

Wimbotsham Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the above-named Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at Wimbotsham Methodist Church

Parish Councillors: Cllr Dean Chilvers (Chairman), Cllr David Fendley, Cllr Chris Hitchens, Cllr Steve Mingay, Cllr Anne Smith and Cllr Jackie Squires
Parish Clerk: N Forrest
Borough Councillor: C Rose
Member of Public: One

46/24 To receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Brian Long and Cllr Vivienne Spikings

47/24 Councillor Vacancies

No applications were received

48/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

None received

49/24 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 14th May 2024

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

50/24 To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (information only)

The TROD connecting Wimbotsham and Stowbridge is overgrown and unusable, the Clerk has contacted NCC Highways to no avail. The Clerk is awaiting quotes for the TROD to be cut. The Clerk is to send a thank you letter to Chequers Pub and Ian Cable for his 10-year service to the Parish Council.

51/24 Public Participation

No members of public participated.

52/24 Reports

51 Norfolk County Council

No representative was present and no report received.

52 Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

Cllr Colin Rose stated that the Parish Partnership Scheme is open until August 2024.

53 Police

No representative was present and no report received.

53/24 To receive Correspondence

53.1 Lithium Batteries

ACTION: After a discussion, it was unanimously agreed to support the campaign, the Clerk to request posters for the newsletter and noticeboards.

53.2 Recreation Ground Bin

Noted and received.

54/24 Millers Lane Dog Bin

Two quotes were received from Glasdon for new dog bins

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to accept the first quote for a dog bin from Glasdon for £287.21.

55/24 Village Hall

Cllr Fendley gave an update on the Village Hall stating there are five new volunteers and the future of the Village Hall is to remain open.

56/24 Village Sign

Cllr Chilvers has contacted several local companies for village signs

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed gather costs for a new sign.

57/24 Council Communication and Social Media

Cllr Chilvers would like to have more presents on social media to keep residents informed.

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed the Clerk would answer posts on behalf of Wimbotsham Parish Council and set up social media accounts.

58/24 Noticeboard on Church Road

Cllr Hitchins has requested a noticeboard on Church Road where a previously removed board was located.

ACTION: After a discussion, it was unanimously agreed to place a new noticeboard on Church Road at Turners Close for £1780 + VAT using CIL funding received.

59/24 Insurance

The previous Insurance is valid for three years, this is the final year of the fixed insurance.

60/24 Parish Partnership

The Parish Partnership Scheme is available until August 2024.

Cllr Smith would like to create a hard-standing area on the green and outside the village hall for residents as there is no bus stop. There are unfinished sections to the walkway on West Way.

ACTION: It was agreed the Clerk would contact the bus company to see where they officially stop and if they could start using the bust stop on Church Road and request a quote from NCC Highways to finish the sections on West Way.

61/24 Highways and Grass Cutting

The TROD connecting Stowbridge and Wimbotsham is not usable due to the grass being too long.

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to spend up to £300 to have the area cleared.

62/24 Road Closure

Norfolk Car Free Day from Norfolk County Council will be on 22nd September 2024, they will not charge for a road closure for this day to allow residents a car-free day or to host a road party.

ACTION: It was agreed to submit ideas to the clerk if a road closure is needed.

63/24 Reports

63.1 Village Hall

The village hall was previously reported on at agenda item 55.

63.2 Recreation Ground

Cllr Mingay stated the Midsummer Fayre was held on 22nd June 2024 and it was a success, thank you to all who helped and attended, there were enough funds for the insurance.

63.3 Village Green

Cllr Hitchins stated there was a large branch which was removed and still awaiting the tree guard. The tree skirts need cutting.

63.4 Footpaths
Cllr Chilvers stated other than the TROD the pathways are in good condition.

63.5 100 Acre Trust
Nothing to report

63.6 Allotments
Cllr Findley stated some allotments need some work.

64/24 Policies

64.1 Financial Regulations 2024

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to accept the new Financial regulations.

