

**Wimbish Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on**  
**7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Wimbish Village Hall**

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

**In attendance:** Tracy Coston (Clerk) Cllr Martin Foley (ECC)

**Public:** 0

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Ray Searle, Stewart Luck	
2.	<b>Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:</b> Edward Browne was duly elected as Chair and Philip Northern was duly elected as Vice-Chair.	
3.	<b>Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:</b> None	
4.	<b>Public Participation (15 minutes):</b> A member of the public attended the meeting to speak about Piglets on Top Road. Application for Piglets Corner: There is no room for parking at the front of the property and the local resident requested detailed drawings for parking but didn't receive any. A parking apron appeared on the verge which wasn't on any of the detailed plans. How would enforce anyone for parking on the area once it is built. The PC and the local resident has contacted Planning Enforcement about the parking issue and they have opened a file.	
5.	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025:</b> The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
6.	<b>District Councillor and County Councillor Report:</b> <u><b>District Councillor:</b></u> Not present and no report sent. <u><b>County Councillor report:</b></u> UDC are considering Harlow, Epping and Brentwood to join with the Unitary Authorities. There are plans to have 4 or 5 unitary authorities. Elected mayor of Essex. The local highways panel has been suspended and ECC are blaming local Government reform, but the system just didn't work. There is extra money for members pothole scheme.	
7.	<b>Matters arising</b> a) <b>Commonland discussions:</b> No information has been received from the solicitor. b) <b>Solar Farm:</b> Gareth Jones to speak to Robert Haigh about the wildlife provision. c) <b>Website:</b> The website is up and running. The PC thanked Judith Bonser for creating a great website. d) <b>Parish Council Vacancy update:</b> The PC will discuss at the next meeting.	

8.	<b>Update on Bye-Laws:</b> The byelaws have been sent to the Legal Department at UDC and ECC.		
9.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>a) Applications:</b> None</p> <p><b>b) Decisions:</b>  <u>UTT/25/0360/FUL Land North West of Holly Tree Cottage, Howlett End</u>  UDC <i>refused</i> the application for the erection of one dwelling and vehicular access.</p> <p><b>c) Appeal Decision: South View, Maple Lane, Wimbish</b>  The appeal was dismissed.</p> <p><b>d) Solar Farm discussion:</b> UTT/25/0966/SCO An application has been put into Uttlesford, but this is an application as a screening option if a Environment Impact Assessment is required. UDC will not take any comments into account.</p>		
10.	<p><b>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</b></p> <p><b>a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road:</b> Mike Young has sent emails to Martin Foley to chase up a response from ECC.</p>		
11.	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p><b>a) Approval of cheques</b></p>		
	<b>Receipts</b>		
	District Councillor's allowance	£ 300.00	
	ECC	£ 2,953.39	
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£ 3,253.39</b>	
	<b>Payments</b>		
	Tracy Coston (May)	£ 282.57	
	E-ON (May)	£ 34.00	
	Wimbish PCC	£ 900.00	
	Gareth Jones (reimbursement refreshments Countryside event)	£ 115.14	
	Stewart Luck (reimbursement for books for Countryside event)	£ 164.85	
	Tracy Coston (Litterpicking expenses)	£ 185.60	
	Rialtas	£ 64.28	
	Castle Water	£ 20.34	
	Avast	£ 33.66	
	The Play Inspection Company	£ 113.94	
	EALC	£ 468.42	
	Outdoor Jack	£ 456.20	
	Judith Bonser (website)	£ 650.00	
	HMRC	£ 212.00	
	CAS Insurance	£ 393.99	
	Online Playgrounds	£ 11,109.60	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 15,204.59</b>	
	<p><b>b) Budget/Risk Assessment Policy:</b> The budget/bank reconciliation and risk assessment policy were discussed and approved.</p>		

12.	<b>Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:</b> <b>a) Playground maintenance:</b> The playground has been checked. <b>b) Climbing wall update:</b> The climbing wall has been installed in the mutually agreed position with the local residents. <b>c) Helter Skelter maintenance:</b> Edward Browne has mended the helter skelter. <b>d) Playground inspection report:</b> Assessed and jobs are being worked through.	
13.	<b>General Correspondence:</b> All emailed.	
14.	<b>Area Report:</b> <b>a) Sustainable Uttlesford:</b> Mike Young and Edward Browne attended the meeting and reported back to the PC.	
15.	<b>Date of the next Parish Council Meeting:</b> The date of the next Parish meeting is Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 7.30pm	

Signed

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