

## Wimbotsham Parish Council

### DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the above-named Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

Parish Councillors: Cllr Dean Chilvers (Chairman), Cllr David Fendley, Cllr Chris Hitchens, Cllr Steve Mingay, Cllr Anne Smith and Cllr Jackie Squires  
Members of Public: Two

#### **166/23 To receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received in advanced from Cllr Ian Cable who had other commitments.

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Vivienne Spikings and Cllr Colin Rose.

#### **167/23 Councillor Vacancies**

No applications received.

#### **168/23 To receive Declarations of Interest**

None received.

#### **169/23 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 23rd January 2024**

Having been circulated previously, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

#### **170/23 Reports**

##### **170.1 Norfolk County Council**

Cllr Brian Long gave an update on the annual end of year report, this included stats for road emergencies and inspections. There is slow progress with flooding, flooding is substantially worse in heavy rain times. Cllr Long has used a portion of his members fund to aid with flooding issues. The recycling centre in King's Lynn will trial being open by appointment only and residents with a disabled bus pass will be able to travel for free.

##### **170.2 Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk**

No representative was present and no report received.

##### **170.3 Police**

No representative was present and no report received.

#### **171/23 To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (information only)**

No issues raised.

#### **172/23 Public Participation**

No members of public spoke.

#### **173/23 PC Administration**

Administration  
Nothing to report.

#### **174/23 To receive any Correspondence**

Received and noted.

#### **175/23 Highways**

Downham Market Footway  
Andy Wallace informed the Clerk this maybe April time.  
Trod Maintenance  
No update received from the Highways Engineer.

### **176/23 Café Connect**

Cllr Squires and Cllr Smith have had volunteers and cakes donated for the event. There have been two events and attracted 20-30 residents each time, the Housing Standards Officer from King's Lynn and West Norfolk Council will attend in May to discuss their new community engagement event Beat your Bills.

Cllr Squires and Cllr Smith would like to run the café as cost-neutral community group but would like the Council to be open for any future assistance.

### **177/23 D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Cllr Colin Rose has contributed £300 for the lighting of the beacon for the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

After a discussion the Council would like to have an afternoon tea at the Village Hall before lighting the Village beacon.

**The Clerk will contact the Village Hall and caterers to ascertain prices for food.**

### **178/23 Norfolk ALC Subscription**

A quote was received for the subscription to Norfolk ALC for 2024/25.

**It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote for the Norfolk ALC subscription for 2024/25.**

### **179/23 Memorial Cleaning**

Cllr Mingay has received a quote to renovate the Memorial area, the memorial is to be renovated by a professional using the correct chemicals and paints.

**It was unanimously agreed to defer the agenda item to the next Ordinary meeting, Cllr Mingay will gather more information.**

### **180/23 Confirmation of Spring Litter Pick**

The spring litter pick will be Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at 10am.

### **181/23 Larger bin at the Recreation Ground**

Cllr Mingay has requested a larger bin be placed at the Recreation Ground as the original bin is too small and cannot hold the capacity of rubbish. Three quotes were obtained, including placing a cement base and two options for a bin housing.

**It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote for the cement base and an all-sides access bin.**

### **182/23 Reports**

#### **182.1 Village Hall**

The bookings are steady and are happy with the redecoration done before Christmas, there maybe a new grant to upgrade Village Hall which Cllr Fendley will look into. Poster for volunteers will go on the tables at Café Connect.

#### **182.2 Recreation Ground**

The ground is very wet and muddy. All refurbishment is going well and when weather warms the internal repaint can continue. Member of the Armed Forces from RAF Marham have been to paint but there is still more to do, a new floor will be needed in the future.

#### **182.3 Village Green**

The daffodils are coming up lovely but people are driving on the edge of the green.

#### **182.4 Footpaths**

The footpaths are muddy and wet but in good condition.

182.5 100 Acre Trust  
No representative was present and no report received.

182.6 Allotments  
The allotments are full, Liz Wing has been approached by Downham Market Council for allotment land but as previous correspondence noted we do not have any land available.

**183/23 Planning Applications**

183.1 Results on Applications  
23/01774/F ISG International Scientific Group 1 Karoo Close Bexwell Business Park Bexwell DOWNHAM MARKET Norfolk PE38 9GA - **PERMITTED**  
- ***Building to be erected on existing concreted forecourt used for warehousing purposes***

183.2 Applications Received  
**23/00260/F** Two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear of existing dwelling, following removal of existing extensions and shed & construction of a new garage/garden store & alterations to existing vehicular access. Bernina 22 Church Road Wimbotsham King's Lynn Norfolk PE34 3QG  
**NO OBJECTION as long as it is in keeping with the existing building.**

183.3 Information Received  
None received

**184/23 Finance Matters**

Payments of Accounts for January and February 2024  
It was unanimously agreed to approve the accounts for January and February 2024

**185/23 To discuss HR**

The Parish Clerk has enrolled on CiLCA Training after authorisation from Cllr Cable and Cllr Chilvers.  
  
Cllr Chilvers to review the Clerk contract.

**186/23 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 7pm at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.**

Future Agenda items:  
Road Safety

Meeting Closed 8.35pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

**Accounts to 31 January 2024**

IN (£)

OUT (£)

TOTAL (£)

Parish Business Saver Account 00971790

Amount carried forward

£20,919.54

Credit Interest

Balance

**£20,919.54**Parish Community Account 00971782

Amount carried forward

**£36,691.78**

Amount credited

£

Amount debited

Npower

£178.11

Clerk Payment

£208.45

Clerk Payment

£300.48

Lime Tree Printing

£329.23

Holly Landscapes

£1599.48

HMRC

£75

HMRC

£102.73

MK Lighting

£29.40

MK Lighting

£29.40

ICO

£35

Norfolk Befriending Service

£100

Masson Seeley + Co

£216

Total

£3203.28

**£33,488.55**

No outstanding payments

Balance: **£54,408.09**

CIL:

Balance: **£54,408.09**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Accounts to 29 February 2024**

IN (£)

OUT (£)

TOTAL (£)

Parish Business Saver Account 00971790

Amount carried forward

£20,919.54

Credit  
Interest

£21,000

Balance

**£41,919.54**Parish Community Account 00971782

Amount carried forward

**£33,488.55**

Amount credited

£

Amount debited

Npower

£191.77

Clerk Payment

£208.45

Holly Landscapes

£348

HMRC

£52.20

MK Lighting

£29.40

Carolyn Seymour

£75

Mark Errington

£184

Jaqueline Squires

£29

Wimbotsham &amp; Stow

£60

Transfer to Business Saver Account

£21,000

Total

£22,178.02

**£11,310.53**

No outstanding payments

Balance: £53,230.07

CIL:

**Balance: £53,230.07**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_