivered for the play equipment.

Clerk to order the chain from Sutcliffes for the Cradle Swing.

The bark has been delivered and laid on Stainsby Meadow playground.

A pile of bark has been left for the new toddler swings.

All equipment is satisfactory

Members were concerned that cars were parked on Dobholes Lane on Sunday at the football match.

Clerk to contact the Groundsman to find out who was playing and why the cars were not parked correctly.

Football parking to be put on the agenda for next meeting

#### ***112/25 Toddler Swings***

Outdoor Play Devon require part payment for the toddler swings.

Members agreed that this should be paid.

#### ***113/25 National Grid Upgrade***

There are two proposed routes for the upgrade of the National Grid, the consultation will come out in March. This item to be kept on the agenda.

#### ***114/25 Parish Signs***

This to be put on the agenda in September.

#### ***115/25 The Bell***

The parishioners have been informed of the Council's decision not to purchase the Bell.

#### ***116/25 CCTV***

Clerk to obtain quote for upgrade of the cctv camera and consider repositioning the camera angle taking into account this being a children's play area.

#### ***117/25 Website***

Cllr Ainsworth asked Councillors to consider new items to put on to the website, to make the site more current.

Clerk to look into making the domain address gov.uk and email addresses for councillors .gov.uk

### *118/25 Garden on Dobholes Lane*

Clerk to report rats being seen in the area to environmental health at Amber Valley and report the pavements being obstructed by overhanging vegetation from the garden and poor visibility for vehicles.

### *119/25 Finance*

The financial report and budget report for June has been circulated previously.

Members agreed that the following payments be made

Shelter Maintenance	£111.41
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2092.46
M Blackwell – mowing of cemetery	£40.00
Outdoor Play Devon Ltd part payment for toddler	
Swings	£1665.00
Waterplus DD	£10.74
Eon – DD	£26.25
Cllr J Ainsworth – reimbursement for plants	
Purchased	£79.00
Rent for Smalley Institute for meeting	£15.00
Sutcliffe – parts for play equipment	£90.89
Derbyshire County Council – fees for sign	£105.00

### *120/25 Correspondence*

Clerk to acknowledge email from Smalley Tennis Club.

Thanks were given to Cllr Ainsworth for planting up the planter on St Johns Road.

Clerk to report to police and highways the vans parked on Pine Close which are causing obstruction on the pavement.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm