

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

38/25 Present

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

39/25 *Public Questions*

None

40/25 *Apologies*

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

41/25 *Variation of Order of Business*

None

42/25 *Declaration of Members Interests*

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

43/25 *Borough Councillor Report*

The stile on Wood Lane was damaged 2 years ago and still requires repair, however this has been reported on several occasions, it is the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council to repair the stile, Cllr Paget to contact Derbyshire County Council again.

The solar farm application in Denby has been submitted.

44/25 *Minutes of Meeting held on 17th March 2025*

Cllr A Paget proposed the minutes were a correct record and Cllr W Judson seconded the proposal, all members agreed, and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

45/25 *Matters arising*

RESOLVED: Members agreed that a budget of £100 be made available for producing leaflets concerning the National Grid upgrade proposals when the route of the pylons has been decided.

46/25 Planning

AVA/2025/0215 – 1 Dobholes Lane – demolish existing single storey extension and build two storey rear extension.

AVA/2025/0241 – 1 Dobholes Lane, self-build bungalow - No objections

AVA/20250202 – Variation of condition 3 hours operation
Carrington Farm, Heanor Road – No objections

AVA/2025/0205 – 16 Pastures Drive, Smalley – conversion of existing garage into annex with porch extension and construction of a new garage – No objections

AVA/2025/0175 – variation of condition 11 (construction operating hours)
Heanor Gate Spencer Academy - Object as this will have an adverse effect on the residents living in the surrounding area. Cllr W Judson declared an interest in the above.

AVA/2025/0188 – 17 Meadow Drive – proposed annex living quarters for family member requiring 24h care – no objections.

47/25 Playground Inspections

Dobholes Lane

The equipment has been inspected and is satisfactory. There is a rubber grip missing which is to be installed as soon as possible.

Clerk to order a new mission trapeze.

Stainsby Meadow

The dog waste bins are overflowing, this has already been reported to Amber Valley.

Clerk to ask Amber Valley who owns the fencing along Dobholes Lane at the bottom of the recreation ground.

48/25 Toddler Swings

Clerk and Chairman met with a contractor on site to look at new position on Dobholes Lane Recreation Ground for the installation of toddler swings, once the quotation has been received this will be sent round to all members.

49/25 National Grid Update

Cllr Padget reported that the National Grid Group will be meeting every 8 weeks until further information is provided.

50/25 Tree Survey

Quotations have been received for the tree survey, Cllr Ainsworth proposed, and Cllr Paget seconded that Mac Tree Services be asked to conduct the survey. All members were in favour.

51/25 Stainsby Meadow boundary – fencing

Four quotations have been received, Cllr Rogers to inform nearby resident of the proposed installation of the boundary fence.

This to be put on the agenda next month.

52/25 Audit 2024/2025

Clerk informed members that we are waiting for the internal audit to be completed by Dalc.

53/25 Parish Signs

The signs are to read welcome to Smalley it was suggested that a Derbyshire Rose be put on the sign, if Councillors have any other ideas, they are to let the Clerk know.

54/25 The Bell

The Bell is up for sale, the community group has 6 weeks to decide if they can purchase this, however government grants are not available.

55/25 Finance

Monthly financial reports previously circulated.

Members agreed that the following payments be made.

Shelter Maintenance	£101.24
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2022.81
NT Services	£404.77
Eon	£31.56
Art Group Rent of premises for	
Parish Council Meeting 3 meetings	£45.00
Amber Valley – Emptying litter bins and dog bins	£3731.96
T3 Network Solutions	£228.38
Tennis Club – electricity	£269.22
Dalc annual subscription	£925.68
Talbot Turf	£270.00
Glasdon – 2 Grit Bins	£334.24

Clerk informed members that the contractor who mows the burial ground was having problems with mower, and that she had found another company who could

carry out the mowing on a regular basis, in view of the number of complaints received regarding the maintenance of the burial ground, Cllr Paget proposed, and Cllr Bowen seconded that M Blackwell mow the burial ground every 3 weeks. All members agreed.

56/25 Correspondence

Request for funding Stainsby Cricket Club

Cllr Paget declared an interest in the above subject.

Cllr Judson proposed, and Cllr Ainsworth seconded that £1100 be given to Stainsby Cricket Club to purchase new nets. All members agreed.

Request for funding Children's Holiday Club

Members agreed not to contribute to this as this was not a Smalley group.

57/25 Items for the Internet

Cllr Gallimore to put information on to the website regarding the pylons.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm