**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2011 at 7.30pm**

**Apologies**: None

**In Attendance**: Anne Smith (Chair) Jackie Squires (Vice-Chair), David Fendley, Mac Burton, Cathy Start, Jo Bos, Simon Bates and 3 members of public Clerk – Pippa Winson

**74/11 To consider apologies for absence**

None received.

**75/11To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 28th**

**June 2011**

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record by all present at the meeting.

**76/11 Councillor vacancy – To discuss co-option of any applicants**

No applications received to discuss.

**77/11 To record Councillors’ declarations of interest on Agenda Items**

No declarations of interest declared.

**78/11 Accounts**

Accounts for period 1st April 2011-30th June 2011 circulated and approved. Bank Statements made available for inspection.

**79/11 Public Speaking**

No members of the public asked to speak.

**8011 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only**

Tel call received from Fenman Bike Show thanking the Parish Council for their support for their event on Monday 29th August 2011.

**81/11 Correspondence received – for info only**

All correspondence circulated.

**82/11 Highways - note matters to be reported to highways and receive updates**

Highway Rangers due to visit week commencing 22nd August 2011.

It was agreed to ask the rangers to: clear the gravel from driveways off the highway, to remove the vegetation obscuring the 30mph signs at the bottom of Westway and at the top of Church Road, to strim/cut back the verges on Lynn Road, to wash the road signs, to turn back round the 20mph sign at Honey Hill and to clear the ditches on the Stowbridge Road past the end of Westway. Clerk to find out why sign which previously read ‘Tinkers Lane leading to Millers Lane’ has been replaced with a sign reading only ‘Tinkers Lane’.

**83/11 Speedwatch**. Information in respect of Community Speedwatch to be circulated. Clerk to obtain quotes for wheelie bin stickers although actual numbers of 30mph and 20pmh not yet calculated.

**84/11 Training**

NALC advised that there was availability for the Whole Council Training the week commencing 26th September. It was agreed that the training would take place on Tuesday 27th September 2011 at 7pm and that Stow Bardolph Parish Council would be offered places.

**85/11 Recreation Ground funding application**

S Bates confirmed that the funding request to the Parish Council was for £5,000 towards the play equipment. The WREN application is still pending a decision and if successful they will have to get up-to-date tenders.

Proposal that the £5,000 request be approved subject to the project going ahead

*Prop – D Fendley 2nd – M Burton, J Bos Agreed*

**86/11 Village Hall/Recreation Ground Committee**

M Burton circulated some copies of the lease and associated letters. Further copies to be circulated to all Cllrs.

No response to date to letter sent to Hoare Trustees in respect of the lease renewal. Further letter to be sent so that there is proof of delivery of the letter. Copy of letter to be sent to Lady Rose Hare.

Other options to be explored to identify alternative sites for village hall.

**87/11 Recreation Ground Board**

S Bates advised that board would be removed as it is dangerous. Copies of village walks leaflet currently on display to be placed in noticeboards.

**88/11 Noticeboard at shop**

Information and prices in respect of noticeboards circulated so that a decision can be made as to the most appropriate. New shop owners to be contacted for their permission for board to be erected on their wall.

**89/11 Footpath between Millers and Tinkers Lane**

J Squires has contacted NCC in respect of this and will forward a copy of her email to the clerk so that this can be followed up. Clarification required on who maintains the footpaths

**90/11 Lime Tree on Village Green**

CGM have provided a quote for the works to the Lime Tree and identified other works that are recommended should be carried out to the other trees on the green.

Proposal that all works quoted for the sum of £360 excl.VAT be carried out

*Prop – S Bates 2nd – J Bos Agreed*

**91/11 Representatives Reports**

Recreation Ground - Nothing further to report.

Village Hall – Nothing further to report.

Village Green - Trees already discussed. Nothing further to report.

Footpaths – Up Honey Hill and straight on garden rubbish has been dumped. This problem has been ongoing for many years. Agreed that article could be put into newsletter.

Parish Plan – Nothing to report

100 Acre Trust - At last meeting those who inspected the land said that it was in neat condition.

Southern Area Road Safety Committee - Nothing to report.

Allotments - J Squires spoke to Mark Newton who confirmed that the amount that they were requesting was £325 and not £350 towards the water supply connection.

SNAP Meeting – Nothing to report. Next meeting August 17th.

**92/11 Newsletter**

Another newsletter has just gone out. Distribution lists discussed and amended.

**93/11 Planning**

11/01206/F – Conservatory to rear of 13 Napthans Lane. All in agreement to support planning application.

11/00905/F - 15 Chapel Lane, Wimbotsham. Application Permitted.

**94/11 Finance**

Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.

A Smith to go to bank on 9th August 2011 to provide I.D. required to amend cheque signatories.

**95/11 To receive items for next meeting agenda.**

Street light No.44 at Millers Lane not working and No.25 at Church Road on all night.

Lorries breaking up road surface on Church Road.

Road surface and kerb opposite shop on Westway – also to be reported to Rangers.

**96/11 Documents in circulation.**

**97/11 To confirm the date and** **time of the next meeting** – Tuesday 20th September 2011 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.10pm.