

**Wimbish Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Wimbish Village Hall**

**Present:** Edward Browne, Mike Young, Mike Cargill, Phil Northern

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

**Public:** 2

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Lynne Ward-Booth and Ray Searle	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:</b> None	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Public Participation (15 minutes):</b>  <u>Bus Service:</u> From 1<sup>st</sup> August there will be a regular hourly service between Saffron Walden and Dunmow, 2 hourly service calling in at Carver Barracks and Wimbish (alternately).  Some changes need to be made to make the bus service to improve the service more.  There are concerns about what is going to happen to the DART buses after 1<sup>st</sup> August.  The PC will write to ECC supporting the proposals made by David Corke.  The ECC proposals are a big improvement but for no cost it could be made better. Cllr Foley will back the letter from the PC to ECC.</p> <p><u>Lucy May field:</u> David Corke is pleased that the fence is going to be removed.</p> <p><u>Parking on Elder Street:</u> The public park on the layby next to the large ECC chippings store to walk to Rowney Wood and there is only parking for 5-6 cars. Could the chippings be used to fill in some of the potholes and allow more parking.  Spoken to the Forestry Commission who were very supportive.  PC to write to Highways and ask them to confirm ownership.</p>	<p>TC/ MF</p> <p>TC</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2022:</b> The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>District Councillor and County Councillor Report:</b>  County Councillor: Report sent.  Precept levels 4.49 % increase which includes a social care increase. ECC didn't increase the precept last year. Cllr Foley is Chairman of the Youth Strategy and there is a dramatic decrease in youth funding.  Have there been an identifiable issue in young people taking drugs in Wimbish? Information to be shared if known. County lines are an issue in the area.  Potholes have been taken to the highest levels but some holes are not mended.  <b>District Councillor:</b> UDC have balanced their budget which has been approved.</p>	

	<p>The planning department is in special measures: The time period for consultation has been reduced to 3 week consultation. UDC will lose money.</p> <p>UDC corporate plan has been confirmed.</p> <p>Platinum Jubilee funding: UDC.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>a) <b>Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland:</b> The solicitor is reviewing all the documents from the PC and drafting a letter to send to Mr Rayner.</p> <p>b) <b>Fence at Lucy May field:</b> The fence will be removed when the weather allows, and the trees will be allowed to rewild themselves.</p> <p>c) <b>Litter pick arrangements – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2022:</b> Mike Young has emailed UDC to organise bags and rubbish collection. Cake to be arranged by the Clerk.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a) <b>Applications:</b> None</p> <p>b) <b>Decisions:</b>  <b><u>UTT/21/3008/FUL Little Howletts, Howlett End</u></b>  UDC approved the proposed replacement vehicular access for 2 no. semidetached dwellings approved under UTT/19/1335/FUL</p> <p><b><u>UTT/21/3612/HHF Pandemonium, Thaxted Road</u></b>  UDC refused the erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension</p> <p>c) The PC will write to UDC to ask the house at 22 Tye Green to be a Passivhaus house.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Speed Limit Howlett End:</b> A date hasn't been given by ECC and they are struggling with staff to design the scheme.</p> <p>b) <b>Signs around the Parish:</b> Cllr Foley to ask ECC to replace the missing signs.</p> <p>c) <b>Condition of By-Way 98:</b> The PC would like it made up and useable. An email has been received from the Green Lane association.</p> <p>d) <b>Parking in Elder Street (near wood):</b> Discussed in public participation.</p>	

<b>9.</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	
	<b>a) Approval of cheques</b>	
	<b>Payments</b>	
	Tracy Coston (February)	£ 200.03
	E-ON (February)	£ 34.00
	LGS (Internal Audit)	£ 90.00
	Outdoor Jack	£ 207.00
	Tracy Coston (March)	£ 200.03
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 731.06</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:</b>	
	<b>a) New swing seats:</b> To be installed.	
	<b>b) Extension to car park quotes:</b> Quotes still to be arranged.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>General Correspondence:</b>	
	<b>a) Bus services in Wimbish:</b> Discussed in Public Participation.	
	<b>b) Carver Barracks future:</b> The PC do not have any further information. It was due to officially close in 2032 but no further news has been heard.	
	<b>c) Platinum Jubilee grant:</b> Every parish can apply for a grant from UDC for £ 700.00. Invoices to be sent to UDC to apply. The PC suggested to plant an oak tree on Maple Corner and will ask the Church if they have plans.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Area Report:</b>	
	<b>a) Finger post sign at the Church:</b> Clerk to ask the Rangers to paint it.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of the next Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 7.30 pm</b>	

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

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