**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 7.00pm**

**In Attendance**: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Diane Burton, Ian Cable, David Fendley, Dana Frost, Steve Harrison, Richard Ribbons, Cllr Brian Long (CC) and 3 members of the public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

Only apologies from BC Sandra Squire.

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 19th May 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.**

None.

1. **Public Speaking.**

None.

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

None.

1. **Village Hall**
2. At the last meeting it was agreed that there should be a working group set up with the Village Hall Committee and a number of Councillors. After the initial meeting an Open meeting would then be held to discuss proposals. Villagers can be updated via the newsletter. The working group will provide ideas and proposals for the Open meeting. The date agreed for the Working group meeting is Tuesday 14th July at 7pm at the Village Hall.
3. Cllr Long spoke about the project at Marshland St James for a new Sports Pavillion and Village Hall. They are currently at Stage 2 of the Lottery funding application. He said that a lot of time had been involved in the project. He suggested that Community Action Norfolk, formerly WNVCA, will provide help and guidance to get the project started.
4. **Parish Partnership Scheme 2016**

There were discussions regarding paths in the Village. I Cable proposed that the trod could be linked up with the Village Green and J Squires suggested the route between Wimbotsham and Stow. Agreed that a meeting should be arranged with A Wallace from NCC to discuss proposals.

1. **Highways**

On Lynn Rd, Hill House and the bungalow next door have bushes overhanging the footpath which still need cutting back. Grass has been cut on footpath to Stow Bardolph but path narrow due to encroachment of the grass. Two potholes opposite 29 Church Road. 30mph sign bent at the top of Church Road.

1. **Buses**

Newsletter survey results circulated. Only 7 replies received. Clerk to send a copy to WNCT and ask if they could consider extending their service. Clerk to ask send a copy to Cllr S Squire (BC). This is not a subsidised bus route. Due to poor parishioner response, will wait to get any update from Cllr Squire and will on next agenda.

1. **Unadopted roads**

Works still not carried out, clerk to contact highways and ask for works to be completed within the next 28 days.

1. **Streetlights**
2. Cllr Long advised that in his parish they had replaced the lighting with LED and in 7 years the costs will be recovered. Clerk to obtain quotes for the replacement lighting.
3. All agreed that lighting on Chapel Lane is sufficient.
4. **Handyperson**

Public liability insurance still valid. Andy has started the Village Green bench painting. Highways will deal with fingerpost sign. Church Road sign needs replacing/repainting, S Bates will email clerk a photo to send to BC.

1. **Grasscutting**

I Cable will mark footpaths to be cut on O/S map, as a PDF, and circulate.

1. **Phone Box**

BT have advised that it is too expensive to replace phone box with a traditional red one. Discussion re siting a defibrillator in phone box. On proposal from I Cable and seconded by R Ribbons, it was agreed not to purchase a traditional phone box for the Village Green.

1. **Representatives Reports – to receive any updates.**

**Recreation Ground** – Further information to be provided so that donation request can be considered. No report given.

**Village Hall** – No further update.

**Village Green** – Good condition. Basal growth on trees needs to be looked at.

**Footpaths** – No further update.

**100-Acre Trust** – Nothing to report.

**Allotments** – Nothing to report.

1. **Newsletter**

Next deadline 17th July.

1. **Planning**

No applications to consider.

1. **Finance**
2. On proposal from J Squires and seconded by D Frost, all agreed not to renew the CPRE membership.

On proposal from J Squires and seconded by R Ribbons, all agreed to renew the NALC membership.

1. Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
2. Accounts to 31st May 2015 agreed.
3. Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement for the year 2014/15 agreed and signed.
4. **Correspondence in circulation.**

Clerks & Councillors Direct

Various – via email

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

1 West Way – ask re highway safety. Speedwatch mentioned – only 1 response to last newsletter article.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – on Tuesday 18th August 2015 at 7.00pm.**

Chairman: Date

Meeting finished 9.00pm