

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026
At 7.00pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

39/26 Present

L Pizzey (Chairman), M Thomson, A Paget, J Saddington, J Ainsworth, G Rogers
T Pride

40/26 Public Questions

A resident of Smalley reported that he had cleared the footpath adjacent to Lady Somerset House of the stones from the wall which has fallen onto the footpath. This has been reported to Derbyshire County Council.

The council also informed the resident that the overgrown hedges have also been reported to Derbyshire County Council.

41/26 Borough and County Councillor Report

Cllr Paget read a letter from a resident regarding the National Grid webinars concerning the proposed upgrade of the pylons.

The new proposed route does not go through the centre of the village however it does impact Cloves Hill.

The Community Governance meeting is to be held on 25th March 2026.

Cllr Pizzey reported that the Amber Valley Local Plan has been approved. There is currently a Green Belt Review
Derbyshire County Council have been patching potholes however, these are of poor quality.

43/26 Apologies

Cllr Judson, Cllr S Yeomans and Cllr M Bowen

42/26 Variation of Order of Business

None

43/26 Declaration of Members Interests

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

44/26 To confirm the non-confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2026

Clerk to redact a name from the minutes.

Cllr Ainsworth proposed, and Cllr Paget seconded the minutes were agreed as a correct record by the members and duly signed by the Chair.

45/26 Matters arising

Cllr Saddington and the Clerk to write a letter to the Woodland Trust regarding the no parking signs on Bell Lane, asking for consideration of disabled parking to be installed on Bell Lane.

46/26 Planning

AVA/2026/0082 Holly Mount Farm Heanor Road Smalley Ilkeston Derbyshire

Proposed timber clad cabin for the purpose of housing a new milk vending machine/ farm produce, along with vehicle parking area.

No objections

47/26 Playground Inspections

Dobholes Lane Recreation Ground

All the equipment is satisfactory, the basket swing has now been repaired.

A legionnaires test to be carried out on the showers in the pavilion on Dobholes Lane, it was noted that the water tank appears to be leaking this to be looked at when the testing takes place.

Members to consider if the showers are necessary, as the football teams do not use them. Clerk to check if the football leagues require shower facilities.

Stainsby Meadow Recreation Ground

All the play equipment is in good condition a new seat for the Kompan swings has been ordered.

The perimeter fence around the small children's equipment has deteriorated in places and will require attention in the future.

Clerk to ask for someone to be present when the playground inspector inspects the play areas.

The drainage ditch will require clearing out.

48/26 Christmas Lights

Clerk still waiting for quotations from contractors.

49/26 Grit Bins

Members agreed that a grit bin be purchased for Lowes Avenue.

There are two broken grit bins which require removing.

50/26 Burial Ground Fees

Members agreed to review the burial fees compared to other local churches.

Clerk to provide information of costs of other burial authorities.

51/26 Mowing of Burial Ground

The prices of mowing the burial ground have increased to £50 per cut, all members approved the increase.

52/26 Sponsorship

Clerk to contact dalc regarding the rules and regulations on sponsorship as the council would like to explore the local business opportunities.

53/26 Emails. Gov.uk

Clerk arrange a meeting to solve some of the problems councillors are experiencing with the new email address.

54/26 Tavern Plantation

Clerk to confirm date the work is to commence on the Tavern Plantation.

The Hedgerow Heros will be putting in hawthorn hedging in the gaps along the side of the road on Dobholes Lane, and also on the Stainsby Meadow side too.

Cllr Ainsworth will check on the trees planted last year.

55/26 Finance

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

Members agreed that the following payments be made.

March Payments

Shelter Maintenance	£101.28
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2050.51
Art Group - Rent for Smalley Institute for 1 meetings	£15.00
P Goodwin – repair to basket swing	£90.00
Eon – Christmas lights	£34.15

Waterplus £18.19

Income
March 2026
Interest

£25.46

56/26 Correspondence

Milepost – the milepost will be painted in the better weather.

Amber Valley – Litterbins – Amber Valley will not install any litterbins in the village.

Amber Valley Borough Council – Green Belt Review - noted

Amber Valley Local Plan 2022-2040 – noted

21/26 Information for website

Clerk to put a note on the website

The bus shelter by Kerry Drive will be repaired following vandalism.

The post box door has been vandalised this has been reported to Royal Mail.

The Post Mistress is retiring and the Post Office will move to the shop.

Grass verges are to be put on the agenda next month.

Cllr Ainsworth will purchase plants for the planter in the next few weeks.

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm