**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7.00pm.**

 **In Attendance**: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Dean Chilvers, David Fendley, Dana Frost, Steve Mingay and Anne Smith. Borough Cllr: Colin Rose Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

Apologies received from Simon Bates and Ian Cable.

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 29th October 2019.**

 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.

1. **To record Councillors’ declarations of interest on Agenda Items.**

None.

1. **Public Speaking.**
2. Cllr Rose. NCC has put forward a proposal to plant 1 million trees. Other parishes have raised concerns in respect of flooding and the E.A. has been delayed with dredging due to agreement with I.D.B. The recycling centre in Wisbech has been trying to prevent NCC residents from visiting.

Norfolk County Council Waste and Minerals Plan Consultation Review; this is where the Borough Council makes recommendations to the County regarding the extraction of Silica Sand, Car Stone and Gravel. Shouldham Warren has now been removed from the proposal. No fracking is to be allowed in the area. Seals info that he circulated to be included in the next newsletter.

1. None from members of the public.
2. **Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.**

None.

1. **Correspondence**

Clerk & Councils Direct

Barclays – ltr advising that interest rates are reducing

Various – via email

1. **Village Hall**
2. Update

Meeting held on 7th November. W Esse and Lady Rose Hare formally resigned on the night. D Fendley is now the Chair. J Squires and I Cable will also become trustees and Kate Penn has agreed to take on the bookings. The next meeting is to be held on 6th February 2019. The decorations were put up on Friday evening.

1. Trust Document Update

J Squires read from the email from Andrew Carrier: ‘Your question about resignations makes an important point about the VH management arrangements and also the document that I am working on with you. I suggested at the outset that the PC might want to load the VHC with PC councillors in order to retain control of the VHC and your point about VHC resignations makes the case for my suggestion about PC members on the VHC committee.  Is it the intention that the PC will always have members on the VHC committee – whether permanent or by rotation?  PC members on the VHC takes care of the immediate problem of VHC resignations – as long as those resigning aren’t on the PC.

This also highlights a related point which is to ask what oversight the PC wants over the VHC, beyond having PC councillors as members, and whether oversight is sensible’.

1. New Village Hall Working Group

CAN have provided a list of potential funders. Cllr Rose suggested contacting Cllr Nockolds and the FCC, CAN have suggested that these should be explored for future funding as larger funds are available than currently required. FCC have suggested that they apply to them when building costs are known. Supermarkets have been contacted and they make be able to help with raffle prizes and Waitrose have a small funds scheme. The VHC are to be asked whether funds can be applied for through them as a registered charity, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

1. VHWG Donation/Grant Request

VHWG have asked for £3552.00 to instruct the agreed architect to undertake the feasibility study.

After discussion, on proposal from D Chilvers and seconded by D Frost, all agreed for the Parish Council to instruct Swann Edwards to undertake the feasibility study and the VHC will be asked to contribute 50%.

1. **Highways**
2. Update and Issues to be reported

Parish Partnership joint application has been submitted for the SAM2.The road at the bottom of West Way needs sweeping. 33 Church Road building work is bringing a lot of mud onto the road, which could cause highway safety issues, so agreed it should be reported to NCC.

1. Wildflower planting

The BC have confirmed that March/early April is the best sowing time and has recommended a supplier, Rigby Taylor. They have advised that areas need to be identified and if BC or NCC land then their consent would be required. Areas identified are Turners Close, West Way on the left where there is a grass bank, Chapel Lane past the chapel and the small Village Green and the Recreation Ground. Supplier has advised to contact in the New Year, so clerk will get info for the next meeting. Clerk has contacted Nick regarding appropriate areas on Small Village Green and the Recreation Ground.

1. **Friend & Neighbours Club**

On proposal from S Mingay and seconded by D Fendley, all agreed to donate £100.

1. **VE Day Event on 8th May 2020**

Discussion as to how to proceed after S Mingay advised that he has spoken to a number of people and they have been apathetic and disinterested. The deadline for funding is close; clerk will email S Mingay with info on last year’s successful application, as only at outline is required at this stage. J Squires said that when events are organised they are always well supported by residents.

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

**Recreation Ground** – Not much to report, looking at planting and a face-lift. Christmas carols under the tree at 6.30pm on 21st December.

 **Village Hall** – Already discussed.

**Village Green** – Looks a bit sad due to the time of year. Thank you to be sent in respect of the Christmas Tree. Request had been received from The Lions regarding the mistletoe on the trees, but consent had not been given and it was agreed it is not a good idea to have people climbing the trees.

 **Footpaths** – Look ok. Stow Road crossroads to Honey Hill, thorn bush encroaching. All the dykes look full of vegetation. Mentioned recent Sec 15A(1) with Sec 31(6) notices information received in respect of Albanwise’s application regarding public rights of way in Crimplesham, Downham Market, Ryston & Wimbotsham. It does not appear that there are any concerns in respect of Wimbotsham.

 **100-Acre Trust** – Application form in newsletter, but there have been less applications. Clerk mentioned that she had been contacted by a resident that hadn’t realised it was in the newsletter.

**Allotments** – Not been checked recently, but quiet time of year.

1. **Grant/Donation Policy**

Agreed to defer decision until the next meeting due to time.

1. **Maintenance**

Noticeboard at shop needs replacing. Clerk will get some prices for a replacement.

1. **Newsletter**

Some missing deliveries for West Way. S Bates was going to discuss at this meeting, but no info as he is absent.

1. **Planning**

Nothing to discuss.

1. **Finance**
2. On proposal from J Squires and seconded by D Chilvers, all agreed to pay £50.00 towards SLCC membership and £15.00 towards ALCC membership.
3. The following payments were agreed: Holly Landscapes( Grounds Maintenance & Footpaths) -

£438.68.

(ii) Accounts to 30th November 2019 agreed and signed.

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

None.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 28th January 2020 starting at 7pm.**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

 Chairman: Date