

# Wimbotsham Parish Council

**DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the above-named Parish Council held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.**

Parish Councillors:

Cllr Ian Cable (Chairman), Cllr Dean Chilvers, Cllr David Fendley, Cllr Chris Hitchens and Cllr Jackie Squires

King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council: Cllr Colin Rose

Members of Public: Six

## **142/23 To receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received in advanced from Cllr Anne Smith and Cllr Steve Mingay who had other commitments.

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Vivienne Spiking's who was unwell.

## **143/23 Councillor Vacancies**

No applications received.

## **144/23 To receive Declarations of Interest**

None received.

## **145/23 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Having been circulated previously, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

## **146/23 Reports**

### **146.1 Norfolk County Council**

Cllr Long was not present and no report was received.

### **146.2 Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk**

Cllr Rose was present and stated due to local flooding issues they are working to obtain more powers for IDB due the problems caused by riparian owners filling in ditches and Culverts.

### **146.3 Police**

No representative was present and no report received.

## **147/23 To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (information only)**

There is no key for the noticeboard outside the shop, Cllr Chilvers will open and change the lock.

## **148/23 Public Participation**

Tania Gomez-Duran, Freeland Rees Roberts Architects

Fiona Graves, PCC & St Mary's Standing Committee

Shirley Wells, PCC & St Mary's Standing Committee

Liz Wing, Church Warden St Mary's

Philip Wing, Church Warden St Mary's

Tania gave the Council an in-depth presentation on the new Church extension and answered all the Councillors questions. The Council are in support of the extension and hope the space can be used as a space for the community.

## **149/23 PC Administration**

### **129.1 Administration**

Nothing to report.

**150/23 To receive any Correspondence**

150.1 Thank you letter

A letter of thanks was received from Norfolk Befriending Services for the donation of £100.

The Council appreciated the letter and are happy to donate to causes that assist residents of Wimbotsham.

**151/23 Highways**

151.1 Downham Market Footway

Andy Wallace (Highways) hopes this will be scheduled for March.

151.2 Trod Maintenance

No update received from Norfolk County Council Highways.

151.3 West Way TROD siding out

Our local contractor will be out to start the works shortly.

**152/23 Tea Set in the Village Hall**

Cllr Squires would like to purchase a tea set for Council use at the Village Hall, the Councillors agreed it would be a useful set for future events including Café Connect and the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**It was unanimously agreed to purchase the tea set for £75 and Ian Cable to request if we can store the set at the Village Hall.**

**153/23 Wimbotsham Speed Gates**

One of the speed gates had fallen on West Way due to rotten wood, it has been replaced with a concrete post but the post is too high and you cannot see the curved top of the gates.

**The Clerk to contact the contractor to move the sign up and ask them to check and replace the second speed gate which is rotten on Lynn Road.**

**154/23 D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

The D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary is on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. Councillors will think of ideas for an event. Councillor Rose has graciously donated £300 for the event.

**It was unanimously agreed to defer until March to discuss ideas for an event.**

**155/23 Village Hall working group**

The current Booking Clerk and Treasurer is looking to finish her duties in April, the current committee are finding it hard to attract new volunteers to help run the Village Hall.

**The Parish Clerk to place an advert looking for a new Booking Clerk & Treasurer in the notice boards. The Clerk to contact Community Action Norfolk to help with Volunteers.**

**156/23 Tree Guard on the Village Green**

The tree on the green needs a guard to protect it from the weather.

**It was unanimously agreed Cllr Chilver and the Clerk to purchase a tree guard for £1000.**

**157/23 Village Vision**

Cllr Cable requested any ideas from Councillors to create the Wimbotsham Village Vision such as what would you like to see in the village, now and in the future and a new village sign.

**158/23 Wimbotsham Spring Litter Pick**

The annual spring litter pick for Wimbotsham is due March.

**It was unanimously agreed to hold the Litter Pick on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.**

**159/23 Recreation Ground**

- 134.1 Larger Bin at the recreation ground  
The maintenance contractor will give a quote for the new concrete foundation after the Christmas period.

**160/23 Reports**

- 160.1 Village Hall  
The redecoration has been completed and the Committee is happy with the works.

- 160.2 Recreation Ground  
All refurbishment is going well and when weather warms the internal repaint can continue. We may be looking for any willing volunteers to assist with rollers and paintbrushes.

- 160.3 Village Green  
The village sign has been taken for refurbishment by a local reputable business and will cost in the region of £500, the sign has a life span of 10 years

**Councillors agreed to add money into the reserves for a new village sign.**

- 160.4 Footpaths  
The footpaths are muddy and wet with the weather.

- 160.5 100 Acre Trust  
There were 11 applicants for the charities £200 for applicants in need and all applicants were approved.

- 160.6 Allotments  
There are 5-6 new plot holder and no major issues at the allotment but dog waste has been left around the allotment which is frustrating plot holders.

**161/23 Planning Applications**

- 136.1 Results on Applications  
None received.

- 136.2 Applications Received  
23/02244/F A single storey monopitch extension to the south of the church, Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) and enclosure to the south-west of churchyard, integrated PV panels to the south slope of the Nave roof and external landscaping works at Church of St Mary Church Road Wimbotsham Norfolk  
**It was unanimously agreed there were no objections to the application but a comment that more parking spaces would be beneficial.**

- 136.3 Information Received  
None received

**162/23 Finance Matters**

- 162.1 Payments of Accounts for December 2023  
**It was unanimously agreed to approve the accounts for December 2023.**

**162.2 Precept**

The Parish Councillors discussed the payments that will be needed over the next financial year and the rate of inflation and increase in services needed such as Grass Cutting.

**It was unanimously agreed to increase the Precept by 5%.**

**163/23**

Confidential Business

To resolve to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as matters under discussion are confidential and related to legal matters

**164/23**

To discuss HR

Cllr Cable, Cllr Chilvers and Cllr Smith to review the Clerk contract

**165/23**

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

Future Agenda items:  
Mayors Design Awards

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

