

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
4th January, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.
Wimbish Village Hall

Present: Edward Browne, Mike Young, Lynne Ward-Booth, and Mike Cargill.

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

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Ray Searle and Philip Northern.	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): Owners of Ashdale: The owners explained their planning application and the reasons for revision of the plans. The PC agreed to ask for the application to be called in if the officers are mindful of refusing the application. Graveswood, Lower Green: Paul Dockley thanked the Parish Council for objecting to the planning application in the paddock near his house.	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th December, 2022: The previously circulated minutes have been approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: District Councillor: Planning officers are still required at UDC. The Housing Department at UDC is struggling with staff. UDC have decided not to fund the UDC Rangers. The devolution process tried to be rushed through. County Councillor: 50mph speed limit for the whole of Thaxted Road: The Highway officers have assessed the area with the Highway officers and the Gunter's Corner bends. The criteria doesn't match exactly. The plan is to get maximum of 50mph on the road. Chair of Youth Strategy and youth clubs are thriving in some areas.	
6.	Matters arising a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: To be chased up with the solicitor. b) Bye-Laws: The bye-laws will be advertised in the church newsletter in February. Two emails have been received concerning the emails and they have been noted. c) Defibrillator checks: The school will be contacted again about making checks to the defibrillator. The PC would also like a meeting arranged with the school to touch base. d) UDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant: Gareth Jones and Edward Browne has put together a draft proposal for the grant application. There is a maximum of £ 30,000 per grant and minimum £ 1,000. Community groups have been contacted and the Barracks, Wimbish School and have a list of community projects. The PC thanked to Gareth Jones for gathering all the information.	

	<p>The PC approved that Gareth Jones will apply on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk will send accounts, equalities policy, safeguarding policy to UDC with the application.</p> <p>e) Issues with Council House in Wimbish: The PC have been contacting UDC Housing concerning a problematic tenant at a council house in Wimbish.</p>		
7.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Applications: <u>UTT/22/3466/FUL Ashdale Howlett End</u> Change of use of agricultural field and part of a residential curtilage to facilities rewinding project and extension to Ashdale's residential curtilage. <u>PC Decision:</u> Support the application. Support the biodiversity issues.</p> <p><u>UTT/22/2982/FUL Land Opposite to No's 1-5 Debden Drive (Revised plans)</u> Section 73A retrospective application for a package sewage treatment plant and associated infrastructure including underground plant and chambers with a biofilter unit standing approx. 2.382m above surrounding ground level. 1 no 4m high floodlight, pipework, kiosk, access platform, water booster set and laurel hedging approx 2.5m above ground level to screen the new apparatus. <u>PC Decision:</u> UDC has approved.</p> <p>b) Decisions: <u>UTT/22/3006/FUL Annexe at Little Gowers, Howlett End</u> UDC refused the replacement dwelling</p>		
8.	<p>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</p> <p>a) Speed Limit Howlett End: The speed limit has been installed and Mike Young will check the length of the speed limit.</p> <p>b) Signs around the Parish: Cllr Foley has asked Highways to look at the signage.</p> <p>c) UDC's decision about the Rangers: UDC made the decision not to fund the Rangers as not enough Parishes agreed to fund the Rangers.</p>		
9.	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Approval of cheques</p>		
	Payments		
	Tracy Coston (January)	£ 200.03	
	E-ON (January)	£ 34.00	
	Total	£ 234.03	
	<p>b) Budget discussion and precept setting: The PC discussed the budget and the accounts and agreed to set a precept of £ 19,950.00.</p>		
10.	<p>Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:</p> <p>a) Extension to car park quotes: To be looked at after the zero carbon grant.</p> <p>b) Playground maintenance: Ray Searle has carried out checks and works at the playground.</p>		

11.	General Correspondence: None	
12.	Area Report: Nothing to report.	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting 1st February, 2023 7.30 pm	

Meeting finished at 9.40 pm

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