**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7.30pm**

**In Attendance**: Councillors: Ian Cable (Vice-Chair), Simon Bates, Mac Burton,David Fendley, Dana Frost and Cllr Brian Long (CC) and Martin Stringfellow (NCC).

Ian Cable chaired the meeting.Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

Apologies from J Squires, D Burton and R Ribbons.

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.**

None.

1. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 26th August 2014.**

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were amended and 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.

Martin Stringfellow, one of the Transport managers from NCC attended to discuss the bus issues.

Ian Cable outlined the Parish Council’s concerns, that the bus no longer stops in the village centre, that it is a mile walk to where the bus now stops, that Lynn Road has a 50mph speed limit and there is no suitable crossing point. HGV’s use Church Rd daily without problems. West Norfolk Community Transport also visits the village. Martin Stringfellow advised that the contract is due to be reviewed early next year, he agreed to review with the bus operator and will try to get back to the PC before the next meeting.

1. **Police Update.**

None.

1. **Public Speaking.**

None.

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

The ownership of the garages adjacent to 49 Westway was mentioned, they may be owned by Albanwise or the Stow Estate.

1. **Footpaths**

The footpaths have been cut twice.

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

The drains near the Green nearing clearing. The pavements on Lynn Rd towards the A10 and towards Downham are getting narrower as the grass has overgrown.

1. **Parish Partnership Scheme**

Agreed to submit application for the Speed Gates.

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Meeting held with A Wallace (NCC) to agree the proposed siting on Low Rd, Westway and two sets on Lynn Road. Brian Long (CC) supports the bid.

S Bates left the meeting.

1. **Village Hall**

M Burton to provide any paperwork he has in respect of the ownership of the parcel of land the Village Hall Committee own. The Parish Council is to receive an invoice to pay for one of the heaters direct.

1. **Buses**

Already discussed.

1. **Notice board**

Still pending installation.

1. **Website**

On proposal from I Cable and seconded by D Fendley, it was agreed to purchase the domain name for 1 year at a cost of £10.40.

1. **Unadopted roads in the village.**

Still pending quotes. Clerk to chase.

1. **Norfolk Hospice Tapping House**

To be deferred to the next meeting.

1. **Representatives Reports**

**Recreation Ground** – Benches have been delivered and bolted down and concreted in. Pub collection raised £134 towards improvements for the changing rooms. Halloween Party on 31st October.

**Village Hall** – Already discussed.

**Village Green** – Well maintained and tidy.

**Footpaths** – Already discussed above.

**Parish Plan** – Nothing to report. Ongoing.

**100-Acre Trust** – Meeting a few weeks ago. Drafted editorial and application form to go into next newsletter. Applications will be assessed, cheques to be issued unless they have no bank account.

**Allotments** – Appear tidy. Rent payment due soon.

1. **Newsletter**

I Cable and J Squires to try to update format. Want to include ‘What’s on’ info. Deadline for articles 23rd October.

1. **Planning**

Notification of removal of phone box – no objections.

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 September 2014 circulated and agreed.
4. **Correspondence in circulation.**

SLCC – info letter

Norfolk Link

NCC – budget and priorities 2015/18

Clerks & Councils Direct

NCC – Stoptober poster

Kickstart – Moped info

CPRE magazine

Countryside Voice magazine

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

None.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed 9.23pm

Chairman: Date