

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7.00pm, held at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

In Attendance: Councillors Chair: Jackie Squires, Simon Bates, Ian Cable, David Fendley, Steve Mingay, Anne Smith, 3 members of the public and 3 representatives from Persimmon Homes, Clerk – Pippa Winson

22/21 To Appoint a) Chairman

On proposal from S Bates and seconded by D Fendley, all agreed to the appointment of J Squires as Chair.

b) Vice-Chair

On proposal from D Fendley and seconded by S Bates, all agreed to the appointment of I Cable as Vice-Chair.

23/21 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from D Chilvers.

24/21 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.

25/21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27th April 2021.

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.

26/21 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

27/21 Councillor Vacancies

No applications to consider.

28/21 Public Speaking.

a) Cllr Rose advised that the first face-to-face planning committee meeting had been held. Cllr V Spikings is now back as Chair of the Planning Committee. The Borough Council are considering support for a new hospital to replace the QEH. A new household waste and recycling collection contract started in April for residents of the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, collection arrangements remain the same. The SNAP meetings have resumed, with the next one is scheduled for 28th July at 7pm. Cllr Rose asked if the PC wanted to appoint a representative, but no-one came forward.

b) Jonathan Soames-Waring addressed the meeting and said that The Fenman Classic Bike Show would like the Parish Council's support for their event planned for 30th August 2021. They have contacted all those normally involved in the event and they are all happy for the event to go ahead and insurance will be in place. They have spoken to Kevin Kent, who is a member of the West Norfolk Public Event Safety Advisory Group and all relevant arrangements will be in place. There is based on the assumption that Covid restrictions will be lifted from 21st June 2021. It was mentioned that Peterborough's Truckfest was planned to go ahead this year and that is Europe's largest trucking festival.

The Chair then agreed to discuss agenda item 36/21 at this point.

At the last meeting the Parish Council were not in support of the event as the event can not be contained. The Parish Council do support the event in normal times, but the feeling at the last meeting was not to. Jonathan Soames-Waring said that the event would not go ahead if it was not legal to do so. S Bates asked if the Recreation Ground Committee supported the event and was advised that they did. The Insurance company have advised that up until 2 weeks before the event, they can cancel and claim on their insurance. The general plan is for there to be less there, due to natural 'thinning out' so stands will be more spread out and they will be responsible for providing hand sanitiser. The event is traditionally 'open-plan' and people can go where they want to. In normal times about 4,000 people would be expected to attend. Albanwise and the Hare Estate have both offered parking space, subject to crops. I Cable suggested that there could be measures in place to manage people and parking. A vote was made and it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the event this year.

29/21 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

Carolyn Seymour has provided a map showing the possible site of a Lancaster memorial, which clerk has passed to Andrew Wallace for him to confirm land ownership.

