

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 by 'zoom' video conference call, at 7.00 pm.

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. P Clark; Cllr Dent; Cllr. J Clarke; Cllr. Harding; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Bowell
Cllr J Gowing, CCC; Mrs Pat Hart; Mrs M Abbott; Beverley Davis; Trevor Thorne;

Number	Title		Action
001/21	Apologies for Absence	Cllr Rose; Cllr Wright;	
002/21	Absentees	None	
003/21	Chairs Additional items	None	
004/21	Declarations of interest	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none iii)dispensation grants: There are none	
005/21	Public Participation	Mrs Beverley Davis said she would like to raise an issue with the Parish council relating to the path linking the Nursery Gardens Estate to the public right of way running from Bridge Lane to the Hassock Estate.' I would raise the following 4 points for Parish council comment and consideration: 1. I understand the original layout of the Nursery Gardens development proposed to provide a link to the village via the Honeymead Estate which was rejected effectively separating the two estates and the developer Matthew Homes provided an alternative means at the other end of the estate by the SUDS basin. Can the council confirm if this was actually a condition of planning? 2. In regard to this path, it is not registered on the definitive asset map as a public right of way and a recent search with the County Council has revealed that it is not a permissive right of way. What exactly is its status of this path and should it be formally registered and adopted? 3. This path is referred to in the planning application F/YR20/1235/O relating to land south of Bridge Lane as a way to connect the proposed site to the afore mentioned Bridge Lane Hassock Way public path, it also serves to connect the proposed new estate to Nursery Gardens. The maintenance of this path is paid for by the estate management fees of the Nursery Gardens residents and yet is subject to use by the public currently. Furthermore, it will link the two developments which was previously rejected in the case of the Honeymead access with Nursery Gardens. I object to the proposed development and public utilising a path which I contribute for its upkeep and have registered my objection on the planning application. 4. Lastly as this path connects across a 90 degree access road leading into a private driveway I consider this to be a potential safety hazard. The public are walking and cycling into a blind corner and as the owner of the private driveway I have narrowly avoided a number of pedestrians, children and cyclists who, without access to a defined pavement are walking in the road as I am entering and exiting my driveway. I can't see them and they cannot see my car. How did this escape the attention of the planning officer and highways agency? Can the council please advise on the best way to have this reviewed for public safety? The Chairman said that the questions would need a response from several agencies and that she would assist Mrs Davis with her issues.	PA MTD
006/21	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 15 th December 2020 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. P Clark; Seconded: Cllr. Dent; All in favour.	
007/21	Fenland District Council	Cllr Davis reported that there has been no meeting since the last Parish Council meeting, so nothing new to report although there is more work due to the COVID 19. There has been no news yet re business grants since the current lock down, but the Govt has not yet released	

		the figures yet or how it will be paid to businesses. New Audit and Risk Committee formed to replace Former Corporate Governance and Staff Committees. Cllr Davis will be Vice Chairman of the new committee.	
008/21	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr Gowing reported that he attended a meeting on Friday there will be a press release shortly. He has asked for information from Councillors re recent flooding. He has asked for a file from all Cllrs re flooding in their areas. He will give us his final list of Wimblington properties which were affected... There were several areas of Wimblington also affected. The only way to report the flooding seemed to be calling 101, however as this was Christmas Eve there seemed to be no way to resolve the issue that night. Cllr Davis believes that as the roadway drains/gulleys have not been cleaned out this will stop surface water from escape. Cllr Gowing thinks that as the job has been contracted out it has not been done. He will find out who we should contact. Clerk to write. CCC are also addressing, this is in hand.	PA
009/21	Clerks report	Clerk reported that the cost of the brown bin collection for the Cemetery is to go up to £38.00 from £36.00 as from February 2021.	
010/21	Other Matters	a) Good neighbour scheme: Cllr Bowel met Kat virtually, from Fenland General Practice. She is involved with a number of good neighbour schemes. Sutton has an established timebank Kat will help. However, because of COVID she suggests we wait until this lockdown is over. Re. recent lock down several residents have contacted 'help in Wimbo' who are now helping those who they were helping before. Most are worried about the lack of information available. Our Parish's vaccination programme will begin on the 18th Jan from Doddington hospital. We do not know which vaccine will be used. Community car scheme has been approached to help take those without transport. b) Dog waste bins Eastwood End: Clerk reported that 3 bins have been ordered from FDC who are looking at the possible locations. To be advised. Cllr Hennen believes that there is one already sited by Chapel Cottage Plants. Cllr Hennen asked for an extra bin at corner of Horsemoor Rd and footpath number 4. After discussion resolved to order 4th bin. Cllr Hennen will advise of the exact location. Proposed: Cllr Hennen Seconded: Cllr Dent. All in favour. c) web site: clerk reported that despite several requests to Vision ICT, the new web site, whilst now live, still hasn't had the work done to improve it to our specification. Clerk had received a phone call this afternoon from Vision ICT now saying that what we had requested can be done. Suggested Cllr Hennen or Clarke phone him tomorrow. Final invoice of £400 is for design, development and registration of the new site. New site can be found by typing www.wimblington-pc.gov.uk into your browser. After discussion resolved to ask for breakdown of invoice. Identify additional items. If clerk & Chair are happy can it be paid? After discussion resolved to give authorisation. All in favour. Proposed: Cllr Davis; Seconded: Cllr P Clark.	KB CH/JC

