**WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.00pm.**

**In Attendance**: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Ian Cable (Vice-Chair), Simon Bates, Dana Frost

Borough Cllr: Colin Rose & 1 member of the public.

Clerk – Pippa Winson

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

Apologies received from S Mingay, D Chilvers and A Smith. D Fendley not present.

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 28th January 2020.**

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. Colin Rose gave his update.

At the Full Council Meeting in February the vote was taken and approved to raise Council Tax by £4.50 for the year.

The rural bus service is being looked at and there is funding for the first electric bus route to be set up.

Hardings Pits Bus Lane in King’s Lynn, it has been suggested that this may be opened up but it is felt that it should remain a bus lane.

Update regarding the potential sand extraction at Shouldham Warren, site not be used now.

Info from IDB that Stow Bridge hump is to be dredged this Autumn.

1. No concerns raised by public.
2. **Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.**

Still waiting for Sheila from the Friends & Neighbours group as to how they wish to receive their payment as the bank account may be closed. Church update from Liz Wing that the enabling works are due to start this week and are expected to take 16 weeks. Community consultation will take place.

1. **Correspondence**

Clerk & Councils Direct

Glasdon catalogue

EACH funding request letter

Various – via email

1. **Village Hall**
2. Update

D Chilvers has advised that the wire fencing may need tightening. I Cable advised that this had been done. Potholes in car park are being addressed. Trod has been installed and the gap in the fence has been made. It was said that this should be raised with the Village Hall Committee if it hadn’t been previously. On proposal from I Cable and seconded by S Bates it was agreed that a permissive footpath sign would be erected at each end of the car park access. I Cable will draft a sign.

1. Trust Document Update

Still waiting further communication from Andrew Carrier. Clerk to chase again.

1. New Village Hall Working Group

Gareth from Swann Edwards attended the last meeting to clarify the brief and he will come to the next.

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

Footpath to the A10 on Lynn Road needs to be edged on both sides of the path.

Drains on the edge of the Village Green need clearing.

Clerk to ask whether the edges of the new trods will be seeded.

1. Wildflower planting

S Mingay not present to give any update. Clerk to chase C Durham re checks he was doing.

1. **Open Gardens Event**

This is to be held on 6th June 2020. Twenty gardens are on the list so far. Came & Company have confirmed that each garden owner would need their own insurance. It was agreed by all that the PC will support. Refreshments are to be provided. The local Art Group will be holding an exhibition, there will be other displays and a scarecrow competition. It was suggested that the allotments could be included. It was asked whether the PC could cover the cost of posters for the event, this is to be on next agenda.

1. **VE Celebrations**

VE Celebration fund application deadline has been extended. Clerk to look at Bruno Peek website and send info to J Squires & S Mingay to consider whether to take forward.

1. **Dog Fouling**

J Squires has received more complaints. Chapel lane & Millers Lane have been particularly mentioned. Article will be written for next newsletter. Footpaths don’t seem too bad. Suggested signs at the beginning of the footpaths. J Squires will get some A4 signs from the BC. Clerk will look at the ‘Keep Britain Tidy’ signs recently circulated. S Bates said that he had three footpath signs, but he isn’t sure where they need to go.

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

**Recreation Ground** – Field is wet. Midsummer Fayre planned for 21st June.

**Village Hall** – Already discussed.

**Village Green** – Ground is wet.

**Footpaths** – Clerk read email from D Chilvers. The new trods looks great and are being well used. (even though people are insisting on parking on the new seeded banks beside them). The footpaths belonging to the Hare Estate have all been flailed and are in good order. He also had a request for pelican crossings from the pub to the village green and from the village hall to the village green. This was discussed and all agreed that this request would not be pursued at this time.

**100-Acre Trust** – I Cable is the new Chairman. S Bates congratulated him on this appointment.

**Allotments** – Busy preparing the plots and looking forward to the warmer weather. They have 5 new members.

1. **Grant/Donation Policy**

Clerk has circulated amended policy. Agreed that applicants should be based in the Parish. Funding should be applied for in advance and not retrospective, except in exceptional circumstances. Any agreed payment will be made after work has been completed and/or purchase made and evidence of the expenditure must be provided. Applications need to be in writing with accompanying justification. Info will be added to the newsletter to publicise. Draft to be circulated with amendments.

1. **Maintenance**

S Bates has purchased new locks rather than a new noticeboard. Invoice to be produced for payment. Walk around to be done to check and agree location for footpath signs. Low Road sign has disappeared, clerk to report to BC.

1. **Newsletter**

Advert costs discussed and agreed that it is not practical to have black and white adverts in the future. Full page advert for the year will be £80, half page £50 and quarter page £40.

1. **Planning**

No applications to discuss.

1. **Finance**
2. It was agreed that Jo Raby will be appointed as the Internal Auditor.
3. The following payments were agreed: BCKLWN Bin Collection - £461.76, Came & Company Insurance - £446.05, HMRC Clerks Income Tax - £494.91. J Squires will agree online payments.

(ii) Accounts to 28th February 2020 agreed.

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

Rec Ground may be interested in free trees being offered by BC.

1. **To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 21st April 2020 starting at 7pm.**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman: Date