

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.00pm.

In Attendance: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Ian Cable, Dean Chilvers, David Fendley, Dana Frost, Anne Smith and 4 members of public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

119/18 To consider apologies for absence.

None.

120/18 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.

121/18 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 30th October 2018.

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record by all present at the meeting.

122/18 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

123/18 Councillor Vacancy.

No applications to consider. Information recently circulated from NALC which could be used to try and attract a new Councillor. The Parish and Borough Council elections are in May.

124/18 Public Speaking.

The proposed sign for the Methodist Church was discussed. The Clerk has contacted Norfolk County Council and they advised that they were happy to erect a sign and would advise of the cost. The Clerk responded and asked for the cost and also asked whether other Parishes had had to pay for their signage. To date, despite chasing for a response, this has still not been received. I Cable advised that he had looked at suitable locations for the sign and there were limited possibilities, using existing poles. It was suggested that an article is added to the newsletter if people are having difficulty locating the chapel. It was agreed to enquire whether a small sign could be added to the Chapel Lane sign, at each end. A letter was handed over to the clerk which relates to the A10 junction. This is to be circulated to include NCC, CCLr and BCLr. NCC have advised that they are adding additional signage to the junction and clerk will ask what they are proposing.

Steve Mingay mentioned Speedwatch and advised that he is happy to be the co-ordinator if enough volunteers come forward. Steve said that he would put together an article for the next newsletter. Early morning and evening, when people travel to and from work seems to be the worst time. I Cable advised that if an issue the Parish Council can request speed checks. Clerk will contact the local officer.

125/18 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

None.

126/18 PC Gutteridge Memorial

Bernard Mullin spoke and thanked the editor for the article in the newsletter last year. PC Gutteridge was born in the village in 1889 and started work locally at 8 years old. He signed up to the Police Force in 1910. A request had been submitted for a memorial plaque to be installed at the Church, but it was felt that the Village Hall may be a more suitable place. It was suggested that a small 'story board' could be displayed. Bernard is to put forward a proposal for the memorial. All agreed to S Bates proposal that it is installed at the Village Hall which was seconded by I Cable, subject to agreement by the VHC.

S Bates left the meeting

127/18 Village Hall

(i) Community Cafe Events

There was a good turnout at the last two events. The Commemorative Event on 11th November went well, the Bugler played and the Beacon was lit, as well as the Bexwell airfield fundraiser attending. J Squires expressed thanks to all those that assisted with the event. The event on 24th November different groups attended and it is felt that there is a need to include those who are more isolated. Free transport was provided and it was felt that people responded better to a personal invitation rather than relying on the information being in the newsletter. The next event is to be planned at the next meeting. It was suggested that the Churches may be best placed to advise of residents who may require help.

(ii) New Village Hall Working Group

The survey results have been collated and the next step is to be agreed. It was asked what the Parish Council would like next from the group. The majority of people would like a new Village Hall and most would like it at the current site. A feasibility study is needed for the current Village Hall site and the Recreation Ground. Funding options need to be explored now the opinions of the villagers known.

- (iii) Village Hall Lease
Letter from solicitor read out. Clerk to contact NALC for advice regarding the options and then a meeting is to be arranged with W Esse to discuss.
- 128/18 Highways**
Parish Partnership applications submitted for: Path on West Way from lay-by to the corner near the new Trod, Path from the Trod on Low Road to the Village Hall.
The clerk contacted NCC regarding the recently installed Trod on Church Road and they have confirmed that they made an error and the gravel will be replaced with asphalt with golden gravel rolled in.
- 129/18 Unadopted Roads**
The issues with the unadopted roads in the village were discussed. Clerk to contact NCC highways to clarify the classification of the roads within the village.
- 130/18 Wimbotsham School**
The new Head teacher has asked for a meeting. It was agreed that a meeting would be planned in the New Year and Steve Mingay asked if he could attend on behalf of the Recreation Ground Committee.
- 131/18 Footpath Cutting**
Footpaths look ok. PROW's only cut once a year. D Fendley advised that he had spoken to NCC Highways and a rep from Stow Estates when they visited regarding the PROW at Tinkers Lane. The footpath hadn't been cut because of a fallen tree, which is to be removed during the winter so that the path can then be cut. The stiles are to be removed to make the path more accessible.
- 132/18 West Norfolk Explorer Trails**
No further update at this time.
- 133/18 Representatives Reports – to receive any updates.**
Recreation Ground – None.
Village Hall – Done.
Village Green – Christmas Tree looks good.
Footpaths – Been checked, all ok except Low Road to Recreation Ground has not been cut.
100-Acre Trust – Applications in and meeting to be arranged.
Allotments – Rent cheque now received.
- 134/18 Maintenance**
D Chilvers has reviewed.
- 135/18 Flags**
All agreed to proposal, by D Fendley and seconded by D Chilvers, to purchase replacement Union Jack and St George's flags for the flagpole at a total cost of £81.48 + V.A.T.
- 136/18 Newsletter**
No update. It was discussed extending the newsletter to some Stow Bardolph residents. Clerk to contact their Parish Council to ask how many houses and whether PC would pay £1.00 for each copy.
- 137/18 Planning**
None at present. When these are circulated it was advised that Councillors should advise clerk whether they support or object to applications and whether they have any comments. If they object then a reason needs to be given.
- 138/18 Admin**
It was decided that a printer and laminator would not be purchased at this time. When the current printer needs replacing this will be reviewed.
- 139/18 Finance**
(i) On proposal from I Cable and seconded by D Chilvers, all agreed to SLCC & ALCC subscription renewal.
(ii) Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
(iii) Accounts to 30th November agreed and signed.
(iv) On-line banking. All agreed to set up online but all payments will be agreed at meetings.
- 140/18 Correspondence in circulation.**
Clerk & Councils Direct Newsletter
Eon – letter re deemed prices
Various – via email
- 141/18 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.**
None.
- 142/18 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 7pm.**

Chairman:

Date