

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on
6th May, 2026 at 8 p.m. in Wimbish Village Hall

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

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk)

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1.	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Edward Browne and Philip Northern.	
2.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Foley, Cllr Luck, Gareth Jones and Ray Searle.	
3.	Councillors to declare pecuniary interests: None	
4.	Public Participation (15 minutes): None	
5.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st April, 2026: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.	
6.	District Councillor and County Councillor Report: Not present	
7.	Matters arising a) Beetle cottages update: The cottages have been started. The coppice was taken from where it was stored, so more will have to be sourced. b) Cole End Lane Solar Farm discussion about Community Benefit: The Clerk has chased Low Carbon as the paperwork hasn't been sent. The PC made a decision to change their decision and take the whole amount of the money at once.	
8.	Planning a) Applications: None b) Decisions: None c) Discussion about Neighbourhood plans: The PC would get an extra £ 2,000 per house if they have an approved neighbourhood plan. Mike Young will get some quotes for a Neighbourhood Plan.	
9.	Roads, Highways and Footpaths: a) Speed Limit B184/Thaxted Road/30mph roundels on the road: Mike Young is still working on it. b) Public Path Extinguishment Order - Footpath 70, report about court case: Edward Browne attended the hearing and the PC are awaiting for the decision to be made by the Judge.	

10.	Accounts	
	a) Approval of payments	
	Receipts	
	ECC footpath cutting repayment	£ 2,953.39
	ECC vergecutting repayment	£ 3,669.20
	Total receipts	£ 6,622.59
	Payments	
	Tracy Coston (May)	£ 293.42
	British Gas Pavilion Electricity	£ 22.71
	Castle Water	£ 10.84
	Outdoor Jack	£ 234.94
	HMRC	£ 220.20
	Total	£ 782.11
	b) Approval of the External Audit form and Statement of Assurance: The PC approved the Statement of Assurance, Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement. The accounts have been internally audited and the Internal Audit report will be discussed next month.	
11.	Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance: a) Playground maintenance: Nothing to report. b) Flood damage to the pavilion – Insurance update: Build Vitae will be asked for revised quote for the additional work to be carried out after Polygon had to scratch some walls to speed up the drying process. The PC will send the electricity invoices to the insurance company to organise reimbursement. c) Replacement doors at the pavilion: To be discussed next month. d) Height barrier quotes: Quotes to be obtained for next meeting.	
12.	General Correspondence: All emailed.	
13.	Area Report: a) Subs to Councilwise: The PC approved the joining of Councilwise and they will not join EALC as Councilwise offers more for the PC and are located in Great Dunmow. b) Wimbish Church: The PC will agree to sponsor the PCC applying for a grant from the Hundred Parishes. c) Footbridge across the River Pant: The footbridge needs repairing and will be reported to Highways PROW. d) Signage for Lucy May Field: A sign will be ordered for Lucy May Field stating the name of the field and an explanation that the field was gifted to the Parish by Ben Taylor in Remembrance of his wife Lucy May.	
14.	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: The date of the next Parish Meeting will take place on 3 rd June, 2026 at 7.30pm.	

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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