

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
5th July, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.
Wimbish Village Hall

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

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk)

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Ray Searle, Lynne Ward-Booth and Cllr Luck	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): Japanese Knotweed: UDC is waiting for a quote from a contractor.	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th June, 2023: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: District Councillor: Not present County Councillor: Sadly, there has been a fatal accident on the B184 and there was another fatality last month as well. Cllr Foley met the family of the deceased. A plan has been put together for the area and the plan will be discussed at the Highways Panel meeting tomorrow and priority will be given to this. Libraries are under threat, please promote use of them. Gareth Jones will write to Cllr Foley to ask for the lease details at ECC for the school.	
6.	Matters arising a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: The solicitors are drafting a response. b) Byelaws: Mike Young has chased a response from the Government. c) UDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant: A payment of £ 2,880.00 has been received from UDC. Further quotes will be sent in to release all the grant funds. d) Horses using footpaths: Mike Cargill will try and find out about the ownership of the footpath. e) Japanese Knotweed: UDC are waiting for a quote from a contractor to remove it. f) Hundred Parishes grant: Garth Jones is look into the grant. g) FRAG: A meeting was organised with Gareth Jones and Edward Browne to look at the recreation ground, Wimbish School, Lucy May Field, Ellis Green. FRAG were really complementary with all the areas. Management plan for the verges to be developed. It was advised for more intensive cutting and collection and in other areas to plant additional seeds. A proposal for restoration plan for the by-way at Lower Green will be developed. The verge at Carver Barracks to Debden Barns is a protected verge and it has 21	

	<p>different species of grass. Discussion about taking the hedges back more to help the verge.</p> <p>The PC discussed organising a community walk with FRAG.</p> <p>A work party is going to Carver Barracks to sort out the woodland walk with the scouts and the PC are pleased with the positive engagement within the Barracks.</p> <p>h) Wimbish Primary School: Moving to Anglian Learning academy. Executive Head Nichola Pickford who is Head at Balsham Meadow School. 45 pupils in September. Break even for school is 63 pupils. Buses were discussed. Cutting back on the commonland and they have to cross a public footpath to get to the school field. The school is looking to engage with the local community.</p>																																					
7.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Applications:</p> <p><u>UTT/23/1591/HHF Ashdale, Howlett End</u> Erection of garden hut <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections</p> <p><u>UTT/23/1343/HHF Abbots Manor Bungalow, Thaxted Road</u> Section 73A Retrospective application for the use of garage and as built first floor as habitable annexe accommodation for use in connection with main dwelling. <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections.</p> <p>b) Decisions: None</p> <p>c) Commonland/by-way issues Lower Green: Letter to be sent to Mr Wiseman that a site visit has been organised with FRAG. The report will be sent when received.</p>																																					
8.	<p>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</p> <p>a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: To be discussed at the Highways Panel meeting tomorrow for more signs and an advisory speed limit on the bend.</p>																																					
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10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: The Clerk has applied for a grant from UDC Community grant for the maintenance of the aerial runway.	
11.	General Correspondence: a) Parish Councillor to become a school governor: No members of the PC were able to take up this position due to other commitments.	
12.	Area Report: a) New welfare officers at Carver Barracks: Mike Young has given the list of addresses and school catchment areas to the new welfare officers. b) Dog waste bin at the Water tower: The PC has had a request for an additional bin. The location will be checked and then a request sent to UDC to see if they will empty it.	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6th September, 2023 at 7.30 pm.	

Meeting ended at 10 pm

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