

WIMBOTSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 7.00pm, held remotely via Zoom.

In Attendance: Councillors: Jackie Squires (Chair), Simon Bates, Dean Chilvers, Steve Mingay, Anne Smith
Borough Cllrs: Colin Rose and Vivienne Spikings

Clerk – Pippa Winton

21/20 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from I Cable.

22/20 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.

23/20 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 23rd June 2020.

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

24/20 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

25/20 Public Speaking.

(i) Borough Councillors Report. Stuart Dack has now resigned from his temporary post handling the Emergency Planning/Covid-19 Response. Measures have been put in place should there be a second wave. It is obviously hoped that there isn't and that everyone stays safe.

(ii) No members of public present.

26/20 Matters arising for items not covered elsewhere on the agenda – info only.

None.

27/20 Village Hall

A Smith gave an update, there is not much to say, they have had a meeting with the architects and they are contacting the church wardens. The Recreation Ground trustees have been contacted as part of the ongoing feasibility study. The Village Hall is opening soon.

28/20 Correspondence

Letter of complaint received by J Squires which raised concerns in respect of the Village Hall, she has forwarded this with a letter to the chair of the Village Hall Committee.

Clerk read email from Francis Rayner, Community Development Manager, working for Alive West Norfolk and responsible for supporting communities getting their residents more active and ensuring that they have activities available which are suitable for all. It was agreed that she would be invited to a meeting to discuss this.

Various – by email

29/20 Highways

Update and Issues to be reported

Footpath to the A10 needs cutting back and edging.

Church Road kerbing has been repaired and replaced. Low Road pothole now filled.

Consideration to be given as to 2021/22 Parish Partnership application. Last year's joint application for SAM2 funding is pending a meeting of the Safety Camera Partnership.

30/20 Wildflower Planting

Clerk will chase up Chris Durham from the BC again.

31/20 Noticeboards

Philip Wing is to take over the updating of the noticeboards. The Parish Council notices are to take priority. D Chilvers said that he is happy to vet posters and pass them onto Philip.

32/20 Representatives Reports – to receive any updates.

Recreation Ground – A lot of rubbish being left and some people are coming in from Downham Market. Bin collection is haphazard, not sure if been emptied today, clerk will check up. D Chilvers suggested that they should ask for volunteers to help stirm and with the hogging. Steve said that he is intending to organise a meeting to take this forward, possibly a Tuesday evening and he will invite the relevant bodies. Now have a Facebook page. Play area is now open and they hope people will act sensibly.

Village Hall – Already discussed.

Village Green – Looks ok.

Footpaths – D Chilvers mentioned the PROW from Millers Lane to Tinkers Lane, this is maintained by NCC but very irregularly. There is only one further cut scheduled and it was agreed that a further fourth cut could be carried out. It was discussed and agreed last year that up to four cuts could be carried out if required.

100-Acre Trust – Meeting held last week and they visited the farm.

Allotments – J Squires said that Liz said that the allotments look good and more work has been carried out. AGM in October.

33/20 Website

Clerk will contact NALC for advice on ensuring that the website meets accessibility standards. All will look at current website and feedback. Facebook page to be considered.

34/20 Maintenance

Rather than replace the Lynn Road noticeboard, it was agreed to remove it. Assets are being cleaned. I Cable had mentioned that the Speed Gates need painting, councillors will have a look before the next meeting. I Cable has suggested a walkaround to identify areas for improvement in the village. Low Road beet pad has been noted as an area which could be considered for a dog waste bin, this can be looked at on the walk.

35/20 Newsletter

Nothing to report.

36/20 Planning

No applications to discuss.

37/20 Finance

- (a) The following payments were agreed at tonight's meeting: J Raby Internal Audit - £100.00
- (b) Accounts to 30th June agreed and to be signed.
- (c) Annual Return
 - (i) Annual Governance Statement agreed and signed.
 - (ii) Annual Return Accounting Statements agreed and signed.
 - (iii) Exemption Certificate agreed and signed.

38/20 Councillors concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

A Smith suggested, in the absence of other village events, that a walk around the parish boundary be set up. S Mingay has been trying to communicate with the school and has offered the use of the pavilion if required, when school returns. It was suggested that the Village Hall should also be made available, but this would have bookings. S Mingay said that the Recreation Ground Committee has offered some money towards upgrading the facilities, but it is sad that despite visiting, phoning and emailing that he has received no response. It was mentioned that the pavilion would be more appropriate than the Village Hall as there would be liabilities with off-site locations in respect of staffing. J Squires suggested writing a letter and S Bates suggested that the Parish Council and Norfolk County Council should be copied in. Cllr Spikings suggested that Brian Long, County Councillor, should also be copied into the correspondence.

39/20 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 8th September 2020 starting at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Chairman:

Date