

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.00pm.

In Attendance: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Ian Cable, Dean Chilvers, David Fendley, Dana Frost, Anne Smith and 2 members of public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

167/18 To consider apologies for absence.

None.

168/18 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.

169/18 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 29th January 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. I Cable advised that the deadline for the newsletter hadn't been extended, but he had agreed to a late entry by J Squires.

A Smith arrived

170/18 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

A Smith declared an interest in the unadopted roads.

171/18 Councillor Vacancy.

There were two applications to consider. One application from David Hodgkinson and another from Stephen Mingay. Both of their applications were read out by the clerk and then they were asked questions. They then both left the meeting whilst their applications were discussed.

S Bates arrived

It was felt that they both have relevant knowledge and experience, but as it is so close to the election it was agreed not to co-opt and that they should both be invited to submit nomination forms for the election so that the Parishioners could decide.

172/18 Public Speaking.

Speed sign outside 2 West Way broken.

173/18 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

J Squires mentioned the Explore West Norfolk Project; she has updated the information that has been sent. She advised that there are lots of photos that can be accessed.

174/18 Elections 2019.

The Parish and Borough Council elections will be held on 2nd May 2019. The clerk will take completed Parish Councillor Nomination forms to the Borough Council Offices. Clerk

175/18 Village Hall

(i)

Update

D Frost, J Squires and I Cable met with W Esse on 26th February. It was agreed that Parish Council and Village Hall Committee minutes would be shared. D Fendley will have a printed copy to take to their meeting. D Fendley attended the last Village Hall Committee meeting and J Clarke advised that he thought that the Parish Council wanted to disband the Village Hall Committee, which is not the case. J Clarke had instructed a solicitor on their behalf at a cost of £700.00, W Esse will share the information obtained. There are currently only five members on the Village Hall Committee. D Frost has taken over the hall bookings and the caretaker role at present. The booking system has been sorted and until D Frost has access to the bank account William Esse is creating the invoices. It is hoped to get a Treasurer in place. The cleaner is now re-instated. Clerk

(ii)

Community Cafe Events

J Squires mentioned the recent email regarding potential funding for Village Hall's for refurbishment works and the Great British Spring Clean. It was suggested that this could be combined with an event at the Village Hall. It was proposed that subject to the availability of the equipment it would be organised for Sunday afternoon on 14th April from 2.30 to 4.30, followed by refreshments. Clerk/Clrs

(iii)

New Village Hall Working Group

A Smith advised that she has contacted CAN and Claire Fiander is the new contact and she has been really helpful so far. The next thing needed is a brief so quotes can be obtained to identify the costs involved and the funding required. It is likely that support from CAN will probably be limited to funding for posters. Claire has invited a member of the VHWG to attend a free training session in King's Lynn. Kate Penn is helping to compile the information to go with the brief for the architect.

176/18 Highways

The footpath on Lynn Road towards the A10 still needs edging. The Rangers advised that this would be added to the scheduled works. The Lynn Road sign opposite the junction on the A10 has been knocked over. Church Road sign still missing. **Clerk**

177/18 Unadopted Roads

Clerk contact Nick from Holly Landscapes and he recommended Ian Tombleson, who the clerk has contacted for a quote. I Cable advised that he knows a couple of other local people that the clerk can contact, if clerk contacts him. **Clerk/I Cable**

178/18 Wimbotsham School

J Squires and S Mingay met with the school head. We will keep the school informed of events, including the litter pick. The school is under an umbrella group called Quest and the school does have access to funds. They offered to deliver flyers on behalf of the PC and J Squires said the PC could do the same. The School is planning to have an environmental area on the Recreation Ground.

179/18 Methodist Church Sign

Clerk has chased again but still hasn't received a response to the enquiries regarding the signs and Mary Davies has also contacted them. As this enquiry was originally made in November it was agreed that a complaint letter would be sent to NCC and the MP and Borough and Cllrs copied in. **Clerk**

180/18 Lynn Road

Clerk submitted letter to the NCC supporting requests for the speed limit to be reduced. MP E Truss has expressed her support and so has County Cllr Brian Long who has offered half of his local members fund towards costs.

181/18 Representatives Reports – to receive any updates.

Recreation Ground – Litterbin hasn't been emptied for 3 weeks. Clerk has contacted the BC and will again but advised that Recreation Ground Committee should contact Waste Management at the BC direct when future issues. **Clerk**

Village Hall – Update already received. It was asked whether the Village Hall had their own waste bins and it was advised that they don't.

Village Green – All ok. Christmas Tree will be down soon.

Footpaths – All ok.

100-Acre Trust – Nothing to report.

Allotments – Looks ok.

182/18 Grasscutting

It was suggested that additional cuts may be required as the current contract runs from March to October. Nick has cut the top of the Recreation Ground as it was so long and he will start the rest next week. On proposal from I Cable, and seconded by S Bates, all agreed to an extra cut in November and/or February as required.

183/18 Maintenance

D Chilvers has recently reviewed so up-to-date.

184/18 Newsletter

Thank you email received from the Methodist Church. Distribution list updated.

185/18 Planning

Application ref19/00311/F for demolition, alteration and extension was discussed and all agreed to object due to front extension. **Clerk**

186/18 Finance

(i) Agreed cheques to be signed and payments to be made.

(ii) Accounts to 28th February 2019 agreed and signed.

(iii) On-line banking. I Cable has registered, and J Squires has advised that she will do. S Bates doesn't want to. Clerk will trial one payment with month.

(iv) All agreed to appointment of J Raby as Internal Auditor.

187/18 Correspondence in circulation.

Clerk & Councils Direct Newsletter

Various – via email

188/18 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

None.

189/18 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 7pm. Annual Meeting and Annual Parish meeting will be held on 14th May 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairman:

Date