

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 7.00pm, held at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

In Attendance: Councillors: Jackie Squires, (Chair) Ian Cable, (Vice-Chair) Dean Chilvers, Steve Mingay, D Fendley , Borough Councillor Colin Rose and 3 members of the public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

- 26/22 To Appoint (a) Chair** – On proposal from D Fendley and seconded by D Chilvers, all agreed to the appointment of Ian Cable as Chair,
(b) Vice-Chair – On proposal from S Mingay and seconded by D Fendley, all agreed to the appointment of Dean Chilvers as Vice-Chair.
Ian Cable thanked J Squires for all her years of service as Chair, he acknowledged that she had had a lot to put up with over the years and thanked her on behalf of the village.
- 27/22 To consider apologies for absence.**
Apologies received from A Smith and Borough Councillor V Spikings.
- 28/22 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.
- 29/22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 26th April 2022.**
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.
- 30/22 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.**
None.
- 31/22 Councillor Vacancies**
No applications to consider. There are two vacancies at present. An application was received from Chris Hitchens, it was agreed to agree co-option at the next meeting when he would hopefully be present.
- 32/22 Public Speaking.**
(a) Borough/County Councillor report. Borough Councillor Colin Rose had already circulated his report: "There are a lot of events going on in Lynn for the jubilee celebration which can be found on their website so I shall not include them here Much development is being carried out in the Lynn area some of which are BC ones such as NORA which is the trading Estate approaching the old Town Entrance Gate.
You will already be aware that band D rates have risen by £4.50 which means that for every £1 raised for the rates BC get 7p of which 3p goes to IDBs and is considered money well spent. However, as some see this as a burden The Leader, Stuart Dark MBE is looking at other possible avenues to fund IDBs such as by National Gov. In the meantime, IDBs are still not statutory consultees for planning applications but have had to increase their rates and borrow to provide maintenance funding. There are about 336,000 homes that need to be protected from potential flooding in this area of England according to the ADA.
Members of IDBs in MLC must now undergo Training which is in 5 parts of which the first two have to be signed off this year, I have completed these and attended the biodiversity meeting. All will be aware by now that some Dustbin collections have changed from about the 9th of May and that the BC has two electric vehicles to deal with Fly tipping. Lesley Bambridge is the Mayor this year and has informed me that something has at last been done to open some kind of Victims of sexual crimes unit in 'Lynn. We all continue to support the QEH to help them be one of the 8 new hospitals that should get funding as they now have 1500 props holding up the roof. A group has been set up to focus on the needs of Hunstanton.
On the 27th at 09.15 Cllr Spikings and I shall be giving commemorative coins up to and including year 6 at Wimbotsham school followed by Upwell Academy at 11.25. This should include most of the children from Welney also.
The last Police SNAP meeting was poorly attended so I hope if any of you would like to help set local Police priorities please attend the next meetings in July and September, your clerk will be advised. Police moral is at an all time low. They are sending out a questionnaire to all parishes. The remaining SNAP meetings will be by Teams. National Gov. has made it possible for more councils to deliver fixed penalty traffic violation fines from the 1st of June.

Most of the BC members have retained their original Panels but the leader of the Independent group did not like my being accepted as a Conservative candidate next year so took me off Planning, cannot fathom his logic for this as I am still on CPP and SNAP plus the award winning Custom and self-build task group. This may not appear a prudent move but I have only been able to achieve most of what I have with the help of the Conservative Colleagues at the BC and Officers, I shall remain putting the people first."

- (b) Members of the public. PROW Millers Lane to Tinkers Lane was mentioned as it is not cut regularly as NCC are supposed to do it. The Memorial plaque is still pending the insignia, but it was asked whether they could go ahead and order the marker which the PC had previously agreed to pay for, this was confirmed. Footpath sign at Millers Lane end needs repairing, D Chilvers will take a photo for clerk. On behalf of the Chapel, the PC were thanked for using the hall for their meetings.

It was advised that on Low Road where the fence has been erected the hedge has almost grown together. It was suggested that if the speed gates were moved the traffic may be slowed at this point. It was agreed that this could be reviewed at the asset walk, but ultimately the land is highways so the location has to be approved by NCC. The next SNAP meeting is 20th July at 7pm. It was said that the Annual Meeting should be advertised more widely. The shop noticeboard has out of date information, it appears that the shop key may be lost, clerk will check who has keys to this.

