

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th October 2022 at 7.00pm, held at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

In Attendance: Councillors: Ian Cable (Chair) Dean Chilvers, Steve Mingay, D Fendley, C Hitchens, J Squires, A Smith County Councillor Brian Long, Borough Councillors Colin Rose and Vivienne Spikings, 1 member of the public. Clerk – Pippa Winson

76/22 To consider apologies for absence.

None.

77/22 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.

78/22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27th July 2022.

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, subject to amendments the minutes were agreed, and signed, as a true and accurate record by all present at the meeting. Future minutes will have action points in bold on right hand side.

79/22 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

D Fendley declared an interest on Item 96/22 regarding the Chequers Planning application.

80/22 Councillor Vacancies

No applications to consider. Another advert to be in the next newsletter.

81/22 Public Speaking.

- (a) Borough/County Councillor report. Borough Councillor V Spikings advised that the Hearing part of the Examination into the King's Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan Review will open on Tuesday 6 December 2022. Members of the public can attend. Hopefully the decision will be made next year. She mentioned that she is happy to support the Village Christmas Tree again from the Local Councillor Fund if the Recreation Ground apply.
- Borough Councillor Colin Rose advised that there is help for residents that require it.
- County Councillor Brian Long advised that Norfolk County Council is one of nine authorities invited to negotiate with the Government on a deal which could see significant powers and funding transferred to them. There could be a County Leader rather than a Mayor. The favoured option is to have a directly appointed County Leader. He mentioned the Town Deal fund which has monies to be spent in King's Lynn. There is now a rural fund which potentially has £1.5 million and once the criteria is known local communities can apply. It may be that the proposals need to create employment? It is possible that the new Village Hall project could apply.
- Another member of public arrived
- (b) Members of the public. James, the Community Liaison Officer for UPP spoke. They are investing a billion pounds in the East of England. They use their own cabling and use the Openreach network. You can use the postcode checker on their website to see if it is available in your area. If there are any community events he would like to be invited.

82/22 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

D Fendley was advised that clerk was still unable to connect to his landline and he advised that it only seems to work if you ring from a mobile.

83/22 New Village Hall Working Group

The architects have submitted pre-applications to the Borough Council and the Borough Council have given their decisions. The Group have decided that they will ask the village so that they can make the final decision. A voting form is to be delivered to individual households. Information is to be added to the Parish Council website. The Group hope to get the decision out before Christmas. A Smith will contact Amanda Driver at the Borough Council to enquire as to what CIL funding may be available to apply for.

84/22 Correspondence

Various via email

85/22 Highways

- (a) Lynn Road footway, the parts that have been done have been done well but it needs to be looked at. Ian Cable will discuss with Andy Wallace at their meeting. Lynn Road, from Church Road to Stow Bardolph the footpath needs the surface addressing and from Church Road to Broomhill needs the vegetation

clearing back. Cllr Long said that he may be available to attend the meeting with A Wallace. The footway on West Way in front of the former council houses is not level and will also be looked at at the meeting.

- (b) On proposal from D Chilvers and seconded by C Hitchens all agreed to install the section of fencing on Low Road to block the gap at a cost of £441.89 excl VAT.
- (c) Parish Partnership Scheme. If any of the items that I Cable discusses at the meeting, with A Wallace, are suitable then an application can be considered. The Low Road/Broomhill junction was discussed and this will be added to meeting agenda, this is just outside Wimbotsham parish and is in Downham Market.

86/22 SAM2

D Chilvers does not have the necessary software on his computer so R Wales has to download the data. It has been down West Way for three weeks in both directions and is now on Church Road.

87/22 Anglian Water Strategic Network Programme

Anglian Water came and gave a presentation before the meeting. There is no further action required and information is to go into the newsletter. Cllr Long advised that the Internal Drainage Board have some concerns that need to be addressed.

88/22 Remembrance Day

The Methodist Church will be attending and laying a wreath but there won't be official representation from St Marys. The Parish Council would like a representative from the Church to attend, if possible, it was suggested changing the date to Friday 11th at 11am and this was agreed. Clerk will contact the Vicar to see if he is able to attend and invite the school.

89/22 RBL Poppy Appeal

On proposal from D Fendley and seconded by S Mingay, all agreed to donate £100 for the Poppy Wreath to be used at Remembrance Day.

90/22 Representatives, to receive any updates.

- a) **Recreation Ground** – The playgroup repairs have been completed. CIL funding was obtained for the ZIP wire replacement and the swing repairs. There have been three instances of criminal damage and the window has been broken three times. This has been reported to the Police. If anyone is around then it would be appreciated if they could check on this. The AGM is at the Chequers at 7pm on 16th November. Carols around the Christmas Tree will be on 17th December, time to be confirmed.
- b) **Village Hall** – Regular bookings are down but there have been a few one-off events. It is still under used. There was a school prom held for some Downham Markets students who missed out on their prom due to lockdown. They all had a good evening and there was a write-up in the Lynn News.
Cllr Spikings left
- c) **Village Green** – It looks a bit sad. A corner of the small village green is bare mud due to vehicles driving over it. Could consider re-turfing and installing some posts. I Cable will discuss with A Wallace at his meeting and Councillors will have a look before the next meeting. Jubilee Tree to be planted and Nick from Holly Landscapes advised that tree guard should be installed afterwards. D Chilvers will check wording on previous plaque.
- d) **Footpaths** – All ok. Tree down which has been reported to Stow Estate, on the drove towards Stow Bridge.
- e) **100-Acre Trust** – Nothing to report. Next meeting is in December.
- f) **Allotments** – AGM is 7th November at 7pm. Allotment numbers have grown and a new water main is being laid. An update is to be given for the newsletter.

91/22 Defibrillator

S Mingay offered to be the guardian and undertake the weekly checks.

92/22 Village Litter Pick

On proposal from D Chilvers and seconded by a Smith all agreed to arrange a litter pick on Saturday 10th December at 10am. D Chilvers will collect the equipment and clerk will check availability.

93/22 Village Sign

Paul Goodrum has agreed to undertake the works at the cost of materials only. D Chilvers has spoken to him and the cement work will have to be done separately. The works will be done over winter. All agreed to this proposal.

94/22 Maintenance

Cleaning has been done.

95/22 Newsletter

Work has started on it. UPP will provide a short write-up with information and a link to their website. Will try and organise for NVHWG questionnaire to go out with the newsletter.

96/22 Planning

D Fendley left whilst this item was discussed

Planning application reference 22/001767/F discussed. There were concerns in respect of noise from the function room. The applicant advised that the intention is for it to be used as a day centre for those with learning difficulties with four care workers. The building is not covered by the pub licence.

On proposal from the Chair, all agreed to suspend standing orders so that meeting could carry on for a further 15 minutes.

On proposal from S Mingay and seconded by J Squires, the majority agreed to agree to the proposal in respect of the function room subject to restrictions that there could be no music, discos or alcohol and that there are limits on the opening hours or would suggest refusal.

Regarding the windows it was felt that the windows should be more appropriate to the age and style of the building as the those proposed are not deemed appropriate. On proposal from D Chilvers and seconded by C Hitchens, it was agreed to object to this part of the proposal.

97/22 C.I.L Funding

The joint application for the Trod with Stow Bardolph Parish Council was successful. CIL agreement agreed and signed by Chair and Clerk. Stow Bridge have donated £2000 towards the project. Clerk to draft letter to Stow Bardolph PC thanking them for the donation. January is the next round of applications so councillors will need to consider for the next meeting.

98/22 C.I.L Payments

On proposal from D Chilvers and seconded by C Hitchens it was agreed to accept the quote for the Village Hall Fencing from Norfolk Estate Fencing.

99/22 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service

Deferred until the next meeting.

100/22 Finance

- (a) On proposal from S Mingay and seconded by C Hitchens, all agreed that D Chilvers is additional bank signatory to replace S Bates. Mandate form signed and D Chilvers will take into Barclays as they need to undertake ID checks.
- (b) Payments agreed: Holly Landscapes (Grounds Maintenance – July, August and September & Footpath cutting) - £1574.04, Stow Estate (Allotment rent) - £830.00, PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit) - £240.00, Wimbotsham Methodist Church (Room Hire) - £18.300, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Remembrance Wreath) - £100.00.
- (c) Accounts to 30th September 2022 agreed and signed.

101/22 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

S Mingay suggested that as the wildflower planting in Turners Close was successful that other areas should be considered. Chair asked S Mingay to look at potential areas.

102/22 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 13th December 2022 starting at 7pm at the Methodist Church.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chairman:

Date