- 30/21 Planning Application for 'Development of 240 dwellings at a site Land North East of Bridle Lane in Downham Market'** – Persimmon Homes representatives attended and Anne Dew outlined the proposed reserved matters application. When questioned they said that they will provide additional hedgerows and planting. They said that 30% should be shared ownership. They said that all statutory bodies were consulted at the initial stage and a s.106 agreement was drafted and agreed based on these responses. They said that a copy of this could be provided to the PC. Anglian Water have proposed a new scheme, an infrastructure change for each plot and they have agreed £480 per plot to undertake the enhancements required. They advised that boundaries would have buffers at the edges of the development. I Cable asked whether there would be any native hedge and tree planting and they advised that a detailed landscaping scheme would be submitted as part of the reserved matters application. They advised that they would submit this to the PC for comment. They said that the PC would be asked to consider adopting the street lighting. The lighting to be installed at the roundabout is to be agreed with NCC. It was asked what type of boilers would be installed in the dwellings and they advised that this would depend on building regulations specifications. They said that the parking would meet the standard requirements. The PC's main concerns are in respect of the quality of the landscaping and lighting. A plan was provided to all Councillors but this did not show the individual property designs. It was agreed that Anne Dew would email the presentation and documents to the clerk for distribution.
- 31/21 New Village Hall Working Group**
Update from Anne Smith: The presentation will be given to the village on 4th August. Information for parishioners will be in the next newsletter.
- 32/21 Correspondence**
A further complaint from the parishioner at Naphans Lane regarding the new LED lights. It was felt that the light is not causing a nuisance and it was noted that no other complaints have been received. Various via email
- 33/21 Highways**
Update and Issues to be reported
Nothing to report.
- 34/21 Wildflower Planting**
All agreed to the purchase of the Rainbow Annuals from Rigby Taylor at £185.00.
- 35/21 Village Event**
S Mingay and S Bates haven't pursued this any further yet. There seems to be reluctance from the school to support this. Item will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- 36/21 Fenland Classic Bike Show**
Already discussed and agreed above.
- 37/21 The Chequers**
Clerk contacted the Borough Council regarding the noise complaints and read out their responses. The Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance Team(CSNN) advised the following: 'Thanks for the email and also for advising affected residents to contact us directly with regard to the noise complaints. This is the best approach and we will investigate accordingly should they get in touch. I see you have copied the Licensing team into the email so I will leave to them to answer their part of your enquiry.'
The Licensing Team advised: 'Thank you for your email in respect of the public house as named above and the issues neighbours are experiencing with noise emanating from the premises outdoor area on Sunday's. Currently under the covid regulations for this phase of easing lockdown premises are encouraged if they do have live music, that all social distancing is adhered to with regards to performers and that no dancing at all is permitted and purely for seated audiences whilst consuming food and/or drink. There is guidance that requests that volume is to an acceptable level as not to encourage anyone having the need to raise their voices however this is not in the regulations only guidance therefore extremely difficult to judge and indeed enforce.
After the 17th May there are more relaxations and I enclose some helpful guidance from a licensing solicitor. Your direction to the neighbours with concerns is correct in that if they continue to experience any issues then the referral needs to be made direct to CSNN for their continued investigations.'
It was advised that the noise is every Sunday afternoon and evening. It was said that the pub is trying to bring the music inside to address concerns. Complainants need to be referred to the CSNN Team.

38/21 Representatives – to appoint and receive any updates.

- a) **Recreation Ground** – S Mingay appointed as representative. Nothing to report.
- b) **Village Hall** – D Fendley appointed as representative. No meetings have been held so no update.
- c) **Village Green** – D Fendley appointed as representative.
- d) **Footpaths** – D Chilvers appointed as representative, in his absence. Clerk read from his email update: 'Lots of rain over the last couple of weeks has increased the grass growing a vast amount and the footpaths are now looking quite overgrown. They could really do with another cut soon, but they are passable at the moment. The footpath between Tinkers Lane and Millers Lane, still needs cutting. The pallet is still wedged across the footpath.' D Fendley advised that the pallet does not block the path, it is only used when the horses are being taken out to prevent them going down the path.
- e) **100-Acre Trust** – I Cable appointed as representative. The next meeting is in July. Drainage works are planned.
- f) **Allotments** – J Squires appointed as representative. There are currently 40 plot holders and there is a waiting list.
SNAP Meetings representative, no one volunteered at this time.

39/21 Allotment Rent

There was a balance of £483.08 when the Allotment account was closed, clerk will estimate when this amount will be gone, as after this time drainage fees should be covered by the Allotment holders. Current years drainage fees were £16.85.

40/21 Maintenance

Village walkaround planned for Tuesday 8th June at 7pm, to meet at the Village Hall end of the Green.

41/21 Newsletter

I Cable has a few articles ready and is looking for a guest editor as he is very busy.

42/21 Planning

Planning Application reference 21/00745/F - Variation of condition 8 and removal of condition 11 of planning permission 16/00610/OM - no requirement for an emergency access at Land North East of Bridle Lane Downham Market. Agreed no comment required.

43/21 Finance

- (a) Payments were agreed at tonight's meeting: J Raby (Internal Audit) - £100, Holly Landscapes (Footpath cutting) - £234.00 and (April Grounds Maintenance) - £438.68.
- (b) Accounts to 30th April 2021 agreed and signed.
- (c) Annual return
 - (i) Annual Governance Statement on Annual Return, agreed and signed.
 - (ii) Annual Return Accounting Statements, agreed and signed.
 - (iii) Exemption certificate approved and signed.

44/21 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

Additional benches on the Village Green. Clerk will contact Sarah Dennis at BC to see if any funding opportunities.

45/21 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 13th July 2021 starting at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

Meeting closed at 9.07pm

Chairman:

Date