

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7.00pm, held at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

In Attendance: Councillors: Chair Jackie Squires, Vice-Chair Ian Cable, D Chilvers, D Fendley, Steve Mingay, Anne Smith and 1 member of the public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

115/21 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from S Bates, and Borough Councillor Vivienne Spikings.

116/21 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.

117/21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 26th October 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.

118/21 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

119/21 Councillor Vacancies

No applications to consider.

120/21 Public Speaking.

- a) Borough Councillor Colin Rose had already circulated his report: Happy new year to all, but not much local stuff to report from the BC as you should be getting updates from them still. Most Covid restrictions have been lifted and hopefully Officers will be back to their desks. However, we still have to take lateral flow tests prior to BC meetings and panels may still be by teams or Zoom. Rates will not be determined until February but info. on Council Tax support help with such should have been sent out to all Parishes. CIL applications to be in for February but there will be another round in July for August. There are other grants available for certain amenity groups but like the BC Cllr's £1K grant will take about 6 weeks to process which considering the electricity price hike would be better speeded up to help many Village Halls; I am now a Trustee of one. The BC is proposing to build a general-purpose Community hub at the old Argos building in Lynn. I have contacted the Portfolio Holder and CE about this with regards to working with local Village Halls but was redirected to the CC Officer taking the lead on this, we shall have to see how this pans out. Next QEH report to BC is at 16.30 on the 26th by Teams. Downham Area SNAP is on 31st for which you should have been advised by Paula. This morning she rang me as a courtesy to advise that two unrelated Downham area tragic Murders which will be in the news have resulted in arrests so there should be no public concerns. The East of Ouse Polver and Nar IDB meeting last week had no news about any dredging. However remote monitoring and accurate transducers were voted for. This same IDB had a problem with an EA contractor you may have heard about the complaint Andrew Newton sent the EA. UK Power Networks sent me an email to highlight their £4.6b spending to refurbish, update and reduce costs, but on my enquiry, they stated that costing of electricity is out of their hands; see your supplier, so nothing really to look forward to, save hopefully for fewer power cuts. Cllr Rose added that the Borough Council have invested in three new vehicles to clear fly-tipping.
- b) Members of the public. No matters raised.

121/21 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

None. It is hoped that the Police Liaison Office can attend the next meeting.

122/21 New Village Hall Working Group

Two planning pre-applications have been submitted to the Borough Council. No further fees due at this stage. Hopefully the decision on the pre-applications submitted will be received by the end of February. The Working Group will then consult with parishioners. CAN (Community Action Norfolk) have advised that they can submit the application for a C.I.O to be set up and the cost for this will be £250 which includes the application fee to be a member of CAN. This will also include training of trustees. Request for the PC to cover the £250 will be on the next agenda. A solicitor will be required later in the year. A Smith will contact the School again. It will need to be decided in the future who will be the Village Hall trustees.

123/21 Correspondence

An email has been received from Runcton Holme Parish Council asking if the PC want to join with the other parishes along the A10 to approach NCC re reducing the speed limit or other highway safety measures. Cllr Rose offered to raise this issue at the next SNAP meeting. It was suggested that a Parish Councillor attend the SNAP meeting and it was suggested that Runcton Holme are also asked to have a representative at the meeting, which is being held online on 31st January at 7pm.

Various via email

124/21 Allotment Rent

The charge from the EA relates to drainage as the land is classed as agricultural. As no representative from the Allotment Committee, no further discussion and the previous decision that the fee would be passed on to the Allotment Committee, when the allotment account funds are depleted, stands.

125/21 Highways

Update and Issues to be reported

Potholes on West Way, D Chilvers will check the numbers and report to clerk. A Smith raised an issue, which had been mentioned to her, that the bund in the middle of Millers Lane had disappeared. It was felt that this is not an issue and the bumpiness of the road does slow traffic down. S Mingay raised the issue of people cutting across Low Road to the back of the Recreation Ground, and how dangerous this is. He had had a near miss the day before. The Parish Council have paid for one piece of fencing, but another section is now being used and another section of fencing is required. Clerk will contact Murray Fencing to do this. Potential jobs for the Rangers: Both Trods need cutting back. Lynn Road, both footpaths need cutting back and edging.

