

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
1st April, 2026 at 7.30 p.m, in Wimbish Village Hall

Present: Edward Browne, Phil Northern, Mike Young, Ray Searle and Fiona Hutchings.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk) and Martin Foley

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1.	Apologies for Absence: Lynne Ward-Booth, Gareth Jones, Stewart Luck	
2.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
3.	Public Participation (15 minutes): None	
4.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th March, 2026: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
5.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: County Councillor Report: Local Government Reorganisation was discussed. The Local Plan has been agreed. Uttlesford are joined with Harlow and Epping Forest. Epping Forest has a lower council tax like Uttlesford and Harlow has one of the highest council taxes.	
6.	Matters arising a) Beetle Cottages: Locations are being discussed, agreed and surveyed. b) Cole End Lane Solar Farm discussion about Community Benefit: Low Carbon still hasn't contacted the PC and the Clerk will chase up again. c) Approval of the IT Policy: The previously circulated IT Policy was approved by the PC.	
7.	Planning a) Applications: <u>UTT/26/0546/HHF Tiptoft Farm</u> PROPOSAL: Section 73A Retrospective application for hard and soft landscaping works within an existing yard area at Tiptofts Farm LOCATION: Tiptoft Farm Cole End Lane <u>PC Decision:</u> No comments. <u>UTT/26/0737/HHF</u> LOCATION: Midden Top Road PROPOSAL: Erection of detached garage <u>PC Decision:</u> No comments. b) Decisions: None	

8.	<p>Roads, Highways and Footpaths:</p> <p>a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road/30mph roundels on the road: Mike Young has written to Martin Foley who has forwarded to Highways and they have replied saying that there isn't any issues. Mike Young has responded with all his queries.</p> <p>b) Public Path Extinguishment Order - Footpath 70: Edward Browne will attend the hearing on 21st April. The PC has sent in a statement.</p>	
9.	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Approval of payments</p>	
	Receipts	
	NP Community Fund from Essex Wildlife Trust	£ 684.00
	Total receipts	£ 684.00
	Payments	
	Tracy Coston (April)	£ 293.42
	British Gas Pavilion Electricity	£ 350.54
	Castle Water	£ 11.70
	C W Low (Hedgecutting)	£ 150.00
	Tracy Coston (litter picking expenses)	£ 190.40
	The Play Inspection Company	£ 115.80
	Community Business Suffolk	£ 499.26
	Total	£ 1,611.12
10.	<p>Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:</p> <p>a) Playground maintenance: Edward Browne will mend the seat on the see-saw.</p> <p>b) Football goals removal: The football club has removed the football goals.</p> <p>c) Flood damage to the pavilion – Insurance update: The pavilion is being dried out still. The local contractors will continue with the work when the pavilion is dried out.</p> <p>d) Height barrier: The PC discussed the installation of a height barrier at the recreation ground entrance. Quotes to be obtained.</p>	
11.	General Correspondence: All emailed.	
12.	<p>Area Report:</p> <p>a) Litter pick report: The litter pick was well supported with lots of litter collected and everyone enjoyed tea and cake afterwards in the Village Hall.</p> <p>b) Speed Strategy: The consultation is live.</p> <p>c) Neighbourhood Plan: When the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is introduced if a village hasn't got a neighbourhood plan they will receive 15% or 25% with a neighbourhood plan. CIL payments will be received when CIL is approved by the District Council.</p>	
13.	<p>Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 6th May followed</p>	

	by the Annual Parish Council meeting on 6, May 2026 at 8pm.	
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The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed

Date