

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
At 7.30pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

**166/25 Present**

L Pizzey (Chairman), G Rogers, M Bowen, W Judson, J Saddington, M Thomson, S Yeomans, and A Paget

***167/25 Public Questions***

Members from Save Kilburn & Horsley's Green Belt Committee reported on the campaign, they have raised awareness of the proposed development with posters around the village and are continuing to object to this proposal.

They are concerned that if this development is allowed to happen it will start a precedent for other developments and will open the flood gates for building on green belt land.

The committee are raising funds for engaging expert advice to help fight the development.

Members agreed that the Parish Council should object to this development.

***168/25 Borough Councillor Report***

The Pylons will be discussed in February next year.

There have been eight fires in Smalley in the past 30 days, it has been reported that 3 or 4 youths are responsible and the police and fire brigade are looking into.

A letter from Derbyshire County Council is to be sent to the people responsible for the damage on the verge on Pine Close.

***169/25 Police***

The police were unable to attend the meeting however they sent a report which was noted.

***170/25 Apologies***

Cllr J Ainsworth

***171/25 Variation of Order of Business***

Members agreed item 10 be discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

***172/25 Declaration of Members Interests***

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

***173/25 To confirm the non-confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025***

Cllr Rogers proposed, and Cllr Judson seconded the minutes were a correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

***174/25 Parish Activity being used as campaign material.***

Members agreed that councillors should ensure that any material posted on social media be clear who they are representing at that time.

***175/25 Planning applications***

AVA/2025/0716 – Evelyn Court Care Home  
First floor extension over existing footprint to provide additional lounge.  
No objections

AVA/2025/0765 two storey extension to rear of dwelling.  
130 Main Road, Smalley  
No objections

***176/25 Planning Task and Finish Group***

Members agreed that Cllr Yeomans and Cllr L Pizzey look at planning applications in detail prior to meetings, however, all Councillors should look at the planning applications sent by the Clerk for consideration.

***177/25 Lengthsman duties***

Members are pleased with the work conducted by the lengthsman.

***178/25 Playground Inspections***

All the equipment is in good condition, the fencing around the toddler playground will require remedial work carrying out in the future.

Clerk to order two clamps for the basket swing.

The football pitch is in good condition.

***179/25 Tavern Plantation***

The fire brigade has installed a temporary wildlife camera in the Tavern Plantation due to the youngsters' starting fires in the area.

Clerk to obtain a quotation for work on the trees on the roadside of the Tavern Plantation. This to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The hedgerow at the Tavern Plantation will be planted with CPRE between 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March volunteers are most welcome.

### *180/25 National Grid*

There is nothing to report at the present time.

### *181/25 CCTV*

Advice from Dalc has been received and noted.

Members agreed that the clerk to obtain a quote for the camera to be upgraded to ensure the picture quality is clearer.

Members agreed that when the cctv is being accessed two people should be present, the Chair and Cllr Judson.

### *182/25 Budget Task and Finish Group Meeting*

The budget meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at 7pm in the Institute.

### *183/25 Website*

Clerk is setting up the new.gov.uk email addresses and will inform members once this is up and running.

### *184/25 Finance*

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

Members agreed that the following payments be made.

Shelter Maintenance	£101.28
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2054.02
Art Group - Rent for Smalley Institute for meeting	£15.00
Lengthsman	£300.00
S Manners – gov.uk website and email addresses	£275.00
K Richardson – reimbursement for Norton subs	£99.99
L Pizzey – reimbursement for Christmas lights and Cable ties for the poppies	£19.38

### *185/25 Correspondence*

Request for Grit Bin – Dix Avenue

The Parish Council does not have the capacity to clear snow on the road, however, will ask Derbyshire County Council and Amber Valley if they would provide a grit bin for this road.

Letter of Engagement from East Midlands Audit Services – members agreed to engage EMAS and the Chair signed the letter of engagement.

Members agreed that Cllr Ainsworth to purchase plants for the planter on St Johns Road.

Members agreed that an allocation of money be put aside for the upkeep of this planter which Cllr Ainsworth can use. This item to be put on the agenda for next month.

The dam has scaffolding planks and cones floating around, Chair to contact the person who was conducting the work to ask if this can be removed.

The tennis club is looking for funding, and a representative will be attending the next meeting.

Clerk to ask the art group if they would consider a notice board being put on the front of building.

Cllr Thomson reported

- a large pothole on Wood Lane
- water leak near to the Rose and Crown
- overhanging hedge and ivy and leaves on the pavement by Smalley Hall

Clerk and Chair to report these items.

Members agreed not to contribute to the funding of the Save Kilburn & Horsley Greenbelt Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm