

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

In Attendance: Councillors: Ian Cable (Chair), Dean Chilvers, John Clark, David Fendley, Dana Frost, Anne Smith and 2 members of the public.
Clerk – Pippa Winson

150/17 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from J Squires and S Bates.

151/17 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.

No dispensation requests.

152/17 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 30th January 2018.

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

153/17 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

154/17 Public Speaking.

It was asked whether the village name Wimbotsham could be added to the Speed gates as a welcome to the village. Clerk will contact highways and get quotes for next meeting.

VAS on Lynn Road doesn't appear to be working, clerk to contact highways.

155/17 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

None.

156/17 Village Hall

- (i) Update - A Smith advised that they had been looking into grants for renovation works. J Clark advised that he had obtained a quote for the floor repairs and redecoration which total £4379.00, he advised that grants may be available for these works. The breakdown of costs was £2,000.00 for hall decorating, £300 for works to the stage, floor repair and varnish £1200.00 and £679.17 to supply and fit new floor to small hall, all quotes exclude V.A.T. J Clark has made a temporary repair to the wall where the plasterboard was falling off which was discussed at the previous meeting, quote still to be obtained. All items were discussed separately and all agreed that they didn't feel that these works were needed at present. J Clark advised that two new wall heaters were to be installed for the toilets which would be paid for from the Village Hall funds. A Smith asked whether the Village Hall Committee could be given a budget rather than individual requests but was advised that monies can only be given for a specific item or works, the Parish Council have had a maintenance plan from the Village Hall Committee and there are no further works identified from the plan which are outstanding at present. J Clark mentioned that there had been an incident which had been reported to the Police, where liquid has been sprayed in the locks. Clerk to contact highways and ask whether it is possible to have a 'Village Hall' sign at the end of Church Road.
- (ii) New Village Hall Working Group – Future meeting dates have been circulated to the group. It was asked if a copy of the structural survey could be added to the website, J Clark advised that the Village Hall Committee had paid for the survey but he was happy for this to go on the website and all agreed that it should be on the website.
A Smith advised that she is typing up a questionnaire and is awaiting feedback from the group. She asked for clarification of the covenant. The Parish Council own the Village Hall and the site and the covenant would allow for the re-building of the Village Hall on the site as the covenant permits the use of the land for the benefit of the village. There are alternative options for the site of a new Village Hall. The group would like a page on the Parish Council website and this was agreed.
- (iii) Village Hall Trust Document – The group have had a meeting and another meeting to be arranged. The group need to look at the ACRE model document for leaseholders.

157/17 Highways

The Lynn Road footpath has been cut. One of the properties along Lynn Road has an overgrown hedge which is overhanging the path. D Chilvers will check which property it is so that the clerk can contact them. Works to the Trod at the end of West Way have started. The trees are still overhanging the road coming out of the village towards Stow Bridge, clerk to contact highways again. The drain on the corner of the Village Green is still blocked, clerk to chase. Renovation works at property behind 1 Church Road is causing access problems due to tradesmen's vehicles parking on the road. Will need to be monitored.

158/17 Tinkers Lane/Millers Lane

Update from last meeting, the PROW officer from NCC has advised that they would only be interested if the planting encroached on the PROW, which it doesn't.

159/17 Defibrillator

Still pending outcome of National Lottery application.

160/17 General Data Protection Regulations

Clerk advised updates where due to be out shortly so update will be given at next meeting.

161/17 WW1 Centenary Grant Fund

(i) War Memorials Online – No update as J Squires not present.

(ii) Funding application – as J Squires not present or S Bates, this will be discussed at the next meeting. A Smith and D Frost volunteered to be involved in any event which was planned.

162/17 Equal Opportunities Policy

I Cable read out the key points and all agreed to adopt the Policy, which had been previously been circulated.

163/17 Representatives Reports – to receive any updates.

Recreation Ground – None.

Village Hall – AGM is on 3rd May at 7.30pm.

Village Green – Contractor has confirmed that the tree work will be done by 31st March.

Footpaths – No complaints and they look quite good for this time of year. D Chilvers will check whether the Low Road stile has been repaired.

100-Acre Trust – No update as I Cable missed the last meeting.

Allotments – Look ok for time of year, 1 looks overgrown.

164/17 Maintenance

Walk around will be done in the summer to monitor assets.

165/17 Newsletter

All distributed and no complaints received about non-delivery. Newsletter advertisement costings being reviewed by S Bates and I Cable.

166/17 Planning

Planning application ref 18/00360/F, Demolition of existing garage and utility and erection of new side and rear extension at 1 Southside – all agreed that there are no objections to the proposal.

167/17 Finance

(i) Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.

(ii) Accounts to 28th February 2018 agreed and signed.

(iii) All agreed to appoint Jo Raby as Internal Auditor.

168/17 Correspondence in circulation.

Clerk & Council's Direct Newsletter, Planning Direct – letter regarding neighbourhood plans, Eon – letter re electricity price increase, Broxap Catalogue.

Various – via email

169/17 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

Land adj. 49 West Way, Albanwise have advised that they will clear up the land at the back of the properties as well.

170/17 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 24th April at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.23pm

Chairman:

Date