

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2025
At 7.30pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

75/25 Present

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

76/25 Public Questions

Four members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the proposed plans for the purchase of the Bell.

The Councillors requested further information and the revision of figures which were incorrect.

77/25 Amber Valley Borough Councillor Report

Cllr L Pizzey informed members to report to the police if anyone should observe the XL Bullie dogs from Dobholes Lane not on a lead and out of control.

Cllr Paget has reported the overgrown hedges and grass verges to Derbyshire County Council. However, the reason the grass verges were stopped being mowed because residents complained that when it was mowed debris was being flicked up on to the cars causing damage.

The reorganisation of the local government is pending.

78/25 Apologies

Cllr M Thomson, Cllr R Morgan and the Police

79/25 Variation of Order of Business

None

80/25 Declaration of Members Interests

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

81/25 To confirm the non-confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th May 2025

60/25 Cllr M Gallimore will be Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

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

82/25 Matters arising

The Chairman and all members gave thanks to Cllr Gallimore for being Chair for the past two years.

Cllr Gallimore to attend to the planter on St Johns Road, Smalley

Cllr Paget to look for the water bowser in the Church Shed.

83/25 Planning Applications

AVA/2025/2025/0380 Mill Farm, Wood Lane Construction of detached carport/store

The Council object due to the following

The application is contrary to saved policy LS3 and parts 12 & 13 of the NPPF as the carport would be visually prominent in the street scene and would make the development as a whole materially larger than the dwelling that was replaced.

A previous application has already been rejected for the same reason and there has been no change in circumstances to allow the new development.

The applicant also has an outstanding enforcement notice and should not be allowed to submit new planning applications until enforcement notice has been complied with.

AVA/20250375 – Magnolia House, 6 The Grange Single storey rear extension and loft conversion

No objections

Clerk to write to residents on Pine Close regarding contractors parking on the grass verge outside their property which is causing obstruction.

Amber Valley Planning Training Course – Cllr Pizzey may attend if able.

84/25 Lengthsman Duties

Cllr Ainsworth declared and interest in the following item.

Mr T Ainsworth to be asked if he would be able to trim areas of the village when required.

85/25 National Grid Update

Members agreed that this item to be moved up the agenda due to Cllr Paget having to leave the meeting.

A meeting is to be held next week concerning the National Grid proposals.

The National Grid has had a higher-than-expected response to the proposals, and the next consultation will commence in March next year.

86/25 Playground Inspection

Dobholes Lane – the swing basket requires maintenance; it appears to have been vandalised as a chain is missing. Clerk to arrange for this to be repaired and ensure that the equipment cannot be used.

Cllr Judson and Cllr Rogers to look at the cctv to see if the vandalism has been caught on camera.

The football pitch is not being used at the moment.

Stainsby Meadow

All the equipment is satisfactory.

The bark is to be delivered in July.

Members agreed that the Clerk to liaise with the contractor carrying out the perimeter fence before the next meeting.

87/25 Quotation for the replacement of the trapeze play equipment

Members agreed not to replace the trapeze play equipment on Dobholes Lane

88/25 Toddler Swings

Three quotations have been received, members agreed to ask Outdoor Play Devon Limited to install the toddler swings on Stainsby Meadow, Clerk to check if a site visit is required.

89/25 Parish Signs

Members agreed that the Derbyshire Rose icon be used on the Parish Sign, clerk to obtain quotation for this.

90/25 The Bell

An extraordinary meeting is to be held on 15th July to discuss the Bell.

91/25 Request for Wooden Cross Memorial

Members feel that a wooden cross is not a permanent structure and would prefer a stone memorial which is in keeping with the rest of the burial ground.

92/25 Approval of Direct Debits for 2 years

As recommended by the internal auditor the direct debit payments for Eon, Waterplus and Nest are approved for the following 2 years members agreed that approval is given.

93/25 Standing Orders

Members approved the Standing Orders as per the internal auditor's advice

94/25 GDPR

Members agreed that the GDPR policy to be put onto the Council's website.

95/25 Finance

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

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

Shelter Maintenance	£111.41
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2024.53
Dalc – Internal audit	£345.00
Talbot Turf	£270.00
S Manners Wis hosting website	£240.00
M Blackwell – mowing of cemetery	£40.00
Excel – stationery	£95.51
Waterplus DD	£23.90
Eon – DD	£27.62

96/25 Correspondence

Amber Valley – Planning Training – Noted

97/25 Information for the internet

GDPR Policy

The meeting closed at 9.50pm