

**Little Smeaton Parish Council Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**Community Room, Kirk Smeaton**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Councillor G. Ivey (Chair), Councillor C. Atkinson (Vice Chair), Councillor J. Howdle, R. Brown (Clerk)**

**1. Apologies**

**1.1** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hancock.

**1.2** Reason for absence given by Councillor Hancock were accepted.

Proposed by Councillor Ivey, seconded by Councillor Atkinson.

**2. Declarations of interest**

**2.1** No declarations of interest were declared under the Councils' code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

**2.2** No applications for dispensation were received.

**3. Financial Matters**

**3.1** Councillors approved budget, spend and pay for:

- Up to £24.00 for hire of the Community Room on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Proposed by Councillor Ivey, seconded by Councillor Atkinson.

**4. Repair of fence and gate on Cross Hills**

**4.1** Councillor Ivey informed the meeting that she had contacted the tenant of the field beside Cross Hills to offer help with access for the harvest, and, as a result arranged to have one further post and rail removed. The harvest has now been completed with no further damage to the fence or the ground at Cross Hills. Looking at the tracks it is clear that this gap easily gave the tenant enough room

to access the field with approximately 70cm excess on each side. This confirms that a double gate, if erected, should present no problem in the future. In addition, the Parish Council repeated its offer that, if given sufficient notice, arrangements will be made to open the gate(s) when access is required.

In view of this, Councillors agreed to proceed with the proposed repairs to the fence on Cross Hills and to further works to erect a double gate.

Proposed by Councillor Ivey, Seconded by Councillor Howdle.

**4.2** Having considered the two quotes obtained Councillors agreed to approve budget, spend and pay of £800.00 to TC Groundworks.

Proposed by Councillor Atkinson, seconded by: Councillor Howdle.

**4.3** Councillors considered the next steps with regards to the application for retrospective permission to erect the fence on Cross Hills, and agreed to delay the application until negotiations with the owner of the field next to Cross Hills have been completed and her Section 184 application has been agreed, in the expectation that no objection would then be raised. Decision to be reviewed at the September full Parish Council meeting.

## **5. Correspondence Received.**

**5.1** The Email regarding Cross Hills from a local resident was considered and it was agreed that the Clerk would respond asking for clarity on some of the points raised.

## **6. Date of the next Parish Council meeting:**

**6.1** The next meeting to be held at 7.00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

There being no further business the meeting ending at 8.05pm.