

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
3rd January, 2024 at 7.30 p.m.
Wimbish Village Hall

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

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

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Martin Foley, Lynne Ward-Booth	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: Edward Browne declared an interest in planning application UTT/23/3109/FUL.	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): None present.	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th December, 2023: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: District Councillor report: The issues with bin collections were discussed. Issues with lack of staff, staff sickness and vehicle breakdowns.	
6.	Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: Information from the solicitors to be chased up. b) Bye-Laws: The Government have until the 11th January, 2024 to reply to Mike Young. c) Japanese Knotweed: The Japanese Knotweed is to be cleared by UDC on 15th January, 2024. d) Hundred Parishes grant: Helen Wiseman to be asked about producing some artwork for a walking map by Gareth Jones. e) Dog waste bin at the Water Tower: Clerk has chased up UDC for permission to put in a dog poo bin near the Water Tower and an application will also be made for Rowney Wood for a bin. A new dog bin will be ordered for the recreation ground with a bigger capacity. 	
7.	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Applications: <u>UTT/23/29310/LB Rowan Trees, Thaxted Road</u> Repair works to roof and chimney <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections <u>UTT/23/3109/FUL The Bungalow, Top Road</u> Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings. Erection of 2.no residential dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and widening of existing access. <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections 	

	b) Decisions: None d) Commonland/by-way issues Lower Green: Robert Wiseman is dealing with the issues at Ellis Green with the blocked footpath. e) Local Plan: The PC's approved response has been sent to UDC.		
8.	Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: Nothing to report.		
9.	Accounts a) Approval of cheques		
	Payments		
	Tracy Coston (January)	£ 282.57	
	E-ON (January)	£ 34.00	
	Outdoor Jack	£ 207.37	
	C W Low and Son (Vergecutting)	£ 2,880.00	
	Total	£ 3,403.94	
	b) Discuss the budget and set the precept for 2024/25: The PC discussed the budget and agreed to set a precept of £ 12,700.00 which is an increase of 2.87%. c) S137 donations: Donations to the UDC Citizens Advice and UDC Foodbank will be discussed at the next meeting.		
10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: Ray Searle to check the play area regularly. b) Works to the aerial runway: Edward to send the invoices to the Clerk. c) Van at the rec: The van has been reported to UDC for removal.		
11.	General Correspondence: a) Litterpick: The litterpick will take place on 24 th March at 2pm. b) Lucy May field: The event to clear up the field was well supported. The tree guards will be recycled.		
12.	Area Report: Nothing to report.		
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 7th February, 2024 at 7.30 pm.		

Meeting ended at 9.45 pm

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