

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 28th April 2025
At The Institute, Smalley At 7.30pm

31/25 Present

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

32/25 *Apologies for absence*

Cllr J Saddington, L Pizzey M Thomson, and T Ainsworth

33/25 *Public Participation*

None

34/25 *Minutes of meeting held on Monday 17th April 2024*

RESOLVED: The minutes were agreed as a correct and duly signed by the Chairman.

35/25 *Chairman's Report*

Report attached

36/25 *Financial Report*

Copy of completed accounts for year ended 31st March 2024.

37/25 *Any other Business*

None

Meeting closed at 7.36 pm

Parish mins April 25

Chairmans Report

Smalley Parish Council – Chairman's Report

I'd like to start off by thanking all members of the Parish Council for their continued support over the past year, long may it continue and welcome to our newest member Margaret Bowen.

Many thanks go to our clerk Kay for her support and guidance, especially through a personally challenging period, we appreciate all that you do.

Thank you to Hayley Vardy for standing in as clerk when needed.

Thanks go to Trevor Ainsworth for attending meetings and reporting concerns back to County Level and we wish him a happy retirement now he is stepping down as county councillor in the next elections.

Thanks also go to the two borough councillors who are also on the Parish Council, Lian Pizzey and Amanda Paget, thank you for your help and support over the past 12 months and good luck to you both in the upcoming elections. I'd also like to thank the police for attending meetings when possible and feeding back on issues in the borough.

Also a special mention to Jan Walker, who sadly passed away in 2024, she amassed a whopping 57 years of service on the parish council, she is and always will be sorely missed.

Successes:

The installation of security cameras on the Pavilion at Dobholes Lane and on Stainsby Meadow recreation area seem to have reduced criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in those areas.

We have now gained legal ownership of the unregistered parcel of land on Stainsby Meadow and can move forward with erecting a fence on Parish Council land.

We finally have approval from highways to install village welcome signs, it's only taken 2 years!

The speed Indicator on Dobholes lane seems to be helping in traffic calming and could be utilised in other areas of the village should it be needed.

We have installed and maintain a planter at the bottom of St Johns road.

Grit bins have been filled and 2 new ones ordered, thanks to Lian for organising the free grit and helping fill the bins.

We have moved meetings to the Smalley Art Club building which saves us money in rent and is also a building owned by the Parish Council.

We will have challenges in the Parish in the upcoming months and years with National Grids determination to erect massive pylons through Derbyshire and Amber Valley and proposals for solar farms on our local farm land, both of these projects will directly affect our village and the wider community, destroying our heritage and industrialising the countryside we live in. There are alternatives out there which are

stubbornly being ignored, but as a local council we rise to the challenge I support of our community.

I look forward to a productive year.

Martin Gallimore

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