

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026
At 7.30pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

01/26 Present

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

02/26 Public Questions

None

03/26 Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Pizzey reported that Amber Valley Council will begin to introduce weekly food waste collection across the Borough next year.

A Community Governance meeting will take place on 29th January at 6pm in Church Hall.

04/26 Apologies

Cllr S Yeomans

05/26 Variation of Order of Business

None

06/26 Declaration of Members Interests

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

07/26 To confirm the non-confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th December 2025

Cllr Ainsworth was present at the meeting 19th December 2025

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

08/26 Planning applications

None

09/26 Planning Applications

None

10/26 Playground Inspections

All the play equipment has been inspected and in good condition.

The Groundsman to repair the fence around the children's playground on Stainsby Meadow.

Clerk to obtain a quotation for new swing seats on the older children's swings on Stainsby Meadow.

Clerk to chase up the spare part for the basket swing which has been ordered.

11/26 Budget

The Budget for 2026/2027 was presented to the Council for discussion.

Cllr Judson proposed that the precept be set at £60,747.00 for the forthcoming year this proposal was seconded by Cllr Rogers and members agreed.

12/26 Community Governance

A Community Governance review is now taking place which is looking at parish boundaries, members agreed that their proposal is not acceptable, as this would reduce the parish of Smalley significantly.

13/26 Upcoming Changes to bus operations and collaboration on bus shelter

Derbyshire County Council is currently responsible for the bus operation and shelters in the area; this is being transferred to East Midland Combined County Authority.

14/26 Tavern Plantation

Cllr Judson proposed and Cllr Rogers agreed that the three trees highlighted in the tree survey to be cut down, as recommended. Members agreed that the Clerk can authorise the work to be carried out.

15/26 Parish Signs

Quotations have been received to install the parish signs. Members agreed to have the sign on Dobholes Lane installed by Civic Pride.

16/26 National Grid Upgrade

Waiting for consultation which will commence this year.

17/26 Christmas Lights

Members agreed to leave the Christmas lights in place, as this will reduce the costs.

Clerk to obtain quotation for additional Christmas lights on lampposts in the village.

18/26 .gov.uk emails

Members are having problems accessing their email on the new gov.uk email addresses. Clerk to ask provider for further information.

19/26 Finance

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

Members agreed that the following payments be made.

January Payments

Shelter Maintenance	£101.28
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2024.53
Lengthsman	£162.50
Art Group - Rent for Smalley Institute for one meeting	£15.00
Eon	£31.11
Income	
January 2026	
Interest	£32.68

20/26 Correspondence

People are being asked not to park down Bell Lane by a resident, the Manager of the Woodland Trust who is responsible for this area is going to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council, he will report to the Council of their decision to have a no parking policy in this area.

Grit bins the Council has had several requests for the installation of grit bins in the village. Derbyshire County Council and Amber Valley Council are refusing to install and fill further bins in the village and are passing this responsibility on to the Parish Council to maintain the bins. There are sixteen bins in the village already unfortunately the Parish Council does not have the resources to provide additional bins and to be able to fill them. However, the Parish Council will investigate employing someone to fill the bins when required.

Clerk to inform residents who have contacted the Parish Council.

Cllr Saddington proposed that the Parish Council Meetings in the future start at 7pm Cllr Pride seconded all members were in favour.

The meeting closed at 21.43

