**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th April 2014 at 7.30pm**

 **In Attendance**: Councillors: Anne Smith (Chair), Jackie Squires (Vice-Chair) Mac Burton, Ian Cable, Dana Frost and 3 members of the public.

Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

Apologies received from S Bates and D Fendley.

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 11th March 2014.**

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. **Police Update.**

None.

1. **Councillor Vacancy**

No applications to consider. To be advertised again.

1. **Public Speaking.**

None.

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

None.

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

Cat’s-eyes still not repaired/replaced on Lynn Road. Fingerpost sign near phone box needs replacing. Village Centre sign on Lynn Rd has been turned round the wrong way.

1. **Village Hall – to receive update.**

The Village Hall Committee is also keen for the village hall to be renovated. It was suggested that Lady Rose Hare visit the new hall at Leziate. A lease of at least 15 years is needed to secure funding. Most realistic option is for the leasehold to be purchased. On proposal from I Cable and seconded by J Squires, all agreed to approach the freeholders to see if they would consider a nominal amount of £5,000 to purchase the leasehold on the understanding that the village hall remains.

1. **Village Sign**

No update.

1. **Union Jack Flag**

Agreed to defer decision on new flag purchase till next meeting.

1. **Recreation Ground Activity Day 21st June**

On proposal from D Fendley and seconded by M Burton all agreed to donate £150 towards the fun day, pending confirmation of what the money would be spent on.

1. **Speedwatch**

No further volunteers have come forward.

1. **Buses**

Response from E Truss doesn’t address the highway safety concerns, including pensioners crossing the road in a 50mph limit. . Clerk to contact again and ask for a meeting.

1. **Notice board**

No update.

1. **Poppy Seeds**

Agreed to ask Recreation Ground Committee if they would like them there.

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

Chapel Lane has been repaired, presumably by BC. Quotes still pending from NCC, West Dereham Plant Hire and K Plant.

1. **Website**

On proposal from I Cable and seconded by J Squires, it was agreed that clerk would look into costs for village website.

1. **Representatives Reports**

**Recreation Ground** – It was agreed to ask Recreation Committee whether they could consider indestructible benches rather than wooden ones.

**Village Hall** – Already discussed.

**Village Green** – None.

**Footpaths** – None.

**Parish Plan** – None.

**100-Acre Trust** – None.

**Allotments** – No update.

1. **Newsletter**
2. Next newsletter out in May. Not many articles received last time. Could include more information like activities at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground.
3. Discussed changing format and having paid advertisements. I Cable to look into changing format.
4. **Planning**

No applications to discuss. Clerk to thank Alan Gomm for attending meeting.

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 for 2013/14 agreed and signed.
4. Agreed to renew memberships with NALC and CPRE.
5. Agreed appointment of Roy Garner as internal auditor.
6. **Councillors Concerns & Items for next meeting agenda**

None.

1. **Correspondence in circulation.**

Countryside Voice

Clerks & Councils Direct

Each letter

CPRE – AGM

Wicksteed

Came & Company Info.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – following the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday May 27th 2014 at 7.00pm.**

Chairman: Date