

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Smalley Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026
Held at 7.00pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

142/26 Attendance

J Saddington, Chairman; G Rogers; W Judson; T Pride; L Pizzey; J Ainsworth
and W Rippin

143/26 Questions from the public

No questions

144/26 Apologies for absence

M Bowen, M Thomson

145/26 Co-option of a Councillor

Mr J Evans briefly set out his reasons for wishing to join Smalley Parish Council.
Members unanimously agreed that he be co-opted to the Council.

146/26 Variation to the order of business

No variation

147/26 Declarations of Members' interests

RESOLVED: Members would declare interests as they arose during the meeting.

*148/26 Confirmation of the non-confidential minutes of the meeting held on
20th July 2026*

Cllr Judson proposed, and Cllr Pride seconded, that the minutes be approved as an
accurate record. Members agreed and the Chair signed them.

149/26 Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising

150/26 Planning applications

AVA/2026/0427 — Boundary fence and security gates beside the footpath and road at
39 Lowe Avenue, Smalley. No objections.

AVA/2026/0491 — Prefabricated ancillary building in the garden of the existing
dwelling at 20 Cloves Hill. Concern: insufficient car parking.

AVA/2026/0526 — Two storage silos for polythene pellets at

Amcor, Heanor Gate Industrial Estate. No objections.

AVA/2026/0507 — Two-storey and single-storey rear extensions at 118 Heanor Road. No objections.

AVA/2026/0302 — Replacement porch, external staircase and single-storey rear extension at The Bell Inn, Main Road, Smalley. No objections.

AVA/2026/0270 — Land adjoining Vizqueen Training Academy, Heanor Gate Road Industrial Estate: change of use of the existing land to create a car park.
No objections.

151/26 Playground inspections

Cllr Rogers reported that both playgrounds had been inspected and found satisfactory.

The zip-wire repair was still outstanding. The Clerk will pursue this.

The Clerk will remind Amber Valley to supply the playground inspection reports.

The pavilion was found clean and tidy.

A site visit will be arranged to inspect the pavilion and goalposts. The wall opening through which the posts pass may pose a health and safety risk, particularly in a fire.

West Hallam Football Club had supplied football-parking posters which is issued to all visiting clubs. Clerk to send a copy of the poster to Cllr Evans.

152/26 Risk Assessments

Members agreed the revised risk assessment policies, which will be published on the website. Members commended Cllr Prides's excellent work.

Members to review the risk assessment policies every year.

A copy of the art group lease to be circulated to members, a fire risk assessment and the installation of fire alarms to be discussed at the next meeting.

153/26 Defibrillator

Councillor Judson proposed that the Parish Council should assume responsibility for the defibrillator as no one appears to be maintaining it at present, Councillor Pride seconded this and all members were in favour.

Clerk to arrange for the defibrillator to be registered with NHS

Cllr Judson to inspect regularly and maintain the defibrillator.

154/26 CPRE Membership

Members agreed the CRPE Membership will continue.

155/26 Chairs Actions

None

156/26 Memorial plaque and memorial

Members approved the additional inscription on the headstones.

Clerk to contact Copes Memorials regarding the plaque dimensions 12 x 8 would be acceptable for additional inscriptions.

Cemetery policy to be amended next month to accommodate the inscriptions for several names.

157/26 Appointment of internal auditor EMAS Ltd

Members appointed EMAS Ltd as internal auditor and agreed the terms of engagement of which the Chairman duly signed,

158/26 Grant Application for tennis club

The Council would like clarification on

- Members requested full costings, who would undertake the work, whether it depended on approval of all grant applications, and how the money would be spent.
- Would the money be repaid if the total funding was not obtained
- Further specific information was requested, and to invite a representative of the Tennis Club to the next meeting to discuss the application.

159/26 CCTV

Cllr Saddington and Cllr Pizzey looked at the Tennis Club cctv and reported that the camera looking toward the car park was not working. Clerk to arrange for the contractor visit to see if this can be repaired, or a quotation for a higher definition camera.

Members agreed that the other cameras be turned off as they were not facing Parish Council property.

Electricity invoices have been received from the tennis club, clerk to check how much was paid last time.

160/26 Laptop

Members agreed a new laptop to be purchased for the Clerk.

16/126 Finance

Monthly financial report and budget report was circulated previously.

Members agreed the following payments be made.

August Payments

Shelter Maintenance	£111.36
Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2179.64
M Blackwell – Mowing burial ground	£50.00
Dalc – subscription fees	£985.21
Greg Long Tree Care – 12 trees reduction to safe height	£10,080.00
Buxton Ltd – removal of cylinder at pavilion	£234.02

Income

Interest	£26.10
Funeral Fees	£1660.00

September payments

Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc	£2114.21
M Blackwell – Mowing burial ground x 2	£100.00
Art Group - Rent for Smalley Institute for 1 meetings	£15.00
Shelter Maintenance	£111.36
Eon	£46.18
G North - Refurbishment of Mile post	£66.00
Derbyshire County Council – Pension	£103.77
Shelter Maintenance repair to bus shelter	£582.00

162/26 Cllr L Pizzey – County Councillors Report

Cllr Pizzey reported on Woodside Farm, Amber Valley and Derbyshire County Council had no concerns over the re-routing of the footpath and covering of an open ditch. Councillors were invited to inspect the work if they wished.

Members received an update on local government reorganisation; the process has been paused pending review.

All local recycling centres require your vehicle to be registered, if this is not on the system you will not be able to use the centres, this will be implemented by the end of September.

The planters are in good condition; thanks were given to Cllr Ainsworth for looking after them. Bulbs are to be purchased for the planter on Dobholes Lane.

The milepost was considered to look very good after the refurbishment.

The memorial poppies were being stored in the pavilion, Cllr Pizzey and

Mr T Ainsworth will be installing these on the lamp posts in time for Remembrance Day.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.