**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 7pm.**

**In Attendance**: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Ian Cable, David Fendley and Dana West,Cllrs Brian Long(CC) and Sandra Squire (BC), Mr & Mrs Clark ( Village Hall Cmtte) and 1 member of the public.Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

None.

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.**

No dispensation requests.

1. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13th September 2016.**

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. **Councillor Vacancies**

No applications received. Vacancies advertised in the notice boards and next newsletter.

1. **Public Speaking.**

It was mentioned that a parishioner was upset that she was unable to walk her dog at the Recreation Ground and the fence that has been erected. S Bates advised that this was erected to stop children from getting through the gap in the hedge. Dogs are allowed to walk along the top of the Recreation Ground on leads. One of the reasons that dogs were excluded was due to the amount of time spent clearing up dogs mess prior to children carrying out activities. It was advised that there are plenty of green lanes with dog waste bins in the village.

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

None.

1. **Village Hall**

Mr Clark said that they were disappointed that the Parish Council hadn’t agreed to the donation request at the last meeting. He was advised that as the working group was no longer in operation the Parish Council wanted to know the way forward and what the long term plans were and the Parish Council fully support the Village Hall Committee. Mr Clark has recently joined the Village Hall Committee as Treasurer and Mrs Clark is the Caretaker. A structural survey has been done and this has been funded by a third party, the report is pending. It was suggested that when the report is received that a joint meeting is held between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. Mr Clark advised that the last agreement between the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council in 1981 was never registered. Cllr Long advised that they had exactly the same issue at Marshland St James and it was resolved by working together to move things forward. If funding is to be applied for then it will have to be proved that there is village support. Next village hall meeting is next week, agreed to have joint meeting at 7.30pm. Mr Clark will send email to clerk to confirm.

1. **Highways**
2. Footpath to A10 and hedge needs cutting. Potholes by the School. Fingerpost sign at the bottom of Westway needs replacing. Clerk to contact BC again re fire damaged sign at Millers Lane.
3. Parish Partnership application discussed. Trod proposed from Goodrums to Stow Estates field. J Squires will email map of proposed route for Councillor’s comments. Cllr Long advised that deadline for applications is 16th December.
4. **Buses/Bus Stops**

There was good news as NCC have advised that from 14th November Wimbotsham will be getting more bus services. The existing 47 service into Downham Market will continue in its current form and the 471 will have additional journeys. There will also be a direct bus to King’s Lynn which goes into Wimbotsham village. There will be publicity with WNCT in due course. This will be included in next newsletter.

1. **Dog Bin**

Dog bin now installed.

1. **Churchyard Maintenance**

On proposal from I Cable and seconded by D Fendley, all agreed to continue with the current arrangements until the current maintenance contract ends and then it will be reviewed.

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

**Recreation Ground** – No update. The BC is considering a consultation to include fenced in play areas around the Borough in their dog exclusion order but the play area here is not fenced.

**Village Hall** – Already discussed. Quotes for gas tank pending. Cllr Long advised that Marshland St James had already gone through the funding process and would be happy to offer help and advice.

**Village Green** – Well maintained. Sign has been safe and is pending repair.

**Footpaths** – Map in noticeboard to be copied.

**100-Acre Trust** – Ian is still waiting to hear re date for next meeting.

**Allotments** – J Squires spoke to Mark Newton. A few are not so well maintained and there are vacancies. I Cable will ask him for article for newsletter.

1. **Maintenance**

Asset Register needs reviewing. To be discussed at next meeting.

1. **Newsletter**

Newsletter deadline is 22nd October for distribution early November. Some articles received but more needed. Clerk to contact Rev Burnett-Hall for details of Remembrance Service for inclusion.

1. **Planning**

BC has been asked to consider lighting strategy in respect of Albanwise application. BC asked how to proceed with request for s.106 to include monies towards Village Hall improvements and for consideration for extra play equipment.

1. **Finance**
2. Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
3. Accounts to 30th September 2016 agreed and signed.
4. On proposal from I Cable and seconded by J Squires, all agreed to close additional accounts and keep just the Community Account and Savings Account.
5. **Correspondence in circulation.**

NALC – Precept Consultation email

Barclays – ltr advising interest rate reduction

NCC – ltr re small schools

Various – via email

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

Speeding in the village. Speed Activated sign – query as to whether it is working. Cllr Long mentioned SAM2 which collects traffic data. Clerk to investigate costs and whether included in parish partnership scheme.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 7pm.**

D West advised that she may not be available for that meeting but will advise nearer the time.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm.

Chairman: Date