

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
5th November, 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in Wimbish Village Hall

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

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk) and Stewart Luck

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Ray Searle and Lynne Ward-Booth.	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): Bus routes: Wimbish's service is going to be cut from an hourly service to a two hourly service. David Corke will send the ideas of re-routing the bus service to save some time on the route.	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st October, 2025: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: District Councillor: Apologies. The PC agreed that they didn't see a need to support the Safer Streets Initiative in Great Dunmow as it is not pertinent to the Parish of Wimbish. County Councillor: Apologies / Report sent	
6.	Matters arising a) Commonland discussions: Beetle hotels update sent out to Parish Councillors. Conservation work at Carver Barracks has been approved by the Barracks but insurance is required for the volunteers. 11 sites have been identified for the beetle cottages. Commonland sign at the school has been cut in half, Edward Browne to check. b) Cole End Lane Solar Farm discussion about Community Benefit: PC agreed to take the annual amount and asked to sign an agreement in principle. b) Website/email addresses: The Clerk has sent out all the Councillor emails and passwords.	

7.	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Applications: UTT/25/2688/FUL Tiptofts Farm PROPOSAL: Installation of air source heat pump and timber enclosure, enlargement of approved window and installation of new window, and insertion of additional rooflight (amendments to scheme approved under planning permission UTT/24/2653/FUL for conversion of studio and barn to 2 no. dwellings) LOCATION: Tiptoft Farm Cole End Lane PC Decision: No objections</p> <p>b) Decisions: None</p> <p>c) Appeal: Property: South View Maple Lane Description of development: Erection of 1no. dwelling Application reference: UTT/25/1877/FUL Ref: APP/C1570/W/25/337364</p>	
8.	<p>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</p> <p>a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: Mike Young has sent an email to Martin Foley but an ECC Officer hasn't responded. The PC approved a letter to be sent to Nicola Foster.</p> <p>b) Footpath extinguishment Order: FP70: The case is being heard on 21st April, 2026 in Chelmsford.</p> <p>c) Clearance of footpath in Howlett End agreement with landowner: The PC discussed the meeting that was attended by Edward Browne, Justin Evans and Paul Payne. The PC will email Justin Evans thanking him for taking the time for capturing his interpretation of the meeting. The footpath is Highways responsibility. The PC agreed that Justin Evans needs to contact to agree the location of the path and discuss the legalities of who has the responsibility to clear the path and the location of the footpath sign. The PC suggested contacting Simon Taylor, Footpath Officer at ECC and Robert Lee, ECC Officer.</p> <p>d) Speeding in Howlett End: A local resident has been in contact with ECC about reducing the speed limit in Howlett End and putting in traffic calming measures.</p> <p>e) Top Road Closures: A new water main is being put in and Top Road is going to be closed in sections whilst the work is completed.</p>	

9.	Accounts		
	a) Approval of payments		
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	Tracy Coston (November)	£ 293.62	
	Tracy Coston (Sept Expenses)	£ 350.92	
	HMRC	£ 234.83	
	British Gas Pavilion Electricity	£ 8.64	
	Wimbish Primary School donation	£ 200.00	
	Ansvar insurance	£ 651.86	
	Total	£ 1,739.87	
10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:		
	a) Playground maintenance: The maintenance is ongoing.		
	b) Football goals: The Football Club will be asked to remove the old goals from the hedge at the recreation ground.		
11. D	General Correspondence:		
	a) Public Liability Insurance: Discussed under Commonland.		
12.	Area Report: Nothing to report.		
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish meeting is Wednesday 3rd December, 2025 at 7.30pm		

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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