**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 7.00pm**

**In Attendance**: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Diane Burton, Ian Cable, Steve Harrison and Dana West. Borough Cllr S Squire and 3 members of the public.Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

Apologies received from S Bates, Richard Ribbons and David 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.**

No dispensation requests.

1. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 16th February 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.**

I Cable declared an interest in agenda item 23/16(ii), in respect of planning application ref 16/00538/F.

1. **Public Speaking.**

Carol Seymour raised the issue of the ‘No Cold Calling Zone’. This is later agenda item.

Frank Seymour mentioned the footpath between Tinkers Lane and Millers Lane and that a hedge had been cut at the adjacent property and that this was blocking the path. D Frost to speak to property owner.

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

Garages next to 49 Westway – the Borough Council have queried ownership. J Squires will make some enquiries.

1. **Village Hall**

£494.20 was raised at the Craft Fair and £71.40 at the Table Top Event. Further fundraising ongoing. They need help in organising the events as it is a small core of people doing this. The Village Hall Working Group need to form a new constitution. Newsletter article to be written asking for more volunteers. They have not been able to open a bank account yet. Further help pending from CAN.

1. **Highways**

Letter received from Wendy Thomson, apologising for the delay in repairing the potholes and the erection of the Speed Gates. They advised that in respect of the pothole repairs there was an admin error and the initial repair work was completed and the initial quote was not sufficient. Therefore, they will be carrying out the remaining works at no further cost as a gesture of goodwill. Further letter to be sent asking whether remaining works have been completed and if not when it will be done. If it has been completed to ask for further meeting as not satisfactory. Outside the cottage opposite the school, dangerous pothole.

Parking on the pavement an issue in Westway- to ask PSCO to visit and have a look and further article to be in newsletter.

1. **Speed Gate Location**

Speed Gates now installed and issue with one on Lynn Road. The Gates haven’t been installed level. J Squires & I Cable to meet with Andy Wallace (NCC) next week to look at moving the Speed Gate/s on Lynn Road.

1. **Buses**

Email received from Karl Buffin, Travel & Transport Manager from NCC Highways, Lynn Road has been deemed unsuitable for bus-stops due to highway safety concerns. He will be reviewing transport in the area and will look at whether the ‘37’ service can come back into the village, whether the WNCT service can be expanded and looking at alternative locations for bus-stops on Lynn Road.

1. **No Cold Calling Zone**

There have been some recent issues in the village. Carolyn Seymour happy to be co-ordinator. There has to be support by the residents so article to be written for newsletter to gauge interest. The Parish Council agreed to support this.

1. **Dog Bin**

Clerk to check with S Bates the status of bin installation, and to ask whether he wants handyman to do this.

1. **Unadopted Roads**

Already discussed at Item 8/16 above.

1. **Handyman**

DMTC handyman has agreed to undertake some work for the Parish Council. Also J Taylor who has recently done the cleaning on the Village Green is available for some tasks.

1. **Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations**

Community Picnic to be organised for 11th June. Still pending funding application outcome. The Church are also holding an event and they have advertised the picnic in their magazine.

Clerk to get info from NCC re possible road closure and advise J Squires of procedure. Clerk to contact Holly Landscapes to see if grass can be cut the week before. Clerk to check with insurance company in relation to beacon lighting.

1. **Waste Bin Collection**

The Borough Council had not emptied the bin at the Recreation Ground for several weeks. Issue has hopefully now been resolved.

1. **Speeding in the Village**

A complaint has been made about speeding on West Way and asked whether further 30mph signs can be erected near the roundabout. Cllr S Squire mentioned the SAM2 which has been found to be helpful. If the PC still have the 20 and 30mph signs then an advert will be put in the newsletter again to see if anyone wants one in their garden.

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

**Recreation Ground** – Rep not present.

**Village Hall** – Already discussed.

**Village Green** – Has been cut, P Goodrum to be asked when tree will be down.

**Footpaths** – Complaint re footpath at end of Tinkers Lane, see if remedial works done.

**100-Acre Trust** – New Chairman Robin Pegg appointed and new clerk appointment pending. Jan Bradshaw to join the Committee as Wimbotsham need a further rep.

**Allotments** – Rental payment overdue, but rental invoice only just received from Stow Estate.

1. **Maintenance**

Reviewed Asset Register. No further action.

1. **Outdoor Gym**

Item to be deferred to next meeting.

1. **Village Walk**

Village Walk/Sponsored Walk to be on next agenda. Suggested Autumn event.

1. **Newsletter**

Articles needed for next newsletter – deadline 22/4/16.

1. **Planning**
2. Application ref 16/00610/OM, consultation documents not received.
3. Planning application ref 16/00636/F, discussed and agreed no objections subject to appropriate agricultural use. Planning application ref 16/00538/F, discussed and supported.
4. Changes to Planning application consultations – agreed that laptop could be used. The BC have just declared that they have 5 year land supply.
5. **Finance**
6. On proposal from J Squires and seconded by I Cable, all agreed to NALC subscription renewal of £155.37.
7. Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
8. Annual Accounts for 2015/16 accepted and agreed.
9. **Correspondence in circulation.**

Came & Company Newsletter.

Clerk & Council’s Direct newsletter.

Various – via email

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

It was mentioned that the grasscutting at the Churchyard has been poor. Clerk to contact church wardens and contact Holly Landscapes if required.

Allotment rents to be on next agenda. S Harrison gave his apologies for next two meetings due to operation. I Cable gave his apologies for next meeting but advised that he is happy to remain as Vice-Chair.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Annual Parish Council Meeting to follow the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which is on Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 7.00pm.**

Meeting finished at 9.25pm.

Chairman: Date