

Wimbotsham Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the above-named Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd 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 Spikings 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 12th 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 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 80th 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 80th anniversary

The D-Day 80th anniversary is on the 6th 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 Saturday 23rd 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 12th March 2024 at 7pm at Wimbotsham Methodist Church.

Future Agenda items:
Mayors Design Awards

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

Accounts to 31 January 2024

IN (£)

OUT (£)

TOTAL (£)

Parish Business Saver Account 00971790

Amount carried forward

£20,919.54

Credit Interest

Balance

£20,919.54Parish Community Account 00971782

Amount carried forward

£36,691.78

Amount credited

£

Amount debited

Npower

£178.11

Clerk Payment

£208.45

Clerk Payment

£300.48

Lime Tree Printing

£329.23

Holly Landscapes

£1599.43

HMRC

£75

HMRC

£102.73

MK Lighting

£29.40

MK Lighting

£29.40

ICO

£35

Norfolk Befriending Service

£100

Masson Seeley + Co

£216

Total

£3203.23

£33,488.55

No outstanding payments

Balance: **£54,408.09**

CIL:

Balance: £54,408.09

Chairman _____

Date _____