

Wimbotsham Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the above-named Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th October 2023 at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

Parish Councillors:

Ian Cable (Chairman), Dean Chilvers, David Fendley, Steve Mingay, Anne Smith, and Jackie Squires

- 100/23 To receive Apologies for Absence,**
Chris Hitchens – Other Commitments

County Councillor: Brian Long

Borough Councillors: Vivienne Spikings and Colin Rose

- 101/23 Councillor Vacancies**
None received.

- 102/23 To receive Declarations of Interest**
None received.

- 103/23 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 12th September 2023**
Having been circulated previously, the date on the minutes were incorrect, the date was signed, amended and approved.

104/23 Reports

104.1 **Norfolk County Council**

No representative was present.

- 104.3 **Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk** Cllr Colin Rose report circulated prior to meeting and read out at the meeting.

- 105/23 To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (information only)**
None to report.

106/23 Public Participation

Carolyn Seymour gave a report on the Lancaster day. Comments on item 114.

107/23 PC Administration

- 107.1 None to discuss

- 107.2 The Wimbotsham Parish Council resolves under Regulation 3(1) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 that Nicola Forrest should be designed as being eligible for membership of the LGPS with effect from 1st November 2023. The PC have adopted the resolution of the pension scheme.

108/23 To receive any Correspondence

- 108.1 Road Restriction Discussion about weight limits, one way system, traffic consultation by the highways, traffic from construction site, and poor signage on A10 for numerous road closures in recent months mostly Stow Bridge. Concluded additional HGV traffic in recent months may be attributed to the numerous road closures and poor signage. Hopefully with less road closures this should ease. We will monitor the situation for 3-6 months. If we see signs of increase in HGV movement in the village we will speak to highways and ask them to monitor/consultation.
Any specific HGV movements suspected from site traffic etc, report to clerk for action.

- 108.2 Village Sign – The sign is booked in for refurbishment and has been delayed due to the Kings coronation, and the Lancaster presentation.
The Clerk will ask Paul Goodrum when he can start the work now the events have been held.

108.3 Church Road – Discussed the main issue is car parking rather than HGVs, refer to above comments and the situation monitored.

109/23 Highways

109.1 Downham Market Footway – We have had notice from Downham Market Town council that they will contribute to the TROD to the value of £1000 and we have also had £250 Norfolk funding by Cllr Joshua Osborne, **Clerk to ascertain completion date.**

110/23 Land for Downham Market Allotments We do not own allotment land, which is rented from Stow Estate. Some Downham Market residents do rent allotments, with allotments currently full with waiting list. We have not heard anymore regarding new development allocated allotment land. **Clerk to contact Downham Market Town Council with outcome.**

111/23 West Norfolk Befriending

West Norfolk Befriending have requested funding for their project

After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to donate £100 to West Norfolk Befriending as per the grants policy.

112/23 Recreation Ground

112.1 To discuss and consider a larger bin at the Recreation Ground
After a discussion it was agreed the recreation ground would prefer the 240L one with a locked wheelie bin inside.

Clerk to obtain cost for base/installation for decision next meeting.

113/23 Reports

113.1 Village Hall

The village hall is undergoing some re decorating and everything looks good.

113.2 Recreation Ground

AGM held Early talks with DMKT football club, about renting the football pitches. They will give investment into the pitch, facilities, and into local business. Refurb of the pavilion kitchen and toilets has happened and everyone is pleased. Window and doors are on order.

113.3 Village Green

No report, but all looks good.

113.4 Footpaths

All look good for this time of year. The new trod is being used a lot and we should send a letter to Stow Bridge to thank them for their participation. The foot paths along Lynn Road to the A10 and Downham Market Town Council, both need cutting out and returning to full width paths. The bottom trod also needs siding out. We are to add the new bottom trod onto the grass cutting list to make sure it doesn't get over grown. **Clerk to arrange with holly Landscapes.**

113.5 100 Acre Trust

Meeting next month. Funds distributed at Christmas.

113.6 Allotments

IJMC attended AGM on behalf of PC. All in good order and reworking some of the larger plots to smaller ones. A small waiting list, but they are full and in good order. If needed we should send a letter of support to the bank to let them know that it is not a business.

114/23 Lancaster Bomber Memorial Day feedback General feedback is that it was a great day and a great turnout. A special thanks to Carolyn and all who helped organise on the day. General feeling that it was a great community event and that more should be organised. The family of the Lancaster bomber crew gave a donation of £150 to the recreation ground to do something in support. JH engineering has been contacted and to have something with the Lancaster and names of the crew in a solid steel bench. However, this likely to be £700-£1000. Steve, Jackie and Anne are looking at ways of organising the monies to reach this target.

115/23 Daffodil Coronation Planting feedback

A good turn out and a big thank you to all the organisers and support given on the day. Another great community day.

116/23 Planning Applications

116.1 Results on Applications

None received.

116.2 Applications Received

23/00955/F Construction of new dwelling at 24 Lynn Road Wimbotsham King's Lynn Norfolk PE34 3QL

Object: PC acknowledge the revised proposals represent an improvement on the previously submitted scheme. However, the PC objection remains on the basis of access as previous:

Object to an additional dwelling and its access onto Lynn Road which is close to a busy junction (Church Road) with poor visibility, the profile of the road combined with the speed of traffic and other hazards such as bus stop makes this a dangerous location for an additional access.

No objection to the principle of a dwelling, provided:

It maintains a reasonable proportion of the important gap in the street scene. It is requested that the lower element is reduced further in height/girth (Say 500mm) to give a greater impression of space and sky scape in the street scene.

It is in scale with the adjacent dwellings (which are all modest semi-detached with narrow girth and therefore modest roof scapes. The above suggested revision would help achieve this to overcome PC objection.

At present the proposed dwelling meets neither of the above criteria, being a large detached dwelling with prominent double garage with no vernacular design elements, filling most of the existing gap in the street scene. It is therefore out of scale and keeping with the area.

The sash windows are a welcome revision, though marginal glazing bars are not typical of the local vernacular and therefore remain out of keeping. Vertical central glazing bars are a suggested revision and would be more in keeping.

The dwelling does not appear to have any chimney stacks, which are typical of the street scene and vernacular. Addition of chimney stacks (false) to the gable ends of main roof would be more in keeping for a vernacular style dwelling in the location.

The proposed dwelling does not maintain or enhance the character of the Conservation Area due to its design and location. With the above suggested revisions, the design would be considered more acceptable.

116.3 Information Received

There is a light out outside Emilys cottage in Tinkers Lane, can we please have it fixed. Also, there is a lot of overgrown vegetation on the corner at the back of the pub, as you go down Tinkers Lane. It may be owned by the pub, needs to be checked and then ask the owner if they can cut it back.

Methodist Church step and lighting. To ask why the light has not been replaced? We can maybe get assistance for funding for lighting and roadway from the Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Fund.

117/23 Finance Matters

72.1 Payments of Accounts for September 2023

It was unanimously agreed to approve the accounts for September 2023.

118/23 To discuss and consider future meeting dates.

January 23rd, March 12th, April 23rd, June 11th, July 23rd, September 10th, October 22nd, and December 10th.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the dates for 2024.

119/23 Confidential Business

To resolve to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as matters under discussion are confidential and related to legal matters

120/23 To discuss HR

Everyone in agreement that the Clerk is going a great job, Cllr Chilvers, Cllr Cable and Cllr Smith will do a formal review, contract and future admin. Cllr Cable will organise some dates.

121/23 The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 7pm at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

Meeting Closed _20:45___pm

Chairman.....

Date.....