**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th December 2012 at 7.30pm**

**In Attendance**: Councillors: Anne Smith (Chair), Simon Bates, Brian Baylis, Mac Burton, Dana Frost, David Fendley, David Long & 1 member of the public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

1. **To consider apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from J.Squires.

1. **To Consider Requests for Dispensations from the restriction on participating in the**

**discussion or voting on a matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

Dispensation requests were submitted by all Councillors present in respect of the Parish Precept, Item 219(iii). It was agreed that these requests would be granted.

1. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13th November 2012.**

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.

1. **To record Councillors’ declarations of interest on Agenda Items.**

None.

1. **Police Update.**

None received. Clerk to ask again whether a report can be sent if no officer is available to attend.

1. **Public Speaking.**

None.

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

Clerk advised that she had contacted BT and they advised that they had no plans to remove the phone box. The broken door has been removed, so it has been made safe.

P. Goodrum advised that he will start the work on the Village Sign in the New Year and that he would only be charging the Parish Council at cost.

1. **Highways - note matters to be reported to highways and receive updates.**

The cat’s-eyes on Lynn Road have still not been repaired. There is also a drainage issue near Mans Corner and the Nursery.

1. **Speedwatch – to receive update.**

No volunteers have come forward to be part of the Speedwatch Team.

Two signs were put up on the bus shelter but these were either taken down or came unfastened. D.Fendley offered to help D.Long put up the signs again.

Two additional signs have also been erected. To be advertised again in Newsletter.

1. **Delivering local highway improvements – to receive update.**

No further update.

1. **Village Hall – to decide on any further action to be taken.**
2. Open meeting to be held in March/April to obtain public opinion. Agenda item for next meeting.
3. On proposal from D.Fendley and seconded by S. Bates it was agreed that £500 would be donated to the Village Hall towards the redecoration costs.
4. **Village Christmas Parties**

On proposal from S. Bates and seconded by D. Frost it was agreed that £100.00 be donated towards the Village Christmas parties.

1. **Village Green Trees**

The Borough Council have now approved the application to remove two trees from the Village Green. M. Burton felt that the villagers should be advised before the works are carried out, so an article is to be placed in the Newsletter. A further quote is to be obtained.

1. **Village Pub**

R. Carrick to be contacted to be asked to attend the next meeting. The pub and car park are currently on the market. The present landlord will be there until the end of January and the intention is for it to be kept as a trading pub.

1. **Bus Petition**

B.Baylis advised that the petition is now in the shop, pub and post-office. An article has already been put in the newsletter. Clerk to respond to letter from parishioner.

1. **Representatives Reports**

**Recreation Ground**

Carol Service being held at the Village Hall tomorrow night at 7.30pm. £250 has been donated from the Jubilee Fund.

**Village Hall**

Plumber needed to deal with drain issue.

**Village Green**

Thanks expressed to Ian Nurse and his helpers from the Christmas Tree Committee for the Village Christmas Tree.

**Footpaths**

Nothing to report.

**Parish Plan**

None. J. Squires not present.

**100 Acre Trust**

Applications for this year have been submitted and agreed. M. Burton to resign from the Committee. New representative required to represent Parish Council and two further non-Parish Council reps. Article to be placed in newsletter.

**Southern Area Road Safety Committee**

None. No meetings since last year.

**Allotments**

None. Clerk has chased M. Newton in respect of rent and this will be paid soon.

**SNAP**

None. J. Squires not present.

1. **Newsletter – to receive update.**

Good feedback received. Deadline for next newsletter 23/1/13. A. Smith asked councillors to submit some articles for inclusion.

1. **Planning - comment on any planning applications submitted.**

None.

1. **Finance – update and agree cheques to be signed and payments to be made.**
2. Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
3. Accounts to 30th November circulated and agreed. Bank Statements and receipts/payments file made available for inspection.
4. On proposal from D.Fendley and seconded by D.Long, all agreed to increase the Parish Precept to £15,000.00.
5. **Correspondence in circulation.**

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Independent Custody Visiting Scheme volunteer information.

Homestart – Donation request

NCC- Gritting Routes Leaflet

1. **Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda.**

Next agenda items – Bus petition and request for donation towards Christmas Carol Evening.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday February 12th 2013 at**

**7.30pm.**

Chairman: Date