

**Wimbish Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**  
**1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Wimbish Village Hall**

**Present:** Edward Browne, Phil Northern, Lynne Ward-Booth, Mike Cargill and Mike Young

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

**Public:** 3

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Gareth Jones, Cllr Foley	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:</b> None	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Public Participation (15 minutes):</b></p> <p><b>Japanese Knotweed:</b> The issue hasn't been sorted out after 6 months. The Groundman has organised a quote but the Housing Department hasn't approved the work to be carried out. Ted Boatman is totally dissatisfied with the lack of action from the District Council.</p> <p><b>Flooding by Pandemonium:</b> The water is very bad and there has been one accident. To be chased up with ECC and residents asked to report on the ECC website.</p> <p><b>50mph Howlett End:</b>  30 mph sign needs to be replaced. The 30mph is supposed to start at the Old Star and they are at the Steam Yard.  Speedwatch: Deryck Johnson explained that isn't a strict timetable and there are adhoc checks. In 55 mins booked 21 cars last week. There are two more people to join the speedwatch team from Carver Barracks. Deryck Johnson was with a traffic officer and he has promised to make some visits. Saffron Walden Police has visited the site and had the Truecam and will be making more visits.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2023:</b> The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>District Councillor and County Councillor Report:</b></p> <p><b>District Councillor:</b> The Local Plan was discussed at UDC and it went to full council and it was decided to move forward to a 6 week public consultation. Wimbish is considered to be a large village and given 115 houses to be built.</p> <p><b>County Councillor report:</b> Not present</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland:</b> Stilling progressing with the solicitor.</p> <p><b>b) Bye-Laws:</b> Some changes have been made about a definition of a drone.</p> <p><b>c) UDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant:</b> Gareth Jones to gather information for the next round of applications.</p> <p><b>d) Japanese Knotweed:</b> All discussed in public participation.</p> <p><b>e) Hundred Parishes grant:</b> Gareth Jones to progress.</p> <p><b>f) Dog waste bin at the Water Tower:</b> UDC to be chased for a response.</p>	

	<p>g) <b>Commonland at Wimbish School/bridge repair:</b> The school will be asked to see if the bridge has been repaired. The hedge on the commonland will be cut back. Some branches to be cut from the trees.</p> <p>h) <b>Sewage works at Debden Drive:</b> A meeting has taken place and the contractor is going to write up the report from the meeting and circulate.</p> <p>i) <b>No 29 Tye Green:</b> The Clerk is still chasing UDC for progress with the tenancy issues.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>a) Applications:</b></p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2654/FUL Barn Opposite The Old Post Office Howlett End</u></b> Proposed conversion and change of use of an existing vacant redundant agricultural building to 1no. dwelling together with associated operational development and landscaping. <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> The PC are concerned that the development is very close to the road.</p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2646/CLE Abbots Manor Bungalow Thaxted Road</u></b> Erection and occupation of building as dwelling. <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> The PC understand the mobile home was due to be removed by the applicant as part of planning application UTT/20/0942/FUL: Removal of existing mobile dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with garage. A mobile dwelling was retained on site during the build with the specific intent to provide accommodation until the completion of the replacement dwelling. The mobile dwelling was on site between June 2019 and November 2022 solely due to the prolonged duration of the build of the new dwelling, and therefore this period of time should not qualify for a Certificate of Lawful Development.</p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2627/FUL Land East Of Mill House Mill Road</u></b> S73 application to vary condition (approved plans) attached to planning application UTT/20/2301/FUL (added under UTT/23/2382/NMA) for the construction of 2 no. dwellings, new vehicular access and associated parking and landscaping <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> No objections</p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2507/FUL Farrowby Cottage, Lower Green</u></b> Demolition of redundant agricultural building and erection of 2no. dwellings and associated work <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> No objections</p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2488/LB Freemans Farm, Elder Street</u></b> Replacement windows <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> No objections</p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2437/HHF 58 Rowney Ave</u></b> Demolition of existing extensions and erection of single storey rear and side wrap around extensions <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> No objections</p>	

	<p><b>b) Decisions:</b> None</p> <p><b>c) Appeal:</b>  Midden Top Road  Description of development: Erection of 1 no. single storey dwelling and garaging.  Application ref: UTT/23/0343/FUL Appeal ref: APP/C1570/W/23/3324813</p> <p><b>Land at Lower House Farm, Lower Green Lane</b>  Proposed erection of 1 no. dwelling and detached garage  Application reference: UTT/23/0525/FUL  <b>Appeal Reference:</b> APP/C1570/W/23/3326001</p> <p><b>d) Commonland/by-way issues Lower Green:</b> The rubbish has been cleared up by Edward Browne.</p> <p><b>e) Local Plan:</b> Regulations 18 1<sup>st</sup> stage for a 6 week public consultation and next stage is Reg 19 and consultation. Members of the PC that attended the Local Plan meeting reported that the main report was 400 pages and supplementary report 3,900 pages.  UDC need to build 13,860 houses, there are already 6,000 houses committed. Takeley and Saffron Walden will take a lot of the houses.  13 large villages to take 1,000 houses between them. 115 houses have been allocated for Elder Street (Wimbish) which will be an 36% increase for Wimbish. All the development is on the Tesco side of Swards End.  The PC would like to query why Wimbish is a large village with UDC and that 115 houses have been allocated for Elder Street, but no location is known. The PC agreed it is very important to protect the land between Rowney Wood and the Airfield.  The Clerk will ask UDC to clarify the classification of a larger village and the location of the 115 houses to be allocated to Wimbish.</p>		
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</b></p> <p><b>a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road:</b> Cllr Foley is chasing up with UDC Highways.</p> <p><b>b) Wiggles Lane:</b> The footpath to Rowney Wood is owned by the Forestry Commission.</p>		
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p><b>a) Approval of cheques</b></p>		
	<b>Payments</b>		
	Tracy Coston (November)	£ 200.03	
	E-ON (November)	£ 34.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 234.03</b>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:</b></p> <p><b>a) Playground maintenance:</b> Ray Searle has carried out some maintenance to some benches.</p>		

	<b>b) Works to the aerial runway:</b> The parts have been purchased and Edward Browne will install them.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>General Correspondence:</b> <b>a) Thaxted Area Parish meeting - 20 November at 7pm via Zoom:</b> Councillors will attend if they are available. <b>b) Dog waste bin near Rowney Wood:</b> Clerk to ask permission.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Area Report:</b> Nothing to report.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at 7.30 pm.</b>	

Meeting ended at 9.45 pm

**Signed**

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