

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.00pm.

In Attendance: Councillors: Anne Smith (Chair), David Fendley, Dana Frost & Steve Mingay.

Borough Cllrs: Colin Rose & David Pope, 1 member of the public.

Clerk – Pippa Winson

64/19 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Jackie Squires, Ian Cable and Dean Chilvers. Apologies were sent by Simon Bates late afternoon, but the email wasn't seen till after the meeting.

65/19 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.

66/19 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 23rd July 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.

67/19 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

D Fendley declared an interest in item 80/19, once he was aware that The Chequers planning application would be discussed.

68/19 Public Speaking.

Cllrs Rose & Pope gave an update. They said that the Borough Council now has a global warming strategy. Various events have been planned across the Borough. The Brick Kiln in King's Lynn and its proposed demolition has caused controversy. New Chief Executive Loraine Gore now in post. On 17th September a meeting with the new Downham Market Chief Inspector is planned. Parish Councillors have received an invite and places need to be booked by 13th.

69/19 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

None.

70/19 Village Hall

(i) Update

Last meeting cancelled, next planned for Thursday 12th September.

(ii) Trust Document Update

Draft document has been received and J Squires and I Cable have reviewed the document and their comments have been passed onto A Carrier. Clerk will check whether W Esse is up-to-date.

(iii) New Village Hall Working Group

The feasibility study is underway and two presentations have been given by architects. A decision on the preferred choice will be made at the meeting next week. The group is going to ask whether the Parish Council will fund this study which, is to explore all options and, is expected to be £3600.00. I Cable has sent a letter to the Church and asked whether there would be interest in a joint village facility. Cllr Rose mentioned that St Marys Church in March had a similar incident and it has now been re-built.

(iv) Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee (VHC), when J Clarke was a member, had advised that since the Village Hall site had been purchased by the Parish Council that the Parish Council would not be charged for meetings. The Parish Council use the small room whilst the main hall is being used by Slimming World so they do not prevent it being rented out. It was felt that the decision on whether to charge the VHC for the hall should be deferred to the next meeting when more Councillors would be present.

71/19 Highways

(i) Issues to be reported

Village Green drains need flushing. Footpath on Lynn Road needs cutting back, brambles near Hill House are across the path.

(ii) Church Road parking issues

Issue that cars are overtaking cars at the Chapel Lane/Church Lane junction and it is dangerous. It was asked whether yellow lines could be considered, this would mean that cars would be displaced to other areas. Several properties do not use their driveways to park. It was suggested that the Parish Council approach NCC Highways and ask them to come and have a look at school picking up or dropping off times and ask for their advice on how best to manage the issue. Clerk will contact them.

(iii) Wildflower planting

There are a lack of insects in the area and, therefore, pollinators. This is a hot topic at the moment. Hunstanton has wildflower strips. It was suggested that the Recreation Ground could have some areas

and if wildlife corridors were created then it would increase biodiversity. Cllr Rose advised that the Borough Council may support this. Clerk will contact the BC re the grass cutting areas that they cut and whether any seeds available.

72/19 Street Lighting

All agreed to proposal to continue the Street Lighting Maintenance Contract with K&M Lighting until the end of November, pending the decision being made with regard to the future Street Lighting arrangements

73/19 VE Day Event on 8th May 2020

Clerk did contact the Bugler from the last event but she advised that she could not commit this early on. Village hall booked for afternoon/evening of 8th May 2020. Further discussion needed to decide on type of event.

74/19 St Marys Church

No representative present. Public meeting planned for Saturday 14th September at 3pm at the Village Hall. I Cable has sent a letter to the Church expressing sympathy and suggesting that the village could work with the Diocese to 're-build' the Church as a combined facility, which could bring the community together. Bells to be removed next week as they are dangerous and then graveyard may be opened up.

75/19 Representatives Reports – to receive any updates.

Recreation Ground – No update except that more vehicles are parking there due to issues elsewhere. Fenman Bike Show event went well.

Village Hall – Already discussed.

Village Green – All looks tidy and cleaned up well after the show. People parking on small green becoming an issue. Agreed letter to be sent to Passendale, Tinkers Lane reminding them that there should be no parking on the Green.

Footpaths – Footpath sign down at Lynn Road adjacent to the Church Farm Barns. Footpath on Millers Lane at the rear of properties on Naphans Lane was mentioned. It appears that the tree roots from the hedge that removed have been taken up and a hedge planted. There was discussion as to whether the residents have tried to claim more land or if any change of use has occurred. It is felt that they may have encroached onto the public right of way. Clerk will check on the boundary and make enquiries.

100-Acre Trust – Application form going into the newsletter.

Allotments – No report.

76/19 Friends & Neighbours Club

Donation request has been received but this is in respect of past events. Clerk did contact and ask if they have a future event planned and they do have a Christmas lunch but details not finalised yet. All agreed to defer decision till the next meeting when they will have provided details of Christmas event.

77/19 Grant/Donation Policy

Agreed to defer decision until the next meeting when more Councillors present.

78/19 Maintenance

No update.

79/19 Newsletter

Lots for inclusion this time. I Cable hasn't had time to complete prior to holiday so deadline extended until 17th September.

80/19 Planning

Application discussed at The Chequers – ref 19/01426/F. It was agreed that the PC support the principle of economic development to support local business, however, there were questions as to whether the placing of pods was appropriate development in the Conservation Area and there were several concerns raised in respect of further loss of parking. Bed & Breakfast proposal will park in the same area. Based on these matters, the Parish Council objected to this proposal.

81/19 Finance

(i) The following online payments were agreed: Holly Landscapes(Grounds Maintenance & Footpaths) - £877.36, cheque agreed to be paid to Home Farm - £830.00, clerks S/O payment to be amended.

(ii) Accounts to 31st August 2019 agreed and signed.

82/19 Correspondence in circulation.

Thank you letter from Recreation Ground

Letter from Methodist Church

Various – via email

83/19 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

Race night planned at The Chequers.

84/19 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 29th October 2019 starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman:

Date

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