**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2015 at 7.00pm**

**In Attendance**: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Diane Burton, Ian Cable, David Fendley, Dana Frost, Richard Ribbons, Cllr Brian Long (CC) and 1 member of the public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

Apologies from S Harrison and S Squire (BC).

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 30th June 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.

S Bates arrived

1. **To record Councillors’ declarations of interest on Agenda Items.**

None.

1. **Public Speaking.**

Parishioner spoke about the bus service and said that they think that the PC should pursue it. Believed that buses struggle to meet allocated times due to cost cutting. MP E Truss has visited the village to have a site meeting to discuss this. Will be discussed at later agenda item.

I Cable arrived

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

Clerk mentioned fence at 1 West Way, the BC are satisfied that there are no highway safety issues. Now new owner so J Squires is to approach them.

1. **Village Hall**
2. The Working group meeting was held on Tuesday 14th July at 7pm at the Village Hall.
3. Open Meeting arranged for 22nd September. It was suggested that there should be an agenda item which asks for volunteers to join the Working Party and an Open Forum to get opinions. J Squires will contact Community Action Norfolk to see if they are able to attend Village Hall meeting next week. I Cable said that the land was purchased by the Parish Council to secure the future of the site and it should be seen as an opportunity to improve the facilities. Fundraising will also be needed to raise additional funds.
4. **Parish Partnership Scheme 2016**

Meeting will be arranged with A Wallace from NCC to discuss proposals when he gets back from leave. Speed Gates are now ready for collection by highways.

1. **Highways**

On Lynn Rd, Hill House and the bungalow next door have bushes overhanging the footpath which still need cutting back, highways had advised that there were no overhanging bushes – clerk to contact again. Footpath to Stow Bardolph still needs cutting. Unadopted roads still not filled, clerk to invite A Wallace to attend next meeting. Roads signs need replacing at Millers Lane and Tinkers Lane as they have been set fire to. Drain blocked on Village Green.

1. **Buses**

No further update from S Squire (BC) or MP E Truss. J Squires spoke to WNCT and is waiting to hear back from them. Will wait and see if response from them and will discuss at the next meeting whether to pursue bus stops for Lynn Road.

1. **Streetlights**
2. Pending further quotes for the replacement LED lights.
3. All agreed to renew K & M Lighting quote for the next year. Clerk to contact Watlington clerk and ask what company they use. Clerk to ask if timers need to be fitted if hours are reduced.
4. **Handyperson**

A West has advised that due to high cost of Public Liability Insurance, it is not worth him continuing. To be advertised in next newsletter.

1. **Grasscutting**

As A West will no longer be able to do this, S Bates will ask Holly Landscapes if they can do this when they visit the village for the grasscutting.

1. **Dog Bin**

All agreed to the proposal to move the dog waste bin at Millers Lane so it is further away from the property.

S Hewitt and S Bates will install new bin, clerk will need to notify BC when installed so they can add to collection.

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

**Recreation Ground** – Midsummer Fayre a success. Bough fell off a tree, tree needs cutting down at a cost of £800-£900.

**Village Hall** – No further update.

**Village Green** – Good condition. S Bates will speak to Holly Landscapes re edge trimming.

**Footpaths** – Footpath at end of Tinkers Lane been cut.

**100-Acre Trust** – Meeting been held, nothing to report.

**Allotments** – All appear ok.

1. **Recreation Ground**

Donation request still pending.

1. **Newsletter**

Has been delivered and to go on website. R Ribbons deals with distribution, list and numbers reviewed.

1. **Planning**

No applications to consider. The Borough Council’s Allocations and Development Management Policies Pre-Submission Document was mentioned as the Examination sessions have been suspended until October to November. More weight to be given to sustainable development. Albanwise may submit their application before the end of the year.

1. **Finance**
2. Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
3. Accounts not available as clerk’s printer not working, to be updated at next meeting.
4. **Correspondence in circulation.**

BCKLWN – Register of electors posters for noticeboards

Interprint – info re printing costs, passed to I Cable.

Various – via email

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

None.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – on Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 7.00pm.**

Chairman: Date

Meeting finished 8.45pm