

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
1st May, 2024 at 7.30 p.m.
Wimbish Village Hall

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

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk), Cllr Stewart Luck, Martin Foley

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Mike Cargill	
2.	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Edward Browne was duly elected as Chair and Philip Northern was duly elected as Vice-Chair.	
3.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
4.	<p>Public Participation (15 minutes): The owner of The Lodge, Howlett End attended the PC meeting to apologise for taking out some hedging on Lucy May field, which belonged to the PC. The land is so wet, and hedging can only be taken out if there are no nesting birds.</p> <p>The PC explained that the area is a conservation area, and the PC is actively trying to improve the wildlife areas in the Parish and the bramble area is important for wildlife.</p> <p>The owner promised to erect the fence on the original boundary. A native hedge will be planted alongside the fence. The PC asked for the area to be left to see what grows up.</p> <p>No fires are allowed on the site as DEFRA is very strict on the PC ground. Rubbish to be cleared off the land and don't seed it on the PC land.</p> <p>The resident asked for access on the PC land to erect the fence and the PC will confirm that access will be granted nearer the time, weather dependant.</p> <p>Resident from Lower Green: The resident is interested in ecology and farming in the community. The resident is interested in bringing people together and talking to what local farmers are doing in wildlife areas.</p>	
5.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3rd April, 2024: The previously approved minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
6.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: All reports given at the Annual Parish Meeting.	
7.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>a) Letter to Mr Rayner regarding use of commonland: Mike Young will put together a summary of the events to date.</p> <p>b) Bye-Laws: Mike Young is waiting to hear back from the Government.</p> <p>c) Hundred Parishes grant: Gareth Jones has had a meeting with Helen Wiseman to discuss Helen Wiseman producing a map of the village.</p>	

	<p>d) Dog waste bin at the Water Tower: The PC agreed to purchase a new dog bin near the water tower and a replacement bin on the recreation ground.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning a) Applications: UTT/24/0923/FUL Land East of Mill House, Mill Road PROPOSAL: S73 application to vary plans condition of UTT/20/2301/FUL (Construction of 2 no. dwellings, new vehicular access and associated parking and landscaping following the approved outline application UTT/19/2081/OP) as added by UTT/23/2382/NMA - changes to the design and amended drawings. PC Decision: No objections</p> <p>b) Decisions: c) Appeal: Lower House Farm: Appeal dismissed.</p>	
9.	<p>Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road: The Clerk to chase a reply from Highways regarding the scheme as implemented in Howlett End is not the same as the one upon which the public was consulted. Highways have been asked to advise as to what action will be taken to ensure that the positioning of the signage corresponds to that illustrated in the public consultation. b) Informal Consultation: Footpath 70 Wimbish, Uttlesford DC Extinguishment: The footpath is overgrown, and the PC agreed to reinstate. The Clerk to email Robert Lee with the information and stating that the PC does not agree for the footpath to be closed.</p>	
10.	<p>Accounts a) Approval of cheques</p>	
	<p>Receipts</p>	
	UDC (Community Grant)	£ 524.00
	ECC (Verges)	£ 3,445.18
	Receipts (Total)	£ 3,969.18
	Payments	
	Tracy Coston (May)	£ 282.57
	E-ON (May)	£ 34.00
	Npower (Street lighting)	£ 810.06
	The Play Inspection Company	£ 102.00
	EALC (Affiliation fee)	£ 399.85
	Rialtas (Account programme)	£ 57.60
	HMRC (Tax)	£ 212.00
	Total	£ 1,686.08
	<p>b) Approval of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: The PC approved the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations without amendment.</p>	

11.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: The aerial runway is to be mended.	
12.	General Correspondence: a) War memorial maintenance on Elder Street: The local farmer maintains the war memorial. The fence needs replacing and moving out further. A member of the PC will speak to the farmer to see if they are able to continue to maintain the war memorial. b) Bus service issues: Martin Foley has spent hours trying to sort out the buses. The PC thanked Martin Foley for all his work on this matter.	
13.	Area Report: a) School Transport: Mike Young is still investigating school transport issues.	
14.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish meeting is 5 th June, 2024 at 7.30pm	

Meeting closed 21.03

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