

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 7.00pm, held remotely via Zoom.

In Attendance: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Dean Chilvers, Steve Mingay and Anne Smith
Borough Cllrs: Colin Rose & Vivienne Spikings Clerk – Pippa Winson

59/20 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from I Cable, S Bates & D Fendley.

60/20 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.

61/20 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 8th September 2020.

Having been circulated prior to the meeting the minutes were agreed, and are to be signed, as a true and accurate record by all present at the meeting.

62/20 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

63/20 Public Speaking.

(i) Cllr Spikings said that there was not much to report, all meetings are currently being held online and it has been fairly quiet. Cllr Rose said that he had attended a lengthy meeting at full council but due to the length of time taken to discuss other issues, they had run out of time before they had discussed the budget.

(ii) No members of public present.

64/20 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

None.

65/20 New Village Hall Working Group

Anne Smith gave an update. Some minor amendments have been made to the report. The next step is to arrange a meeting to decide how to move forward. There are two proposals, the first is a replacement building on the existing site and the second is for a new building on the Recreation Ground site. There is a covenant on the Recreation Ground site so legal advice may be required in this respect. At the next Parish Council meeting, they will look to provide further information on this and what legal advice may be required. There is a Recreation Ground meeting tomorrow evening and S Mingay advised that they would be trying to move this matter forward. It was asked what the covenant was, and no-one present seemed to know, so it was agreed that a Land Registry search would be carried out so that this would be clarified. The church have circulated a questionnaire to parishioners which asked what they would like to see in a church facility. Anne to write a letter to the church wardens to ask whether the NWHWG could see sight of the questionnaire responses.

66/20 Correspondence

Clerk & Councils Direct
Various – by email

67/20 Highways

a Update and Issues to be reported

Troads look ok. Councillors will look at the speed gates so that they can agree what works are required.

b Parish Partnership Scheme

Volunteers are needed to be trained on the new SAM2. Clerk suggested contacting Andy Wallace to see if he could attend the next meeting, so that he could explain what is involved and to discuss and agree locations.

68/20 Wildflower Planting

It has previously been agreed that Turners Close, Chapel Lane and the small Village Green would be the most appropriate locations. A map outlining the areas at Chapel Lane and Turners Close needs to be produced so that consent can be obtained from the Borough Council. D Chilvers offered to look at this and he will circulate a proposal by email.

69/20 Parish Boundary Walk

D Chilvers has had a look at this walk and, due to the current conditions, it would not be walkable at present. It needs to be done when it is either drier or frozen. Consent to be obtained from the landowners, Albanwise and Stow Estate, for access to their land. D Chilvers will send information to the clerk so that she can contact them.

70/20 Representatives Reports – to receive any updates.

Recreation Ground – Meeting to be held tomorrow.

Village Hall – No Committee meetings have been held. Kate Penn is managing the hall really well.

Village Green – Wet and Green. One of the lime trees is in decline and needs attention. Tree works will be added to the next agenda.

Footpaths – Muddy but passable and not overgrown. Will check whether PROW between Tinkers Lane and Millers Lane has been cut by NCC yet.

100-Acre Trust – Nothing to report.

Allotments – J Squires advised that Liz Wing said that all was going well and the rent was being collected. Two new allotments have been allocated.

71/20 Maintenance

Lamp post at number 4 Honey Hill is not working all the time. The other lamp attached to the telegraph pole on Honey Hill is not working at all. J Squires asked everyone to keep a check on the lamp posts around the village.

72/20 Newsletter

Newsletter due out in November.

73/20 Planning

20/01334/O OUTLINE APPLICATION: Two pairs of three-bedroom semi-detached dwellings at Land Rear of 1 To 7 Naphans Lane Wimbotsham. Clerk read out emails from resident. The Parish Council support the principle of this residential development. The indicative layout does appear cramped and would question if four dwellings would constitute over development.

20/01509/F: Demolition of existing bungalow and proposed 2 bed single storey dwelling and detached double garage at 62 West Way Wimbotsham. The Parish Council support the principle of this development. The layout with the garage to the front provides relief to the street scene, but the design of the replacement dwelling is not particularly in keeping with the village vernacular of either the more recent or historic buildings.

74/20 Finance

(a) The following payments were agreed at tonight's meeting:

Holly Landscapes (September Maintenance) - £438.68 & Footpath cutting - £234.00, J Taylor – Asset Cleaning

(b) Accounts to 30th September 2020 agreed and to be signed.

75/20 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

Clerk will contact D Fendley as he has missed several meetings and see if he wishes to remain a Parish Councillor. Clerk confirmed letter sent to The Chequers.

76/20 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 8th December 2020 starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Chairman:

Date