

Wimbotsham Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the above-named Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at Wimbotsham Methodist Church

Parish Councillors: Cllr Ian Cable (Chairman), Cllr David Fendley, Cllr Steve Mingay,
Cllr Anne Smith and Cllr Jackie Squires
Parish Clerk: N Forrest

1/24 To receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Dean Chilvers and Cllr Chris Hitchens who had other commitments

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Brian Long, Cllr Vivienne Spikings and Cllr Colin Rose

2/24 Councillor Vacancies

No applications were received

3/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

None received

4/24 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 12th March 2024

Having been circulated previously, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record

5/24 Reports

51 Norfolk County Council

No representative was present and no report received

52 Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

No representative was present and no report received

53 Police

No representative was present and no report received

6/24 To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (information only)

The tree guard has been delivered and will be in place by the next meeting, the additional bin at the Recreation Ground is on order awaiting a delivery date, the footpath is scheduled for December 2024 and Training went well

ACTION: Cllr Cable requested a letter be sent to Rt Hon Liz Truss/Tom McCabe/Kevin Finbow/Brian Long stating the disappointment of the Council with the date for the new footpath as this was paid for over twelve months ago – with facts about delay/missed start dates etc

7/24 Public Participation

No members of public present

8/24 To receive Correspondence

81 23_02244_F St Mary's Church

The Church requested the Councils support their planning application

ACTION: The Clerk will email the Planning Officer to show support with input from Cllr Cable

9/24 Internal Auditor

A quote was received from LJ Internal Audits for the Internal Audit 2023/24

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from LJ Internal Audits

10/24 D-Day 80th Anniversary

A quote was received from Chequers Pub for catering

After a discussion, the Council would like to pay the donated money from Cllr Rose to the Chequers Pub to serve tea, coffee and cakes from 730pm until the lighting of the beacon at 9pm

ACTION: The Clerk will contact Cllr Rose to confirm funding and Chequers pub with the request, Cllr Chilvers to arrange Beacon lighting

11/24 Dog Bin

A request was received from Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council to add an additional dog bin at Honey Hill as the bin is constantly full

Two Options were discussed, moving a bin from a less used area or paying for an additional weekly bin emptying

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to move a bin from Millers Lane/Lynn Road junction to Honey Hill, the Clerk will Contact M Errington to move the bin & monitor. If found Millers Lane bin is still required, to be re-instated with an additional bin

12/24 Memorial Cleaning

Cllr Mingay has received a quote to renovate the Memorial area, the memorial is to be renovated by a professional using the correct chemicals and paints, the organisation is a volunteer group of veterans

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to donate £500 to have the Memorial cleaned, the Clerk will contact the volunteers to arrange the cleaning. Clerk to check where the donation goes to/Bona fide organisation.

13/24 To receive Allotment Report

The Clerk presented a report on the Wimbotsham allotments (Appendix 1)

The new development has allotment land allocated

ACTION: The Clerk to contact the developer to discuss the allocated allotment land/date land to be available

14/24 HGV Advisory Signs

Church Road is becoming unsuitable for HGVs to drive down as cars are parked on either side and the large green is becoming damaged by vehicles driving to avoid the parked cars

ACTION: The Clerk will contact Cllr Brian Long to ask for funding/installation of new signs stating: Unsuitable for HGV

15/24 Mayors Design awards

A request was received to nominate a building for the KLWN Borough Council Mayor Design Awards

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to not send in a nomination

16/24 Daffodils on the Village Green

After positive feedback was received from residents on the new Daffodils in Wimbotsham, Cllr Cable asked if the Councillors would like to do additional planting in September

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed for Cllr Hitchins to record exiting daffodil planting and identify additional planting areas around the green and potentially West Way verge

17/24 Next Litter Pick Date

After the Spring Litter Pick a date is needed for the next litter pick

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to hold the next litter pick on Sunday 22nd September 2024 and publicised

18/24 Village Hall Management

The treasurer and booking Clerk has resigned from the Village Hall, Cllr Cable asked if any Councillors would like to take on the role and stated the Village Hall does not have enough income to pay the Clerk to take on the additional responsibility

Cllr Squires stated the working group needs to attend café Connect to speak with residents to gain more interest in the Village Hall

Cllr Cable stated If no volunteers come forward the Village Hall may be at risk of closing

ACTION: After a discussion, no Councillors wanted to take on the role, it was agreed Cllr Cable would add an article to the Newsletter and posters to be added to the tables at Café Connect

19/24 Newsletter

Cllr Cable invited ideas for the next Newsletter

After a discussion, volunteers for the Village Hall and the next litter pick will be added

