

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on
10th May, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.
Wimbish Village Hall

Present: Edward Browne, Lynne Ward-Booth and Phil Northern.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk)

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| 1. | Co-option of Parish Councillors: Mike Cargill and Ray Searle have applied to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. | |
| 2. | Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Edward Browne was elected as Chair and Phil Northern was elected as Vice-Chair. | |
| 3. | Apologies for Absence: Mike Young, Ray Searle, Mike Cargill, Gareth Jones, Cllr Luck and Cllr Foley. | |
| 4. | Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None | |
| 5. | Public Participation (15 minutes): None. | |
| 6. | Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th April, 2023: The previously circulated minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council meeting were approved and signed by the Chair. | |
| 7. | District Councillor and County Councillor Report: Not present. Cllr Foley reported that he was meeting with ECC to discuss the fatality on the B184 on Gunters Corner. The PC sent their condolences to the family. | |
| 8. | Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: All information has been submitted to the solicitors. b) Bye-Laws: Mike Young wasn't present at the meeting, so it will be discussed at the next meeting. c) Defibrillator checks/Meeting with Wimbish School: The secretary will carry out monthly defibrillator checks. Edward Browne, Gareth Jones and Tracy Coston met at the school and discussed the issue of low numbers on role and the large amount of green space to upkeep. The PC are going to arrange for the brambles to be cut back on the commonland side in the autumn. d) UDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant: The grant paperwork has been completed and returned to UDC. e) Report from meeting at Carver Barracks: Edward Browne and Gareth Jones joined the community meeting at the Barracks this month to update them on Wild Wimbish and discuss the Woodland Walk on the Airfield. Plans are being discussed to find a weekend over the summer to clear the overgrown paths and picnic tables, hopefully with help from the Scouts and Air Cadets to help. FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) are going to book a date to meet to discuss village ponds, and | |

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| | quote for the restoration plan for Lower Green common land. | | |
| 9. | Planning a) Applications: UTT/23/0945/FUL Land opposite Nos 1-5 Debden Drive S73 application to vary conditions 2 (external illumination), 3 (odour management plan), 4 (Biodiversity Enhancement Layout) and 6 (site illumination) of UTT/22/2982/FUL (Section 73A Retrospective application for a package sewage treatment plant and associated infrastructure including underground plant and chambers with a biofilter unit standing approximately 2.382m above surrounding ground level, 1 no. 4m high floodlight, pipework, kiosk, access platform, water booster set and laurel hedging approximately 2.5m above ground level to screen the new apparatus). PC Decision: The PC doesn't have any objections as the application is too technical for the PC to have an informed comment. b) Decisions: None c) Commonland/by-way issues Lower Green: Gareth Jones has contracted FWAG. The PC agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr Wiseman to make out the boundary. | | |
| 10. | Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: The PC were very sad to hear about the fatal motorcycle accident at Gunters Corner. Cllr Foley is working with ECC to extend the 40mph to Brooklands Garage and the 50mph into Saffron Walden and into Thaxted. b) Speedwatch: More volunteers are required to for the Speedwatch group. | | |
| 11. | Accounts a) Approval of cheques | | |
| | Payments | | |
| | Tracy Coston (May) | £ 200.03 | |
| | E-ON (May) | £ 34.00 | |
| | EALC Membership | £ 403.16 | |
| | Tracy Coston Litter pick expenses | £ 147.30 | |
| | Event Insurance | £ 66.00 | |
| | Total | £ 850.49 | |
| | b) 2022/23 Accounts: The exemption certificate was signed and the accounts and the annual governance statement and accounting statements were approved and signed by the Chair and RFO. | | |
| 12. | Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: More maintenance has been carried out by Ray Searle. The aerial runway is to be maintained. b) Pavilion cleaning: The football club will be charged additional charge for leaving the pavilion toilets in a disguising state. | | |
| 13. | General Correspondence: | | |

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| | <p>a) King's Coronation celebrations: The PC thanked Kathy Dixon for organising the community picnic, which sadly wasn't well attended.</p> <p>b) Hundred Parishes Grant: To be discussed next meeting.</p> <p>c) Horses using footpaths: The PC discussed that the footpath has been used by the horses. The PC understand that permission has been given by the Forestry Commission/Forestry England to access the wood. Clerk to ask Mike Cargill for more information.</p> <p>d) Buses: The Clerk has had discussions with ECC Public Transport, and all the up-to-date information has been published on the PC website, Googlegroups and Facebook page.</p> | |
| 14. | Area Report: None | |
| 15. | Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 7th June, 2023 at 7.30 pm. | |

Meeting ended at 9.45 pm

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