**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 7pm.**

**In Attendance**: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Ian Cable, David Fendley and 3 members of the public.Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

D West had advised at previous meeting that she may not be available for tonight’s meeting.

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 11th October 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**

Two applications received from Dean Chilvers and John Clark. Dean Chilvers introduced himself and a vote was taken and it was agreed to co-opt Dean as a Parish Councillor. Ian Cable abstained from the vote as the application form had not been fully completed.

1. **Public Speaking.**

None.

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

None.

1. **Village Hall**
2. J Squires and D Frost attended the Village Hall Meeting on 25th October. The estimated costs for refurbishing the hall is £195,000.00.The Recreation Ground Committee have their AGM tomorrow and they will be voting on whether they want to be involved in progressing with a new hall at the Recreation Ground. The agreement between the PC and Village Hall Committee needs to be updated. Clerk to obtain quotes for this as it needs to be legally binding.

Mr & Mrs Clark arrived.

1. Structural report discussed. Lady Rose Hare is in agreement for the covenant to be lifted if required, clerk to confirm this. The National Lottery fund will match fund so the PC and Village Hall Committee need to raise funds. Clerk to contact BC to try and obtain advice as to potential uses of current site. Consultation needs to be carried out to include whole community and get their input and support.
2. Regarding request from Village Hall Committee for donation towards recent drainage works carried out to the Village Hall at a cost of £777.60 and proposed bulk gas tank installation at a cost of £1191.84, I Cable proposed that payment not be made at this point and if injection of funds required then this will be considered in the future. S Bates seconded this proposal and all agreed.

Once proposal on way forward is known then decision on works required for current hall will be known and maintenance plan agreed.

As Mr Clark was now present, returned to item **128/16**. John Clark introduced himself and a vote was taken and it was agreed to co-opt him as a Parish Councillor. Ian Cable abstained from the vote as the application form had not been fully completed.

1. **Highways**
2. Footpath to A10 and hedge now been cut and PROW at Tinkers Lane.

Pothole on Low Road opposite The Barns and also outside the School. Drains have been cleared opposite Village Hall.

1. S Bates proposed speed reduction.
2. Parish Partnership application discussed. Discussed SAM2 and it was agreed not to pursue as the village has two VAS already and Speed Gates. Trod proposed from Goodrums to Stow Estates field. Application to be submitted pending landowner agreement.
3. **Buses/Bus Stops**

Wimbotsham will be getting more bus services and routes confirmed. Agreed item to be removed from agenda.

1. **Poppy Wreath**

On proposal from D Fendley and seconded by S Bates, all agreed to donate £50 to the Poppy Appeal for the poppy wreath.

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

**Recreation Ground** – AGM tomorrow. Christmas Concert is 13th December.

**Village Hall** – Already discussed.

**Village Green** – Christmas Tree to be installed. Sign is pending repair. Clerk to contact Nick re tree works.

**Footpaths** – Some have been cut.

**100-Acre Trust** – New clerk appointed. Funds in account for December payments. Advert in newsletter.

**Allotments** – Rent payment received and banked.

1. **Maintenance**

Walk around to look at items on Asset Register to be done next year.

1. **Newsletter**

Newsletter sent out and good feedback. Invoice not yet received.

1. **Planning**

Albanwise application – request for s.106 to include monies towards Village Hall improvements and for consideration for extra play equipment due to significant increase in population requiring extra facilities/improvements.

1. **Finance**
2. Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
3. Accounts to 31st October 2016 agreed and signed.
4. **Correspondence in circulation.**

Clerk & Council’s Direct Newsletter

CAN – Thinking Fuel information.

Various – via email

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

Clerk to contact BT again re phone box.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7pm.**

Next year’s meeting dates are then 28th February, 11th April, 30th May, 18th July, 12th September, 31st October and 12th December 2017.

Chairman: Date