20/24 Reports

201 Village Hall

Cllr Fendley stated as previously discussed more volunteers are needed

202 Recreation Ground

The Midsummer Fayre will be held on 22nd June 2024 and volunteers would be appreciated

203 Village Green

Cllr Mingay stated the green is becoming increasingly damaged by the War Memorial

The Clerk has spoken with Cllr Long and the Highways engineer to ask for solutions and is waiting for a response

The tree guard will be in place and the Clerk will gather quotes for a plaque, previously discussed

204 Footpaths

Cllr Chilvers sent in a report prior to the meeting stating a tree had fallen on one of the paths but all other paths are OK and passable. The grass and weeds are growing and will need regular maintenance in the next few weeks. The trod still needs repair near Ian's, the steps still need attention on Low Road and most paths on Lynn Road (from Broomhill to the A10) need cutting out

205 100 Acre Trust

Nothing to report

206 Allotments

There is one plot available and two people on the waiting list, the Clerk to send the report to the Allotment Association

21/24 Policies

211 Standing Orders

212 ICO Publication Scheme

213 Risk Management Table

214 Financial Regulation

215 Asset Register

ACTION: After a discussion it was agreed to adopt all the policies with 4 councillors agreeing and 1 abstaining

Cllr Cabel abstained as he had not had time to read the policies before the meeting

22/24 Planning Applications

221 Results on Applications

None received

222 Applications Received

24/00424/F Proposed barn conversion to a residential dwelling and associated annexe at Upper Farm New Road, Wimbotsham

ACTION: AFTER A discussion it was unanimously agreed there were no objections

223 Information Received

24/00260/F Two-storey and single-storey extensions to side and rear of existing dwelling, following removal of existing extensions and shed & construction of a new garage/garden store & alterations to existing vehicular access Bernina 22 Church Road Wimbotsham King's Lynn Norfolk PE34 3QG

WITHDRAWN

23/24 Finance Matters

Payments of Accounts for March 2024

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to approve the accounts for March 2024

24/24 It was agreed the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 14th May 2024, from 630pm

Meeting Closed 8.58pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

Accounts to 31 March 2024

IN (£)

OUT (£)

TOTAL (£)

Parish Business Saver Account 00971790

Amount carried forward £41,919.54

Credit

Amount debited

Wimbotsham Current Account

£1000

Interest £92.91

Balance

£41,012.45Parish Community Account 00971782

Amount carried forward £11,310.53

Amount credited £1000

Amount debited

Npower £163.57

Clerk Payment £208.45

NALC £300

HMRC £120.60

Norfolk Pension Fund £399.95

Glasdon UK Ltd £773.98

Designer Metal (Tree Guard) £528

Swaffham Town Council £17.80

Total £2,512.35 **£9,798.18**

No outstanding payments

Balance: **£50,810.63**

CIL:

Balance: £50,810.63

Chairman _____

Date _____

Allotment Space for Wimbotsham Parish Council

Background

Wimbotsham Parish Council have rented allotment land from the Stow Estate since 1945 and the Allotment Association takes care of holders and allotment land. The land is located off Millers Lane in Wimbotsham.

There are 55 allotments, 52 are standard size of 1/16th of an acre and three are larger plots. 24 plots are held by Wimbotsham residents and 31 are held by non-residents from neighbouring villages and towns. There is currently one plot available and two people on the waiting list.

There are several allotment lands in Wimbotsham but they are let annually, the small paddock in Honey Hill and the field directly in front of the Church Road/Lynn Road junction.

Map



Predicament

Downham Market Town Council has approached Wimbotsham Council as more than six residents have requested for them to provide allotment land. Downham Market does not have allotment land available and has enquired if we have land to rent, there is no land available for rent in Wimbotsham Village.

Risk

If Downham Market does not offer allotments the demand for Wimbotsham allotments will increase significantly. Wimbotsham residents are the first to be allocated but if all the allotments are taken up with non-residents they could be waiting a long time. Downham Market residents are at a disadvantage as they will not have the option of allotments.

Allotments

Allotments play a key role in promoting mental well-being and mental health for people. Increasing prices for fresh fruit and vegetables at supermarkets can make it difficult for some people to afford to eat healthier. Having an allotment will help people grow vegetables and aid in making healthier choices. Getting children involved promotes sensory development, increases children's time away from technology, and gives children a sense of responsibility.

Recommendations

There is a new development being built between Wimbotsham Village and Downham Market, they have allotment land allocated, the land is within Wimbotshams boundary and the Allotment Association has made the Council aware they will not be managing this allotment site if asked. This would mean the Council would manage the site, alternatively, Downham Market Council could rent the land.

