

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026
At 7.00pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

86/26 Present

J Saddington Chairman, G Rogers, J Ainsworth, W Judson, T Pride, L Pizzey, M Bowen and M Thomson,

87/26 Election of Chair

All members were in favour and agreed that Cllr J Saddington will be Chair for the ensuing year.

88/26 Election of Vice Chair

All members were in favour and agreed that Cllr L Pizzey will be Vice -Chair for the ensuing year.

89/26 Declaration of Office Forms to be signed by Chair and Vice Chair

Councillors signed the declaration of office forms before the Clerk.

90/26 Members Register of Interest

Members were reminded to update the register of interests if required.

91/26 Election of members to Planning Task and Finish Group

All members agreed that Cllr Pride be appointed to the Planning Task and Finish Group

92/26 Election of Members to Finance Task and Finish Group

All members agreed that Cllr L Pizzey, Cllr T Pride, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Ainsworth, and Cllr J Saddington to be appointed to the Finance Task and Finish Group.

93/26 Apologies for absence

None

94/26 Public Questions

None

95/26 Variation of Order of Business

None

96/26 Declaration of Members Interests

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

97/26 To confirm the non-confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th April 2026

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

98/26 Matters arising

Cllr J Ainsworth, Cllr M Bowen, and Cllr J Saddington declared an interest the item below.

Members agreed that Cllr Saddington and Cllr Pride attend the next meeting of the Community Group to discuss achievements made by the Community Group on Hall Farm Way over the past several years, outline future plans and clarify the terms of the lease together with the respective responsibilities of the Community Group and the Parish Council in relation to the land at Hall Farm Way.

99/26 Planning

AVA/2026/0226 Single storey extensions to the front and rear of the property 11 Woodside – no objections – no objections

AVA/2026/0302 replacement porch and external staircase and single storey extension to rear - The Bell

100/26 Playground Inspections

Stainsby Meadow

The weeds will be spray with weed killer in the near future.

All the equipment is in good working order; however, the perimeter fence will need repairing soon.

Dobholes Lane

A contractor has been asked for a price to repair the zip wire all other equipment is in good working order.

The lengthsmen to clear the drainage ditch soon.

101/26 Members agreed to ask Buxton's to conduct the removing of the water tank as per quotation.

102/26 Audit 2025/2026

Internal audit report noted by Councillors.

The clerk circulated the completed Annual Internal Audit Report to Councillors and completed sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR.

Members agreed that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 section 1 and 2 be approved, all members agreed.

103/26 Updating Risk Assessment Policies

Cllr Pride to update the risk assessment policies to include a policy for footpaths belonging to the Parish Council.

104/26 County Councillor

Cllr Pizzey informed members that the Woodland Trust had installed railings on the stone wall by the Dam.

Cllr Pride informed Cllr Pizzey that the potholes on Adale Road had been repaired but not the ones on Marina Drive.

The comments from the Woodland Trust had been noted.

105/25 Finance

The monthly financial and budget reports had been previously circulated.

Members agreed the following invoices be paid.

Shelter Maintenance	£111.36
Salaries/expenses/Pension/HMRC	£2054.93
M Blackwell mowing churchyard x 2	£100.00
Stainsby Cricket Club – grant	£500.00
Amber Valley – emptying bins	£4030.52
Buxton’s – Drain down unvented system	£180.00
Cllr J Ainsworth reimbursement for plants for Planter	£39.90
Eon – May invoice	£27.80
S Manners – website support	£420.00
East Midlands Audit Services	£171.25
Talbot Turf	£192.53
Excel – stationery	£107.41
Hiscox Insurance	£3429.03
Lengthsman March Invoice	£200.00
Lengthsman April/May Invoice	£212.50

106/25 Correspondence

Email regarding bonfires – clerk to report to Amber Valley – Environmental Health Department.

It was noted that the work on the trees at the Tavern Plantation had been completed.

A new electric meter is to be installed at the pavilion on Dobholes Lane Recreation Ground.

Clerk to confirm with Gillots how many plots are available in the burial ground.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.