33/22 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

None.

34/22 New Village Hall Working Group

Meeting to review the pre-application suggestions. Both sites are potentially acceptable. The Recreation Ground site has more planning issues. Going forward they will need to agree how best to consult with the village, it is likely to be a public meeting at the Village Hall. S Mingay is the liaison with the Recreation Ground Committee. The NVHWG will formalise communication with the Recreation Ground Committee.

35/22 Village Hall Car Park

The carpark entrance will require some remedial works and this will be monitored. As and when this is required a formal application for funding will be submitted.

36/22 Correspondence

NARS – Donation request. To be on next agenda.

Various via email

37/22 Highways

Footpath towards Downham Market on Lynn Road is overgrown and needs cutting back. County Councillor to be advised. The properties Church Farm Barns, The Old Manse and Church Farm House all have overgrown hedging/bushes overhanging the highway. On Lynn Road towards the A10 the path needs cutting back and siding out. Previously reported layby on West Way still an issue. Low Road speed sign, the vegetation needs cutting back. Millers Lane to Tinkers Lane, the PROW needs cutting.

38/22 Millers Lane

Clerk read out the email detailed in the March meeting minutes. It was advised that there are eight residents. It is felt that if the road surface is improved then this may lead to speeding. There are some deep ridges in the road which may make it difficult for walkers, so clerk will report this to NCC as they have to maintain to a standard for walkers.

39/22 Low Road

It doesn't appear that people are crossing from the Trod to the back of the Recreation Ground now. The Recreation Ground Committee are planning defensive planting. D Chilvers will monitor the Albanwise side.

40/22 SAM2

Runcton Holme have the SAM2 back now, R Wales is going to get the data from it and send it to D Chilvers. You require an android phone to download the data.

41/22 Queens Platinum Jubilee Event on 5th June 2022

J Squires gave update. The flyers have all been delivered and thanks were expressed to those that helped. J Squires has purchased materials, flags etc. She has tried to choose environmentally friendly options where possible. She is still pending costs from The Chequers in respect of the hotdogs. There are volunteers from the Recreation Ground Committee. The Borough Council provided a grant of £200 towards the events. The Insurance Company confirmed that the PC were covered for the events. The School will provide a display in the Village Hall, Sunday 5th June there will be a picnic.

42/22 Representatives, to receive any updates.

- a) **Recreation Ground** – The zipwire is due to be repaired at the end of summer/beginning of Autumn. Moles are a bit of a problem.
- b) **Village Hall** – All ok. Nothing to report.
- c) **Village Green** – S Mingay mentioned the bench is covered in bird mess, it was suggested that the bench could be moved. Clerk will obtain some quotes.
- d) **Footpaths** – All good except the PROW between Tinkers Lane and Millers Lane. All agreed to ask Holly Landscapes to add the PROW to the cutting schedule.
- e) **100-Acre Trust** – Nothing to report. Next meeting is July.
- f) **Allotments** – All good.

43/22 Maintenance

Asset Walk was in June last year, clerk will email round for dates for this year's walk.

44/22 Newsletter

Will be in the next month or so after the Jubilee.

45/22 Planning

Nothing to discuss.

46/22 C.I.L Funding

The joint application for the Trod with Stow Bardolph Parish Council will be re-submitted. S Mingay will do an article to gain support. Support to be asked from village groups and Stow Bardolph will be asked to obtain support also.

47/22 C.I.L Payments

Replacement fencing at the village hall, quotes to be obtained for next meeting.

48/22 Policies

Policies review to be deferred until the next meeting.

49/22 Finance

- (a) Payments agreed: Holly Landscapes (Ground Maintenance) - £438.68, J Raby (Internal Audit) - £100.00, Primary Care Supplies (Paediatric Defib Pads)- £102.00, C Winson (Expenses 2021/22) - £489.93.
- (b) Accounts to 31st March and 30th April 2022 agreed and signed.
- (c) Cashbook and payments list for 2021/22 agreed and signed.
- (d) Annual return
 - (i) Annual Governance Statement on Annual Return, agreed and signed.
 - (ii) Annual Return Accounting Statements, agreed and signed.

50/22 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

None.

51/22 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 12th July 2022 starting at 7pm. The venue to be confirmed but will be at the Village Hall if the dance classes are not on. D Chilvers gave his apologies for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.07pm

Chairman:

Date