

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
4th February, 2026 at 7.30 p.m, in Wimbish Village Hall

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

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk) and Martin Foley

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Stewart Luck	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): None	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th January, 2025: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: <u>District Councillor:</u> No report sent. <u>County Councillor:</u> The Local Plan has been approved by the Inspector and it just needs to be ratified through the Full District Council meeting. UDC should make their net zero targets.	
6.	Matters arising a) Commonland discussions: A grant has been received from UDC for £ 866.30 for the beetle hotels. Fiona Hutchings to move the project forward. b) Cole End Lane Solar Farm discussion about Community Benefit: Clerk to chase up the documents to sign as they haven't been received from Low Carbon. c) Website/email addresses: Gareth Jones and Ray Searle to sign up to the PC emails.	
7.	Planning a) Applications: <u>UTT/26/0106/HHF 5 Rayments Bungalow, Top Road</u> PROPOSAL: First floor extension, ground floor extension and replacement garage (amendments to scheme approved under planning permission UTT/25/2999/HHF) <u>PC Decision:</u> No objections b) Decisions: None c) Appeal: The appeal at Southview has been dismissed.	

8.	Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: Clerk to chase up slow signs on the bends on Gunters Corner with Highways.	
9.	Accounts a) Approval of payments	
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	Tracy Coston (February)	£ 293.42
	British Gas Pavilion Electricity	£ 13.23
	HMRC	£ 220.00
	Edward Browne (Work at Lucy May field and drainage)	£ 1,440.00
	Total	£ 1,966.65
	b) Appointment of new internal auditor: The PC approved the new internal auditor, Helen Symmons at a cost of £ 225.00 per year.	
10.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: The Clerk to ask David Lowe to cut the hedge on the left of the recreation ground track and the hedge from Brooklands Garage to Abbots Manor on Carver Barracks side. The hedge belongs to Highways but it isn't maintained and is becoming a hazard. b) Football goals: Clerk to remind the football club that the old football goals need to be removed from the recreation ground. c) Flood damage to the pavilion – Insurance update: The water tank in the loft has leaked and caused water damage. The PC has had the building assessed by the insurance and they have found asbestos in the ceiling which has to be removed. The insurance company have suggested that the PC can organise local companies to quote, which the PC have agreed to, but they have to be registered asbestos removers.	
11.	General Correspondence: a) Parking by the football club and other residents: Clerk to remind the football teams to park at the recreation ground and Village Hall car park but not Ravencroft or blocking the entrance. The Football Club will also be asked to stagger the times of matches and to try and car spare.	
12.	Area Report: Nothing to report.	
13.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish meeting is Wednesday 4 th March, 2026 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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