

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
1st October, 2025 at 7.30 p.m, in Wimbish Village Hall

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

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk) and Stewart Luck

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Martin Foley, Fiona Hutching.	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): <u>Speed limit in Howlett End:</u> A member of the public has spoken to the police and promised that they would carry out speed checks but they haven't been carried out. The residents are concerned about children walking on the paths to the bus stop. The local resident is happy to join the Speedwatch group. <u>Footpath at Holly Tree Cottage:</u> The footpath at overgrown. The 5 bar gate has been taken down by the previous owner. The footpath sign is in the wrong place and needs to be placed in the correct place. The PC will report the condition of the bridge to ECC PROW.	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3rd September, 2025: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: <u>District Councillor:</u> There have been lots of meetings about the reorganisation. UDC Councillors have voted to accept the five Unitary authorities and that has been submitted. The foodbank has had 24 residents use the service from the Ward. Touch Point comes to the school on Tuesday pm for 30 mins. <u>County Councillor:</u> Apologies sent.	
6.	Matters arising a) Commonland discussions: Discussions have been had with Natural England about the location of the beetle huts. b) Cole End Lane Solar Farm discussion about Community Benefit: The PC cannot make a decision until they know if Low Carbon are going ahead with the second part of the project and if they do will the PC receive more funding. Clerk to email the questions to Low Carbon. c) Website/email addresses: To be set up by the next meeting. d) Update on issues with Maurice Close pipe: The issue has been sorted and problems resolved.	

7.	Planning a) Applications: None b) Decisions: UTT/25/1906/FUL Lane at The Holte, Howlett End PROPOSAL: Proposed demolition of former cattery and erection of 1 no. self-build dwelling. <i><u>Approved by UDC</u></i>															
8.	Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: The issue hasn't been resolved about the position of the signs with ECC. Cllr Martin Foley will be asked to chase. Mike Young to draft an email to Nicola Foster – Head of Safer Essex Roads Partnership about painting more SLOW signs on the road. Nicola.Foster@essexhighways.org b) Speeding issues in Mill Road and near New House Farm: Highways were contacted about the speeding issue in Mill Road. The response was: The properties are sporadic and as you know it needs to be built up, usually on both sides, so that there is a consistent run of properties before 30mph can be considered. Not sure if this parish has an active Speed Watch, or if any contact with Essex Police has been made to request some enforcement of the existing limits, but that would be the first step. I do not think the criteria is met for a lower limit here. c) Footpath extinguishment Order: FP70: The hearing will take place on 21st April, 2026.															
9.	Accounts a) Approval of payments															
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	b) Wimbish PCC: Wimbish PCC thanked the PC for the donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard															
10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: b) Old goals at the recreation ground: PC has put them all together and the football club will be asked to remove them. c) Tables from the pavilion: One of the tables have disappeared as there were 4 and now only 3.															

11.	General Correspondence: a) Concern about withdrawal of bus services to Audley End Station: ECC plan to withdraw four of the six routes that serve Audley End Stn. b) Request from Wimbish Primary School for trip to pantomime: The PC discussed the request for a donation towards a whole school trip to the theatre which will cost £ 1,600. The PC agreed a donation of £ 200.00 towards the trip,	
12.	Area Report: a) Dog waste bin at Water Tower Cottage: All installed and UDC are emptying it. b) Dog waste bags: Clerk to order 10 boxes for Wimbish.	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish meeting is Wednesday 4 th November, 2025 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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