

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

Present: Edward Browne, Lynne Ward-Booth and Mike Young.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk), Cllr Martin Foley

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Gareth Jones, Phil Northern, Ray Searle and Mike Cargill.	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): None	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th June, 2024: The previously circulated minutes were approved by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: <u>County Councillor's report:</u> A petition has been taken the ECC concerning the state of the roads in the locality. <u>District Councillor's report:</u> Regulation 19 should be ready for publication next week.	
6.	Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: The wording for the letter to 1 Joyces Cottages, 2 Joyces Cottages and Joyces Farm was agreed by the PC and sent by the Clerk. b) Bye-Laws: The final version was sent on 13th June. No response has been received. c) Hundred Parishes grant: Gareth Jones applied for the grant at the end of June and the PC agreed the £ 500.00 match funding. d) Dog waste bin at the Water Tower / Recreation Ground: The bins have been ordered and will be delivered to Ray Searle. e) Hedge at The Lodge, Howlett End: The PC will provide access for the end of July and the grass will be cut in Lucy May field. 	
7.	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Applications: None b) Decisions: None 	

8.	<p>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</p> <p>a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: A response has been received but the question hasn't been answered in the email. The speed signs have not been put in the position that was consulted out. A reply will be sent.</p> <p>b) Informal Consultation: Footpath 70 Wimbish, Uttlesford DC</p> <p>Extinguishment: The PC unanimously agreed to send their objections to ECC to the informal consultation.</p> <p>The PC unanimously agree that the footpath should be retained and not extinguished. Although the alternate route is functionally the same destination. The experience of walking of a metalised road or grassland is totally difference and a woody copse.</p> <p>The PC also agreed a fuller response to be sent to ECC if required before the next meeting in September.</p> <p>Wimbish Parish Council would like to lodge their objections to the Extinguishment order of Footpath 70 Wimbish for the following reasons: Footpath 70 is a 'public right of way' which the Parish Council and local residents use and enjoy. It would have been used more regularly if the bridge had been replaced by the ECC PROW team. It has been reported a number of times by the PC and residents.</p> <p>The alternative route that has been suggested is a narrow single track made up road used by numerous delivery drivers and other vehicles as a short cut. The path is not close to any houses, but that isn't an acceptable reason for closing the path.</p> <p>The local residents have contacted the Parish Council with their concerns that the path maybe extinguished as it is a Public Right of Way, on the map and it should be open for everyone to use and walk along, even when the ditch is full of water.</p> <p>It is very important to protect and maintain our Public Rights of Ways.</p>	
9.	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Approval of cheques</p>	
	Payments	
	Tracy Coston (July)	£ 282.57
	E-ON (July)	£ 34.00
	Outdoor Jack	£ 622.11
	C W Low & Son Ltd	£ 1,524.00
	LGS Services (22/23)	£ 114.00
	Open Spaces	£ 45.00
	Outdoor Jack	£ 414.74
	Gareth Jones (Gift reimbursement)	£ 20.00
	Castle Water	£ 55.79
	Defibstore (Defibrillator battery)	£ 246.00
	Total	£ 3,358.21
10.	<p>Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:</p> <p>a) Playground maintenance: The maintenance of the aerial runway is</p>	

	progressing.	
11.	General Correspondence: All sent out.	
12.	Area Report: None	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish meeting is 4 th September, 2024 at 7.30pm	

Meeting closed 9.45

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