**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.30pm**

 **In Attendance**: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Diane Burton, Ian Cable, David Fendley, Dana Frost, Steve Harrison, Richard Ribbons, Cllr Sandra Squire (BC) and 13 members of the public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

1. **Appoint (a) Chairman**

On proposal from S Bates and seconded by D Burton, it was unanimously agreed to appoint J Squires as Chairman for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations. Declaration signed.

**(b) Vice-Chairman**

On proposal from S Bates and seconded by J Squires, it was unanimously agreed to appoint I Cable as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations. Declaration signed.

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

None.

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 14th April 2015.**

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.**

D Frost declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 39/15.

1. **Public Speaking.**

Thanks were expressed for the work of the Parish Council and for the new look newsletter.

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

None.

1. **Co-option Policy**

All unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed co-option policy.

1. **Parish Partnership Scheme**

Speed Gates have been ordered. I Cable advised that he would meet with A Wallace again to confirm locations, if required. Clerk to ask when VAS on Lynn Road is to be moved.

1. **Highways**

Dip in the road on West Way on the shop side. Village Green drains blocked again.

On Lynn Rd, Hill House and the bungalow next door have bushes overhanging the footpath which need cutting back. D Burton to check and advise whether grass has been cut from the top of Millers Lane to the A10.

1. **Village Hall**
2. Village Hall site purchase is complete, but the land owned by the Village Hall Committee is on hold as confirmation is required that trustee Doris Boughen is deceased. Further information required to obtain death certificate to complete transfer.
3. It was agreed that a working group should be set up to discuss ways to make the hall more commercially viable, as well as determining future needs and funding. It was agreed to invite members of the Village Hall Committee to the next Parish Council meeting to find out how they see things going forward.
4. Open Meeting to be arranged at next meeting.
5. **Buses**

Cllr S Squire said that she would check with MP E Truss to see what latest response was from the bus company. I Cable summarised history, the safety issue of passengers on Lynn Road being the major concern. Clerk to email S Squire email trail in respect of this. Article in latest newsletter and there have been a few replies so far.

1. **Dog Waste Bin**

On proposal from I Cable and seconded by S Bates, all agreed to the purchase of a dog waste bin from Glasdon at a cost of £123.00, to be sited at the car park end of the footpath to the Recreation Ground.

1. **Handyperson**

Further to last meeting A West has agreed to undertake the work when required. It was agreed that work which exceeds 5 hours will need to be agreed on an individual basis. Works to be carried out will be agreed at each meeting. Proof of Public liability insurance to be checked. The Village Green bench needs re-painting. Clerk to check whether highways will deal with fingerpost sign.

1. **Grasscutting**

I Cable and S Bates advised that they would walk the paths this week so that A West could provide a quote.

1. **Fenman Classic Bike Show**

All agreed to the request to hold the Show in the village on August 31st.

1. **Representatives Reports – to appoint representatives and receive update.**

**Recreation Ground** – S Bates to remain as Rep. Midsummer Fayre on 20th June 2015. Donation request to be made in writing and discussed at next meeting.

**Village Hall** – D Fendley & D Burton to be reps. No further update.

**Village Green** – D Fendley to remain as rep. Good condition. Basal growth on trees needs to be looked at.

**Footpaths** – S Harrison appointed as rep. No update.

**100-Acre Trust** – I Cable to remain as rep. Next meeting in July.

**Allotments** – S Harrison appointed as rep. All ok.

1. **Newsletter**

J Squires to step down from newsletter editing but will still provide some articles, I Cable and R Ribbons to help. Next deadline 17th July. R Ribbons will check distribution list and to check everyone has the right number of copies.

1. **Website Domain Name**

On proposal from I Cable and seconded by R Ribbons, all agreed to getting the work done to get the domain name directed at the current website, up to maximum cost of £100.

1. **Planning**

No applications to consider.

1. **Finance**
2. Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
3. Accounts to 30th April 2015 agreed.
4. Annual Accounts for the year 2014/15 accepted and agreed.
5. **Correspondence in circulation.**

Clerks & Councillors Direct

CPRE – Norfolk Light Pollution Survey, Guidance and Conference

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

Unadopted roads, Streetlight review and additional street light for Chapel Lane.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – on 30th June 2015 at 7.00pm.**

Chairman: Date

Meeting finished 9.00pm