

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
2nd July, 2025 at 7.30 p.m. Wimbish Village Hall

Present: Mike Young, Phil Northern, Gareth Jones and Fiona Hutchings.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk) and Stewart Luck

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Edward Browne, Ray Searle, Lynne Ward-Booth and Martin Foley.	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None Fiona – Trustee for Essex Field Club.	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): a) Retrospective planning: An application has been put in to divide the two properties and the design block plan which shows a parking apron, which is under investigation. The PC asked Stewart Luck to call in the application and ask for a site visit. b) Solar Farms There has been no formal application for the Solar Farm , it was just as a request for screening to UDC, and PC and residents cannot make comments. The three combined proposed solar farms is 160 hectares with Radwinter and Wimbish (400 acres). There are lots of other issues and risks associated to the application including the loss of Grade 2 agricultural land, harm to the rural character, impact on wildlife, loss of amenity of footpaths and bridleways, noise and traffic and construction traffic. Two new substations, CCTV cameras, access road, excavation of underground cabling. Two positive options are stopping housing and add to renewables. Cole End Solar Farm is only half built and there is no logical way for this stie to connect. The cost of running underground is cost prohibitive. c) Allington Homes/Carver Barracks A week after the meeting Allington took the fences were taken down from the Sewerage Works due to a H & S report. The PC suggested that residents/Chris contacts Allington Homes and Anglian Water and if further help is required contact Citizens Advice Bureau to ask who would be the Obersman for property management company.	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th June, 2025: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: District Councillor report: Circulated.	

6.	Matters arising a) Commonland discussions: Nothing to report. b) Solar Farm (Cole End Lane): Low Carbon are getting to the end of the development and will be off site soon. They need to carry out some remedial work on the Highway and have contacted Highways but they have not responded with what work needs to be carried out or the instruction for Highways to carry out the work and Low Carbon pay for bill. c) Website/email addresses: To be organised. d) Update on Debden Drive: Discussed in Public Participation, e) Update on issues with Maurice Close pipe: Edward Browne has had a contractor to expose the pipe and the water is coming away from the manhole cover in the gardens and further work needs to be carried out and the water is draining away.	
7.	Planning a) Applications: <u>UTT/25/1594/HHF Piglets Corner Top Road</u> PROPOSAL: Section 73A Retrospective application for the change of use from existing residential dwelling and Bed and Breakfast to 2 no. semidetached dwellings. <u>PC Decision:</u> The planning application and location plans include drawings of an enlarged access road which differs significant from that approved (UTT/24/1382/HHF, Condition 5), permission for the change is not sought in this or other current planning applications submitted for comment. As the access design is implicit to this planning application, the Parish Council believe the application is incomplete in its current form. Should the application to separate the properties be approved the Parish Council object to an increase in size of the access across the verge. Large private hard standings on public land (such as double width driveways and turning areas) set an unhelpful precedent along the protected lane where other properties may also seek to expand their parking onto the wide verge. <u>UTT/25/1667/FUL Taylors Barns Elder Street</u> PROPOSAL: Construction of four padel courts with canopy, car parking and associated work <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections <u>UTT/25/1542/FUL London Stansted Airport Bassingbourn Road Stansted CM24 1QW</u> “Airfield works comprising two new taxiway links to the existing runway (Rapid Access Taxiway and Rapid Exit Taxiway) to enable continued airfield operations of 274,000 aircraft movements and an increase in passenger throughput from 43 million terminal passengers to up to 51 million terminal passengers, in a twelve-month calendar period” <u>PC Decision:</u> No comments.	

	b) Decisions: <u>UTT/25/1235/HHF 12 Tye Green, Wimbish</u> Single storey rear extension UDC approved with conditions.		
	c) Update on the Enforcement case at Piglets: UDC Enforcement have not sent an update on the case.		
	d) Solar Farm proposals: Discussed in Public Participation and the PC waits for a formal application before comments are made.		
8.	Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: Martin Foley is speaking to ECC. b) Email from local resident of Tye Green: Passed onto Martin Foley. c) Speed limits at Rayments Cottages: Residents asked to email to Martin Foley. d) Ellis Green signage: Request to be passed to Martin Foley.		
9.	Accounts a) Approval of payments		
	Receipts		
	Wayleave	£ 66.29	
	Total Receipts	£ 66.29	
	Payments		
	Tracy Coston (July)	£ 282.57	
	E-ON (July)	£ 34.00	
	C W Low (vergecutting)	£ 1,596.00	
	Total	£ 1,912.57	
10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: Edward Browne will carry out some maintenance of the equipment. b) Playground inspection report: The work has been assessed. c) Football restrictions: The Saffron Walden Men's team have been training without permission and unacceptable behaviour. The Clerk has spoken to the team and explained that a charge of £ 80.00 will be made. Clerk to send an invoice.		
11.	General Correspondence: a) Community Achievement Award: Nominations are required asap.		
12.	Area Report: a) Essex Field Club visited Ellis Green and found protected plants and suggested not cutting every year and asked for the plants to be marked. b) Pond Management Plan: Plan to be put together for ponds on Commonland by Fiona Hutchings. Timing and objectives to be made		

	clear and approved by the PC.	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish meeting is Wednesday 3 rd September, 2025 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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