

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 7.00pm, held remotely via Zoom.

In Attendance: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Ian Cable, Dean Chilvers, David Fendley and Anne Smith
Borough Cllrs: Colin Rose, County Cllr: Brian Long Clerk – Pippa Winson

77/20 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Steve Mingay and Borough Councillor Vivienne Spikings.

78/20 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.

79/20 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27th October 2020.

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

80/20 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

81/20 Councillor Vacancies

No applications to consider.

82/20 Public Speaking.

(i) Cllr Long said that he was asking all parishes to look out for any issues in respect of Covid restriction breaches and to report them. He said that the Borough Council had 50 Covid Marshalls operating across the borough. They mainly want to advise and educate members of the public. Any issues can be reported to the County or Borough Councillors and they can pass the information on. The Borough Council have done everything they can to support members of the public, and well as businesses in providing business grants etc.

Cllr Rose said that he has nothing new to report. There had been issues with Upwell Post Office as they were breaching Covid restrictions and had been notified in writing that if they don't comply then they could face sanctions. Unfortunately, this matter has subsequently been passed onto the local beat officer.

(ii) No members of public present.

83/20 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

None.

84/20 New Village Hall Working Group

Anne Smith gave an update. She wrote to the church asking if they could share the questionnaire responses and they have done so, and this information was also in the latest newsletter. In respect of the covenant on the Recreation Ground site, Steve Mingay has made good progress but more clarification is needed. The Feasibility Study has now been received and the group need to meet to decide the way forward and the best way to consult with the Parish Council and villagers. Swann Edwards have been asked to stop further work until these discussions have been had. The group also want to meet with the church to ensure that they both keep each other up-to-date.

85/20 Correspondence

Clerk & Councils Direct

Email received from parishioner complaining about the tree and Christmas lights – this matter has now been resolved and parishioner aware that the Christmas Tree is erected by a small voluntary group in the village rather than the Parish Council.

Various – by email

86/20 Highways

a Update and Issues to be reported

Footpath up to the A10 from Millers Lane needs to be cut back and edging. Highways have advised that they have issues with the contractors and that although the PROW between Millers Lane and Tinkers Lane should have been cut, it has not been and it may not now be done this year. There is a large pothole on Low Road, just before the speed gates coming into the village.

b Parish Partnership Scheme

D Chilvers, J Squires and S Bates volunteered to be trained on the SAM2. Cllr Long said that we would need to have a set of brackets for each of the three identified locations and a set of replacement

batteries. Clerk will check what was included in the application. Clerk to return agreement to Highways and on their confirmation, SAM2 unit can then be ordered.

87/20 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Don Gates provided a wreath for the Memorial Service, which came from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. On proposal from D Fendley and seconded by S Bates, all agreed to donate £100 to the appeal, which includes the cost of the wreath.

88/20 Village Green Trees

One of the Lime Trees is in decline. Three years ago, some works were done to the trees and at that time Richard Fisher, the Borough Council's Tree Officer, felt that the Lime Tree was not in that bad condition. It was agreed that a site meeting would be requested with him; Jackie Squires, David Fendley and Ian Cable would like to be present. Clerk is unsure if he is holding face to face meetings at present, but will contact him.

89/20 Wildflower Planting

It has previously been agreed that Turners Close, Chapel Lane and the small Village Green would be the most appropriate locations. There are three proposed areas at the Recreation Ground. D Chilvers will provide a map so that the size of the areas can be calculated.

90/20 Parish Boundary Walk

Clerk has contacted Albanwise and Stow Estate, and both have given consent in principle but they would want to know when this would take place and the actual route. This can not be arranged at the present time due to Covid restrictions.

91/20 Representatives Reports – to receive any updates.

Recreation Ground – Nothing to report.

Village Hall – Open in limited capacity. It is looking good. Thank were expressed to both Kate Penn and Ian Cable for putting up the Christmas lights.

Village Green – All looks ok.

Footpaths – Look good. PROW between Tinkers Lane and Millers Lane, half of this has now been cut. A fingerpost has fallen down, will check exact location so that clerk can then report it.

100-Acre Trust – A meeting was held two weeks ago. The funds are due to be banked. Application form was put in the newsletter and the application deadline is 11th December.

Allotments – J Squires advised that they look good.

92/20 Maintenance

It was agreed that the Speed gates will need to be painted in the spring, clerk to contact Mark the handyman to see if he can provide a quote for the works. Hopefully a village walk around can be organised to check the assets and identify any further works required.

93/20 Streetlights

Clerk has checked costs with K&M and they can replace the lanterns for LED lanterns for £220.00 each ex-VAT but should all the lanterns in the village be replaced then they can reduce the cost to 210.00 each ex-VAT. These lanterns are 25 watts with dimming at midnight to 05.00 am to 50% this allows light still to be on but at reduced power. There is a manufacturers warrantee of 10 years on these lanterns. To replace the two 150-watt Son floodlights to 80-watt LED floodlights would be £170.00 ex VAT. These come with a 3-year manufacturer's warranty.

Alternately they could change the lamps in the existing lanterns to LED at a cost of £70.00 ex vat per light, this does not include the two floodlights LED lamps fitted in the floodlight.

Clerk to ask them to clarify whether for part night lighting we require a certain type of photo-electric cell and how many lights may already have this.

94/20 Newsletter

This has been distributed by Ian Cable, Kate Penn and Liz and Philip Wing. Ian thanked those who contributed. No adverts in last two issues. Advertising to be reviewed and ideally new advertisers don't want to be encouraged. Some have paid to renew their advertising. D Chilvers suggested a village directory for the newsletter. S Bates has offered to help as has D Chilvers.

95/20 Planning

Planning application 20/01868/F for an extension at 17 Church Road. There were no objections to this proposal.

96/20 Finance

(a) The following payments were agreed at tonight's meeting:

Holly Landscapes (October Maintenance) - £438.68 and (Footpaths) - £234.00, Limetree(Newspaper) - £204.00, HMRC (Clerks Income tax) - £181.80.

(b) Accounts to 30th November 2020 agreed and to be signed.

97/20 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

Budget to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting. It was felt that £2500 should be earmarked for the tree works.

98/20 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 26th January 2021 starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Chairman:

Date

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