

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
2nd September, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.
Remote Zoom meeting via Zoom

Present: Edward Browne, Lindy Scanlan, Phil Northern, and Mike Cargill.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk), Stewart Luck

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1. Apologies for Absence: Lindy Scanlan

2. Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None

3. Public Participation (15 minutes):

Howlett End Footpath: The path has narrowed with dirt encroaching onto the footpath and the hedges are overhanging and potholes in the pavement. Gigaclear have exposed the path in areas as it should be.

The Clerk will organise a site meeting at the end of September with Jacky and John Haigh to discuss the path and the hedge.

Commonland: Planning for White House, Lower House Lane. A neighbour explained that there were boundary issues that are extending over the commonland. The architect has been asked to redraw the plans amending the boundary.

The plans involve cutting down mature trees and a water course, which are incorrect in the plans.

General enforcement on the commonland: Most of the commonland in Wimbish is ownerless, but the land around the school is owned by the PC.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st July, 2020: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair (remotely).

5. District Councillor and County Councillor Report:

District Councillor: The PC were asked to comment on the White Paper.

Planning for a sewerage processing plant, Debden Drive. The planning application is being called in by the District Councillor.

The ditch already floods and an outflow from the new processing plant will go into the River.

Lots of questions are being raised by the residents.

County Councillor: Report sent.

6. Matters arising

a) Footpath in Howlett End to White Hart: The Clerk to organise a site meeting in 2 weeks. Ray Searle to assess the width of the footpath.

b) Email addresses for Councillors: Gmail accounts to be set up.

c) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: The PC will write to the solicitor with all the details.

7. Planning

a) Applications:

UTT/20/1676/FUL Land opposite to No's 1-5 Debden Drive

The development comprises a package sewage treatment plant within a new compound bounded by a 1.8m steel palisade fence. The works are predominately underground plant and chambers with a biofilter included 2 floodlights (4m high) and a telemetry aerial (6cm high).

An existing building which is currently used to house the control equipment of a sewage pumping station will be retained and used to house the control equipment associated with the sewage treatment plant.

PC Decision:

Concerns have been raised that the plant may cause flooding in the River Pant. From the plans it is difficult to know where the water drains to now.

UDC to be asked to take the neighbours comments into consideration.

UTT/20/1813/HHF 1 Thunderley Cottages, Thaxted Road

Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of new single storey side extension and erection of new detached cart lodge.

PC Decision: No objections

UTT/20/2002/HHF White House, Upper Green

Erection of two storey front and rear extensions and raising of roof

PC Decision:

The PC are very concerned about the water course and flooding in the area and the removal of trees and hedgerows.

b) **Decisions:** None

8. Roads, Highways and Footpaths:

a) **Howlett End Speed limit:** Mike Young and Tracy Coston attended a meeting with ECC Officers and a Legal Officer. The officers are going to look into a 30mph limit in the central section of Howlett End, where there are houses on both sides.

b) **Footpath near Stocks Field:** The footpath is blocked off now that development has taken place.

c) **Bridge over River Pant:** The bridge has been fixed.

9. Accounts

a) Approval of cheques:

Receipts	
Saffron Walden Under 18's/Reserves	£ 500.00
Total receipts	£ 500.00
Payments	
Tracy Coston (August)	£ 200.03
E-ON (August)	£ 75.00
Zoom	£ 14.39
Sarah Diggons (Pavilion Cleaner)	£ 46.00
ICO	£ 35.00
B H Grounds Maintenance	£ 559.56
A J Lighting	£ 252.00
Zoom	£ 14.39
Tracy Coston (September)	£ 200.03
E-ON (September)	£ 75.00
Tracy Coston (September expenses)	£ 225.30
B H Grounds Maintenance	£ 373.04
B H Grounds Maintenance (Dissenters)	£ 36.00
Total	£ 2,105.74

b) **Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20:** The Annual

Governance and the Accountability Return 2019/20 was approved.

10. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:

- a) Under 18's and Saffron Walden Reserves using football pitch:** There are three football pitches. There are too many cars trying to park at Wimbish at once and the teams have to be split up with more time between games. The CB rules are only bubbles of 6 watching in a group.
- b) Use of the pavilion:** The Clerk is monitoring the use of the pavilion and only insisting that all managers have to send photos of clean toilet and the condition of the pavilion to prove that is left in an acceptable manner.
- c) Dogs on the recreation ground:** The amount of dog mess being left on the recreation ground is a problem. The Clerk to order some notices stating that dogs must be kept on leads and dog mess cleaned up.
- d) Motorbikes:** are not allowed on the recreation ground.

11. General Correspondence:

a) Government Consultation on White Paper - Planning for the Future:

The Government has suggested that there might be proposals to reorganise the Government structure, but nothing to formally consult on.

There is a consultation to change the entire planning system. The entire country is divided into three zones. The PC agreed that their comments won't make any difference.

12. Area Report: Nothing to report.

13. Date of the Parish Council Meeting on 7th October, 2020 at 7.30 pm

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm

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