

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
7th June, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.
Wimbish Village Hall

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

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

Public: 10

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Martin Foley, Ray Searle, Philip Northern	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	<p>Public Participation (15 minutes):</p> <p>Carver Barracks are organising some wildlife recording and Gareth Jones to liaise with Fiona Hutchings. Carver Barracks would like to recommission the woodland walk and Thaxted Scouts are keen to be involved. The Barracks are putting up labour and materials to help.</p> <p>Japanese Knot Weed: There is concern from local residents that 20 Tye Green has Japanese Knot weed all over the garden. The neighbour has been spoken to and they said that they removed the knot weed last year. The knotweed has been reported to UDC.</p> <p>David Corke: Ellis Green is a designated local wildlife site with public access. 1 acre is private land when belongs to Walden Countryside and other is commonland and no known owner. The management is carried out by local farmers. The area that would benefit from management is the area around the old moat and the pond needs management. The orchard is managed by Walden Countryside and it is in need of extra work. Neighbouring parishes have larger amount of open access countryside but they are not areas in PC management. Wimbish has the commonland to manage and own Lucy May field, which should be made available to the general public and available for everyone.</p> <p>Ecology details sent to the David Corke and need to discuss how the projects are going to be kept going. The issue is with getting volunteers to be involved in projects.</p> <p>FWAG are coming to visit for free initial advice for a management plan for the land. Lucy May field needs to be discussed. Sometimes planting trees isn't the right solution, and should be left to their own devices. Lucy May field is a site on a very busy road and no parking.</p> <p>The PC wasn't allowed to touch the pond by Stewardship a number of years ago.</p>	
4.	Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on 10th May, 2023: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	<p>District Councillor and County Councillor Report:</p> <p>District Councillor: New councillors and a training programme are taking place at UDC. Changes to committees. LGA training and can use them for advice.</p> <p>Role of the Councillor was discussed in part of the training.</p>	

6.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: More information has been sent to the solicitors.</p> <p>b) Bye-Laws: Mike Young is waiting for Ministry approval but it hasn't been received.</p> <p>c) UDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant: Invoices for the seed have been received.</p> <p>d) Horses using footpaths: The footpath in Pepples Lane is supposedly owned by the Forestry Commission. Further enquiries will be made.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Applications:</p> <p>UTT/23/1358/FUL Highams Farm, Tindon End Change of use and conversion of garages at holiday let <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections</p> <p>UTT/23/1288/FUL Gowers Cottage, Howlett End Proposed change of use of land and installation of 3 no glamping domes, associated decking, footpaths, recycling/refuse storage and new water treatment plant <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections</p> <p>UTT/23/1372/HHF 58 Rowney Avenue Demolition of existing extensions and erection of single storey rear and side wrap around extensions <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections</p> <p>b) Decisions:</p> <p>UTT/23/0722/FUL Little Stonnards, Top Road UDC refused the demolition of garage and erection of detached single storey dwelling in place of existing garage outbuilding. Formation of new driveway to serve Little Stonnards with onsite parking to serve both existing and proposed developments.</p> <p>c) Commonland/by-way issues Lower Green: FWAG are meeting Gareth Jones on Monday 26th June at 9.30am. Marking the boundary to be discussed.</p>	

8.	Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: Discussions are ongoing.	
9.	Accounts a) Approval of cheques	
	Receipts	
	UK Power Networks (Wayleave)	£ 66.29
	Payments	
	Tracy Coston (June)	£ 200.03
	E-ON (June)	£ 34.00
	Sarah Diggons (Cleaning)	£ 45.00
	Npower (Street lights)	£ 494.94
	Play Inspection company	£ 90.00
	Sarah Jones (Coronation)	£ 50.00
	Wimbish Good Companions	£ 500.00
	Viking (Stationery)	£ 70.23
	Microsoft	£ 82.56
	Kathy Dixon (Coronation)	£ 10.12
	Amazon (Coronation)	£ 225.96
	Amazon (Coronation)	£ 12.90
	Edward Browne (Footpath sign)	£ 41.69
	Total	£ 1,857.43
10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: Ray Searle has mended some seats and carried out some general maintenance.	
11.	General Correspondence: a) King's Coronation celebrations: Grant to be claimed back by the Clerk. b) Hundred Parishes Grant: Grants offered to all Parish Councils that have been members for more than 5 years. The grant will be discussed at the next meeting.	
12.	Area Report: None	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 5th July, 2023 at 7.30 pm.	

Meeting ended at 9.45 pm

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