

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
5th June, 2024 at 7.30 p.m.
Wimbish Village Hall

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

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk),

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Ray Searle, Mike Cargill, Cllr Foley, Cllr Luck	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: Mike Young declared an interest in South View.	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): The Informal Consultation: Footpath 70 Wimbish, Uttlesford DC Extinguishment Footpath: A member of the public agreed that the extinguishment should be objected to, and she will contact the Ramblers, who will object. The PC gave Fiona Hutchings permission to catch wasps for research on Parish Council land.	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st May, 2024: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: Not present.	
6.	Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: Mike Young has produced a very helpful synopsis of the case to date. The PC agreed to write to houses neighbouring commonland asserting the PC's stewardship of the CL under the commonland act and asking the resident to supply any information that you believe is pertinent of their use and access of the commonland. b) Bye-Laws: There is an issue with cycling included in the by-laws because of the 1880 act. The PC agreed to have the ban on cycling on the recreation ground and Lucy May Field. c) Hundred Parishes grant: The deadline for the grant is 30th June, 2024. d) Dog waste bin at the Water Tower / Recreation Ground: The dog bins have been ordered. e) War memorial maintenance on Elder Street: PC to speak to the local residents to see if they will still maintain the war memorial. f) Hedge at The Lodge, Howlett End: An email has been received from Richard Smith which the PC were all in agreement with. 	

7.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Applications:</p> <p><u>UTT/24/1382/HHF Piglets Corner, Top Road</u></p> <p>First floor extension, garden room, three bay garage, boiler room extension, with new access and parking</p> <p>PC Decision: The PC concluded that the design of the garage and materials is not appropriate to the location.</p> <p><u>UTT/24/1192/FUL South View, Maple Lane</u></p> <p>1 no dwelling</p> <p>PC Decision: The PC discussed the planning application and made the following comments:</p> <p>1. Maple Lane has the status of a "protected lane". The council needs to be satisfied that the proposal would not in any way diminish that status.</p> <p>2. We note the proposal to remove one tree. The felling of a mature, healthy tree to facilitate construction is very regrettable. If the application is deemed acceptable then the council need to be absolutely satisfied that there is not an alternative proposal that would involve safeguarding this tree.</p> <p>3. There are 5 established, mature, healthy and impressive oak trees in the vicinity. The arboriculturist’s report details a number of measures that could be taken to safeguard the trees from root damage. This is very impressive, but we are aware that even the best of intentions do not sometimes work out in practice. We would ask that as an extra protection Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) are placed on all 5 oak trees. Damage to any of them would reduce the protected lane status.</p>													
8.	<p>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</p> <p>a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: The PC hasn’t received a reply and a 2nd reminder will be sent. The speed limit may be unenforceable.</p> <p>b) Informal Consultation: Footpath 70 Wimbish, Uttlesford DC</p> <p>Extinguishment: The PC unanimously agreed that the footpath should be retained and not extinguished. Although the alternate route is functionally the same destination. The experience of walking on a metalised road or grassland is totally difference and a woody copse.</p>													
9.	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Approval of cheques:</p>													
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	<p>b) Signing of the Annual Return and Governance Statement 2023/24: The Annual Return and Governance Statement 2023/24 was signed by the Chair and</p>													

	the Clerk.	
10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: The aerial runway will be fixed as soon as possible.	
11.	General Correspondence: a) FOI Request: The PC agreed the content of the FOI and it will be sent to the local resident. b) Consultation of naming new development: The PC agree with the name Manor Grove and will notify UDC.	
12.	Area Report: Nothing to report.	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish meeting is 3 rd July, 2024 at 7.30pm	

Meeting closed 9.45

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