126/21 SAM2

D Chilvers gave an update. He referred to his email with the stats on 8th November. The SAM2 was installed on the 9th September on Church Road and then moved to Westway at the start of October. There are about 800 drivers a day travelling through the village and on average 12% of drivers are speeding. The top speed was 45 mph. Runcton Holme PC have the SAM2 until the beginning of February. Other locations need to be considered and will need prior permission from highways.

127/21 Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd June 2022

It is suggested that a picnic is held in the afternoon on the Friday. Beacon lighting will be in evening. Hall availability for the 2nd June needs to be checked. It was suggested that a Jubilee Working Group is set up, J Squires will draft an email for circulation. It was suggested that a tree could be planted.

128/21 Village Green Christmas Tree

The tree is now down. There was a good response to the Carols under the tree and good feedback. Thanks to the Villagers and helpers will be expressed in the newsletter.

129/21 Representatives, to receive any updates.

- a) **Recreation Ground** – The quote for the repairs to the zipwire has come in at over £15,000. It was suggested that CIL funding is applied for, but the deadline is 1st February.
- b) **Village Hall** – All ok. No meeting has been held for over 2 years. It is very busy and there has been lots of positive feedback in respect of the everyday management. A meeting needs to be arranged so that the bookings clerk/treasurer can receive her honoraria payment. S Mingay offered the Recreation Ground if the Village Hall is not available.
- c) **Village Green** – R Ebbs has almost completed the tree works. The replacement tree is to be an English Oak. Clerk will contact Holly Landscapes to see if they can provide and plant the replacement tree. Seating has been mentioned for the Village Green. On speaking to parishioners, it may be that picnic benches are not the preferred option, as it is unlikely to be the preferred location in the village for a picnic, and benches around the base may be more appropriate.
- d) **Footpaths** – All look ok. Dog mess is a problem. As previously mentioned, the other gap in the hedge alongside the Low Road trod needs blocking off. It was agreed that this needing doing as a priority. D Chilvers and S Mingay will look at the other side of the road at the back of the Recreation Ground so that a quote can be obtained for fencing along there also.
- e) **100-Acre Trust** – Nothing to report.
- f) **Allotments** – All look good.

130/21 Maintenance

- a) Asset Register - Nothing to report.
- b) Turners Close Memorial Tree – Both the tree and the surround needs attention. Maybe the plaque could be mounted separately? It was agreed that the clerk will contact Holly Landscapes for their advice.

131/21 Newsletter

Articles are being put together. It is hoped that it will be out in February.

132/21 Planning

Planning Application Reference 21/02473/F - Replacement dwelling and detached garage following demolition of the existing dwelling and landscape works incidental to the development at Polperro 75 Church Road – it was felt that the concept of the design is ok but not the proposed materials. Windows would be preferred to have dummy casements; brick should be more appropriate with Flemish bond/light mortar and clay pantiles not concrete.

133/21 C.I.L Funding

The joint application for the Trod with Stow Bardolph Parish Council, between Wimbotsham and Stow Bridge is to be submitted by the clerk. It was mentioned that the village school serves Stow Bridge and some residents do walk along this road.

134/21 C.I.L Payments

Fencing at the Village Hall and Recreation Ground was suggested. D Chilvers offered to send info and possible contractors to clerk.

135/21 Finance

- (a) Budget and precept. On proposal from I Cable and seconded by D Chilvers, all agreed to increase the precept by £500 to £20,900.00.
- (b) SLCC membership. All agreed to the payment of £56.00 for clerks' membership.
- (c) Payments were agreed at tonight's meeting: Defibrillator replacement pads - £83.94, A Smith (V Hall refreshments) - £15.92, Flagmakers (replacement St Georges Flag) - £54.06. Payments made since last meeting: Holly Landscapes (Grounds Maintenance/Footpaths) - £690.68, Swann Edwards (Village Hall proposals) - £888.00, BCKLWN (Planning pre-applications) - £433.52, Murray Fencing (Trod fence) - £306.89, RBL (Poppy Wreath) - £50.00.
- (d) Accounts to 31st December 2021 agreed and signed.

136/21 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

None.

137/21 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 8th March 2022 starting at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

Meeting closed at 9.09pm

Chairman:

Date