**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th April 2011**

**Apologies**: Rob James, Bryan Bowman

**In Attendance**: Jackie Squires, Anne Smith, Simon Bates, David Fendley and Mac Burton.

4 members of the public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

Janice & Peter Spragg gave a talk before the meeting to address members in respect of street lighting. A survey had been carried out and there was a 50/50 split in opinion between those satisfied with the level of lighting and those not. Most people were reasonably satisfied. There was a problem with the lighting on the path at the south-east access from Napthans Lane into Tinkers Lane which is accentuated by the number of bikes that use the path. This was agreed would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**1/11 Election of Chair**

J Squires elected for this meeting only *Prop. – S Bates 2nd – D Fendley*

**2/11 Apologies for absence**

R James and B Bowman

**3/11 Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February and 15th March** Having been circulated before the meeting, the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record by all present at the meeting.

**4/11 Accounts**

Accounts still held by S Goodwin

**5/11 To record Councillor’s declarations of interest on Agenda Items**

None

**6/11 Public Speaking**

No matters raised

**7/11 Matters Arising**

J Squires advised that Clerk would not officially commence duties until 29th April 2011, which she had agreed, due to need for break in local government service to be eligible for redundancy payment. Also agreed that clerk attend PAYE training.

There is still a problem with dog poo not being picked up. J Squires suggested an article in next newsletter. Article in newsletter to be on next agenda.

**8/11 Correspondence**

Norfolk Green – Dramatic reduction in service. Now 3 buses a day through village. To be on next agenda to decide what action to be taken.

Glass Bank – Clerk to contact Streetscene to determine other recycling options and obtain information as to who decides what facilities are available

Waste Reduction – Agreed presentation should be combined with another event. Clerk to advise that may be of interest in the future.

School Parking – This has been discussed previously. Clerk to re-iterate school head’s request to Sophie Watson.

**9/11** Highways – Clerk to contact NCC to see if they have visited.

**10/11** Allotments – Need to check history to see what was discussed previously in relation to funding. S Bates to speak to Mark Newton. Agenda item for next meeting to decide on level of funding.

**11/11 Representatives Reports**

Recreation Ground – Funding application in. Request for money from Parish Council towards playing field. Next meeting 26th April 2011. Fundraising social event planned for later in the year. Request has been made for people from the school not to park in the car park on Wed mornings as they block the entrance and prevent the bins from being emptied. Approval for funding to be sought when costings available.

Village Hall – Nothing to report

Village Green – Nothing to report

Footpaths – Are these maintained by the countryside team? Check to be made with S Goodwin. Nigel was expecting someone to contact him.

Parish Plan – Affordable Housing surveys not done now so have to rely on numbers on Housing Register. Article to go in next newsletter re Homechoice and how to get on the housing register.

100 Acre Trust – Nothing to report

Southern Area Road Safety Committee – Nothing to report.

Allotments – Previously discussed

SNAP meeting – Last meeting missed. Next meeting May 12th.

**12/11 Planning**

Nothing to discuss

**13/11 Newsletter**

Been circulated. Good feedback so far. Mobile library is now only once a month – this information was too late to be included in newsletter. Thanks expressed to all those who helped.

**14/11 Finance**

Signatories to be amended at next meeting.

**15/11 Items for next meeting and Annual meeting agenda**

Publicity for annual meeting – article in newsletter.

**16/11 Documents in circulation**

No matters to discuss

**17/11 Date and time of next meeting**

Annual Parish Meeting 17th May at 7pm to be followed by Parish Council Meeting

Meeting Closed

Chairman:........................................................... Date: