

**Wimbish Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**  
**6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Wimbish Village Hall**

**Present:** Edward Browne, Phil Northern, Mike Cargill, Gareth Jones and Mike Young.

**In attendance:** Tracy Coston (Clerk)

**Public:** 1

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Lynne Ward-Booth, Stewart Luck, Cllr Foley, Mike Cargill	
2.	<b>Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:</b> None	
3.	<b>Public Participation (15 minutes):</b> <b>Issue with water collecting on the road:</b> There have been a series of accidents near Graces Fruit Farm on Thaxted Road. The issues have been reported to ECC and it is thought to be a blocked drain under the road. An email and photographs were sent to Cllr Foley to chase up with Highways.	
4.	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023:</b> The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	<b>District Councillor and County Councillor Report:</b> Not present.	
6.	<b>Matters arising</b> a) <b>Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland:</b> To be chased up. b) <b>Bye-Laws:</b> No further information has been received. c) <b>UDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant:</b> An application hasn't been made for this round of the grant. d) <b>Japanese Knotweed:</b> The contractor should be dealing with the Japanese Knotweed in January 2024. e) <b>Hundred Parishes grant:</b> Gareth Jones will liaise with Helen Wiseman about a quote for producing some artwork. f) <b>Dog waste bin at the Water Tower:</b> A response hasn't been received from UDC. g) <b>Commonland at Wimbish School/bridge repair:</b> The bridge will be repaired when tenders are received and agreed by Anglian Learning.	
7.	<b>Planning</b> a) <b>Applications:</b> <b><u>UTT/23/2687/OP White House, Upper Green</u></b> Outline application with all matters reserved except access, layout and scale for the erection of 1 no. detached residential dwelling with new vehicle access driveway. <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> The PC commented that the original access should be used because it is a protected lane. This would allow the native hedge to be retained.	

	<p><b><u>UTT/23/2656/HHF – UTT/23/2857/LB Pig and Whistle, Thaxted Road</u></b> Demolition of timber conservatory and extension of single storey extension. <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> No objections</p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2859/FUL Barn North of Tiptoft Farm, Cole End Lane</u></b> PROPOSAL: S73 application to vary condition 2 (The use hereby permitted shall remain ancillary to the residential property known as Tiptofts and shall not be used for any independent use away from this property, including use as a separate dwelling, without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority) of UTT/14/1208/FUL by removing the words 'including use as a separate dwelling' <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> No objections</p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2778/HHF The Lodge, Howlett End</u></b> Demolition of garage store and erection of oak framed garage with covered entertaining space and store over with external staircase. <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> No objections</p> <p><b><u>UTT/23/2979/DFO Land at East Lea Farm, Lower Green Lane</u></b> Details following outline application UTT/22/2087/OP for the erection of 1 no. dwelling – details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. <b><u>PC Decision:</u></b> No objections</p> <p><b>b) Decisions:</b> None</p> <p><b>c) Appeal:</b> Home Pasture Stud: Creation of dwelling in stable block To take place on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at UDC.</p> <p><b>d) Commonland/by-way issues Lower Green:</b> Edward Browne has tidied up some of the commonland. The report from FWAG hasn't been received.</p> <p><b>e) Local Plan – approve response to UDC:</b> The Clerk has contacted UDC Planning Policy via email and telephone and they will not answer the queries why Wimbish has been designated as a large village and the allocation of 115 houses have been specified for Elder Street. Mike Young has drafted a response and will update and send to the PC to approve via email and add some ecology information from Gareth Jones.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road:</b> Clerk to contact Highway and ask what are the final plans for the 30 mph speed limit sign on B184 Wimbish 30mph speed limit.</p>	

<b>9.</b>	<b>Accounts</b>	
	<b>a) Approval of cheques</b>	
	<b>Payments</b>	
	Tracy Coston (December) Salary £ 353.17 Back Pay £ 928.26	£ 997.22
	E-ON (December)	£ 34.00
	Sarah Diggons	£ 20.00
	Tracy Coston (Expenses)	£ 326.46
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,377.68</b>
	<b>b) Clerk's salary and National pay award:</b> The Clerk gave details of the National pay award and calculations and the PC agreed to pay the back pay and additional salary.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:</b> <b>a) Playground maintenance:</b> The benches have been maintained. <b>b) Works to the aerial runway:</b> Edward Browne to maintain with the new parts.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>General Correspondence:</b> <b>a) Licensing application at Hidden Gem Camping, Gowers Cottage:</b> The PC do not have any objections. <b>b) Foodbank:</b> To be considered next month.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Area Report:</b> <b>a) Area Parish Meeting:</b> Mike Young attended the meeting about Rural Housing.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023 at 7.30 pm.</b>	

Meeting ended at 9.45 pm

**Signed**

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