

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
3rd September, 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in Wimbish Village Hall

Present: Edward Browne, Phil Northern, Gareth Jones and Fiona Hutchings.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk) and Stewart Luck

Public: 5

1.	Apologies for Absence: Ray Searle, Mike Young, Lynne Ward-Booth, Martin Foley.	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): Concern about solar farms around Wimbish. The PC explained that until there were formal plans for the solar farms in Wimbish the PC couldn't comment on the plans.	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 2nd July, 2025: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: <u>District Councillor:</u> A discussion about devolution took place.	
6.	Matters arising a) Commonland discussions: Fiona Hutching discussed the idea of installing beetle cottages on commonland. The PC agreed to the locations. b) Solar Farm (Cole End Lane): No further information. c) Website/email addresses: All information sent out to Councillors. d) Update on issues with Maurice Close pipe: Edward Browne organised some excavation work with a digger and the neighbours are discussing the issues.	
7.	Planning a) Applications: <u>UTT/25/1906/FUL Lane at The Holte, Howlett End</u> PROPOSAL: Proposed demolition of former cattery and erection of 1 no. self-build dwelling. <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections <u>UTT/25/2350/HHF Minerva House, Roman Road</u> Proposed three bay car port and office <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections b) Decisions: <u>UTT/25/1594/FUL Piglets Corner Top Road</u> UDC <u>approved</u> the Section 73A Retrospective application for the change of use from existing residential dwelling and Bed and Breakfast to 2 no.	

	semi detached dwellings. UTT/25/1667/FUL Taylors Barns Elder Street UDC <i>approved with conditions</i> the construction of four padel courts with canopy, car parking and associated work c) Update on the Enforcement case at Piglets: The turning bay has been grassed over and the enforcement case closed. d) Solar Farm proposals: No further information has been received.		
8.	Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: No further information has been received. b) Footpath extinguishment Order: FP70: Information has been received from PINS but a date hasn't been set for the PINS procedures. The PC has received an email from Essex Open Spaces, which they will send answers to.		
9.	Accounts a) Approval of payments		
	Receipts		
	HMRC (Tax)	£ 1,351.57	
	Saffron Walden Men's Football Team	£ 80.00	
	Total Receipts	£ 1,431.57	
	Payments		
	Tracy Coston (August)	£ 293.62	
	E-ON (August)	£ 34.00	
	Ray Searle	£ 120.00	
	HMRC	£ 273.93	
	E-ON (September)	£ 34.00	
	Tracy Coston (September)	£ 344.32	
	Npower	£ 933.22	
	ICO	£ 47.00	
	Outdoor Jack	£ 2,174.21	
	Hundred Parishes	£ 10.00	
	Outdoor Jack (Dissenters)	£ 72.90	
	Wimbish PCC	£ 900.00	
	Total	£ 5,237.20	
	b) Donation to Wimbish PCC for maintenance of the churchyard: The PC approved a grant of £ 900.00 towards the upkeep on Wimbish Churchyard.		

10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: The brambles will be cut back near the aerial runway and tyres replaced. b) Damage to pavilion: The broken window has been replaced. The roof repairs to be organised.	
11.	General Correspondence: All emailed.	
12.	Area Report: a) Bus shelter: The PC will discuss clearing up the bus shelter in Tye Green. b) Footpath sign from The Chase to Mill Road: Fiona Hutching reported that the footpath sign was overgrown and she offered to cut it back.	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish meeting is Wednesday 1st October, 2025 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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