64.2 Complaints Procedure

64.3 Co-option Policy

64.4 Equality and diversity Policy

ACTION: After a discussion it was agreed to adopt all the policies

65/24 Planning Applications

65.1 Results on Applications
None received

65.2 Applications Received
24/00424/F - Upper Farm New Road Wimbotsham Norfolk - Proposed barn conversion to a residential dwelling and associated annexe.

APPROVED BY KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Wimbotsham Parish Council comments: NO OBJECTION.

24/00740/F - Bernina 22 Church Road Wimbotsham King's Lynn Norfolk PE34 3QG - Two-storey rear and single-storey extensions to side and rear of existing dwelling, following removal of existing extensions and shed & construction of a new garage/garden store & alterations to existing vehicular access.

REFUSED BY KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Wimbotsham Parish Council comments: NO OBJECTION The Parish Council believes this project enhances the street scene and removes the alien flat roof.

24/00923/F - 1 Millers Lane Wimbotsham King's Lynn Norfolk PE34 3QF - Single-storey part side and part rear extension to dwelling, along with the installation of photovoltaic panels and an air source heat pump to the original dwelling, and the construction of a detached store/hobby room and carport.

APPROVED BY KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Wimbotsham Parish Council comments: NO OBJECTION.

65.3 Information Received
None received

66/24 Finance Matters

66.1 Quarter one budget
The Council are within budget for the first quarter.

66.2 Approve payments of Accounts for June 2024
ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to approve the accounts for June 2024

66.3 Approve Bank Reconciliation
ACTION: It was unanimously agreed to approve the Bank Reconciliation for June 2024

67/24 It was agreed the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September 2024, from 7pm.

Meeting Closed 8.58pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

Accounts to 30 June 2024	IN (£)	OUT (£)	TOTAL (£)
<u>Parish Business Saver Account 00971790</u>			
Amount carried forward			£41,012.45

Wimbotsham Current Account

Interest £153.99

Balance **£41,166.44**

Parish Community Account 00971782

Amount carried forward £51,244.35

Amount credited

Zurich Insurance £459

Amount debited

Mark Errington £72

Norfolk ALC £70

Wimbotsham Village Hall £120

Clerk Payment £208.65

Holly Landscapes £270.90

Holly Landscapes £529.70

Npower £140.92

Total £1412.17 **£50,291.18**

No outstanding payments

Balance: **£91,457.62**

CIL:

Balance: **£91,457.62**

Chairman _____

Date _____

Allotment Space for Wimbotsham Parish Council

Background

Wimbotsham Parish Council have rented allotment land from the Stow Estate since 1945 and the Allotment Association takes care of holders and allotment land. The land is located off Millers Lane in Wimbotsham.

There are 55 allotments, 52 are standard size of 1/16th of an acre and three are larger plots. 24 plots are held by Wimbotsham residents and 31 are held by non-residents from neighbouring villages and towns. There is currently one plot available and two people on the waiting list.

There are several allotment lands in Wimbotsham but they are let annually, the small paddock in Honey Hill and the field directly in front of the Church Road/Lynn Road junction.

Map



Predicament

Downham Market Town Council has approached Wimbotsham Council as more than six residents have requested for them to provide allotment land. Downham Market does not have allotment land available and has enquired if we have land to rent, there is no land available for rent in Wimbotsham Village.

Risk

If Downham Market does not offer allotments the demand for Wimbotsham allotments will increase significantly. Wimbotsham residents are the first to be allocated but if all the allotments are taken up with non-residents they could be waiting a long time. Downham Market residents are at a disadvantage as they will not have the option of allotments.

Allotments

Allotments play a key role in promoting mental well-being and mental health for people. Increasing prices for fresh fruit and vegetables at supermarkets can make it difficult for some people to afford to eat healthier. Having an allotment will help people grow vegetables and aid in making healthier choices. Getting children involved promotes sensory development, increases children's time away from technology, and gives children a sense of responsibility.

Recommendations

There is a new development being built between Wimbotsham Village and Downham Market, they have allotment land allocated, the land is within Wimbotshams boundary and the Allotment Association has made the Council aware they will not be managing this allotment site if asked. This would mean the Council would manage the site, alternatively, Downham Market Council could rent the land.

