

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on
5th May, 2021 at 8 p.m.
Remote Zoom meeting

Present: Edward Browne, Philip Northern, Lindy Scanlan, Lynne Ward-Booth
Mike Young and Mike Cargill.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk), Cllr Stewart Luck

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1. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Edward Browne was duly elected as Chair (proposed Lynne Ward-Booth, seconded Phil Northern) and Philip Northern was duly elected as Vice-Chair (proposed Edwards Browne and seconded Mike Young).
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Ray Searle, Simon Walsh
3. **Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:** None
4. **Public Participation (15 minutes):** Raise awareness for the public to attend PC meetings.
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th April, 2021:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed (remotely) by the Chairman.
6. **District Councillor and County Councillor Report:**
District Councillor: Stewart Luck explained about serious issues at Wimbish School. The PC informed Cllr Luck that the fence on the commonland was put up by the school, but the commonland is owned by the PC.
County Councillor: Report sent.
7. **Matters arising**
 - a) **Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland:** No response has been received from Mr Rayner.
A letter will be sent by the solicitor as no response has been received. Clerk to contact to solicitors.
 - b) **PC Email accounts:** Clerk to set up account.
8. **Planning**
 - a) **Applications:**
UTT/21/1431/CLE Bromfields, Thaxted Road
Blocking up of rear 'French' doors to garage. Blocking up of small window to a utility room. Addition of a Velux roof light to a loft space over a single storey wing. Erection of an external amenity building: timber structure 4.5m x 5.5m with an eaves height of 2.4m
PC Decision: No objections
 - b) **Decisions:** None

9. Roads, Highways and Footpaths:

- a) **Speed Limit Howlett End:** Clerk to speak to Cllr Walsh about the procedure and next steps.
- b) **Signs around the Parish:** Signs that need to be replaced are the chevron signs and direction signs at Elder Street and the Wimbish sign at White Hart junction. Clerk to ask Highways why the signs aren't going to be replaced.

10. Accounts

a) Approval of cheques:

Payments	
Tracy Coston (May)	£ 200.03
E-ON (May)	£ 75.00
C W Low	£ 216.00
E-On (Street lights)	£ 422.14
Total	£ 913.17

- b) **Audit form:** The exemption form for audits under £ 25,000 was signed by the Chair. The Statement of Assurance was signed by the Chair.

11. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:

- a) **Condition of the play equipment:** Edward Browne and Ray Searle to mend the aerial runway.
- b) **New swing seats:** Clerk to order 4 new swing seats.
- c) **Extension to car park quotes:** Quotes to be arranged from Nathan Tirling, Jossumes and Ben Westwood.

12. General Correspondence:

- a) **Discussion regarding remote meetings not allowed after 7th May, 2021:** The PC meetings will move to the Village Hall as it is a larger hall to comply with Covid rules.
- b) **By-Law discussion:** It was discussed that there are three opinions to put what we have into action or go through all the updates and have some help to go through all the procedures. An enquiry will be made to EALC. The Wimbish PC by-laws were made in 1948. Mike Young agreed to update the draft byelaws.

13. Area Report:

- a) **Water leaks:** There has been a number of leaks in the road.
- b) **Solar Farms:** Some PC's have been invited to a meeting next week that the planning committee/Low Carbon organised, Wimbish haven't been invited. English Heritage have objected to the Solar Farm application.

14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting 6th July, 2021 7.30 pm

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

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