0011/21	Payments	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:				
		Payments		NET	VAT	£
		Staff salaries Jan	*Including pension, tax & NI			1887.84
		Swift Fire & Safety	Connect fire door to alarm	361.04	72.21	433.25
		Wrights tools	Xmas lights batteries	6.20	1.24	7.44
		BBC Fire protection	Install Fire door at hall	1269.72	253.94	1523.66
		BT	Hall phone & b'band Dec-Feb	102.00	20.40	122.40
		DKO Wheatley	Crown lift of hedge line	150.00	30.00	180.00
		DKO Wheatley	Tree review work various	1225.00	245.00	1470.00
		Avantigas	Hall gas December	209.22	41.84	251.06
		FDC	Cemetery garden waste			38.00
		Fenland Fire appl	Annual extinguishers service	69.60	13.92	83.52
		Huws/Ridgeons	Concrete posts/mix for defib	51.41	10.28	61.69
		Southern electric	Street light electricity	197.77	10.08	202.85
		Cable testing	Boots bridge Rep'l'mnt column	1550.44	310.09	1860.53
		March electrical	Xmas lights repair eqpt.	98.12	19.63	117.75
		Vision ICT	Final design of new web site	400.00	80.00	480.00
		March electrical	Xmas lights repairs eqpt.	473.16	94.63	567.79

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012/21	Risk Management and Health & Safety	a) To review policies/procedures. Nothing new to report. Clerk advised that she is still waiting for NALC to publish latest Councillor code of conduct model.																

013/21	Planning	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: F/YR20/1235/O - Erect up to 88 dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at land South of Bridge Lane. – object as per reply to consultation. Clerk had received a list of 61 residents who all object to this application. This has been lodged with FDC by the residents. As Ward Councillor, Cllr. Davis has ‘called this in’ asking FDC planning that if recommendation is to be approved it goes to Planning Committee so that it cannot be decided by an officer. She suggests that a resident speaks at the planning committee meeting and will liaise with M Abbott. There are currently approximately 100 objections to this application. Submission can still be up to 18th Jan as planning portal via FDC web site has been out of action. Objections can also be made by e-mailing planning@fenland.gov.uk Clerk reported that planning appeal F/YR20/0274/F to erect a bungalow on land East of Norman Way was dismissed by the planning inspector. b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Bowell said that the first NHP working group meeting took place last week with 10 members: 2 Councillors and 8 residents. Looked at what would need to be done. Notes of the working group’s meeting were circulated. She has asked for responses as to interest. Community engagement is key and very much needed. A blend of communication is definitely needed to contact as many people as possible. Next step is to meet bi-monthly. Possible sub groups to cover all areas. She has applied for grant of up to £10,000. Next meeting to be in February. Cllr Davis had forwarded other villages questionnaires for information. Cllr Harding will think about who at Stonea might be interested to join and forward suggestions to Cllr Bowell. Cllr Hennen will do the same for Eastwood End.	PA JH/CH
014/21	Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport	a) Street lights reported: Boots Bridge light has been replaced. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Froggs Abbey/Workhouse Drove footpath. Clerk has requested a map of footpaths from Cambs. County Council to ascertain whether there has in the past been a proper footpath at this location. This has not yet been received, but highways have been in touch and wish to meet at the site. Meeting set for tomorrow morning at 09.30. Clerk had received a letter outlining the upcoming work which is going to be done at the Guyhirn roundabout/junction. Link to online information had been forwarded to Cllrs on 12.1.21. For information go to: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/east/a47-guyhirn-junction/ Highways England will commence the work in February 2021 and finish in April 2022. Info to go on facebook page	
015/21	War Memorial playing field	a) WMPF – Cllr Dent reported that the field is a bit wet but other than that all is well. Play areas are still open in accordance with Government guidelines. b) Drainage: Clerk reported that a legal agreement had been received from Clarion housing on Friday 18th December, this had immediately been sent to our Solicitors for review as to its legality. Their office was to be closed from that date until 4th January 2021. Solicitor’s reply was received on 11.1.21 at 15.27. This was forwarded to Cllrs on 12.1.21 for review. After discussion resolved for clerk & chair to amend and forward to Cllrs for approval before it goes back to Solicitor then Clarion Housing.	

		c) adult exercise eqpt. From replies received from other clerks within Cambridgeshire, outdoor adult gym eqpt seems to be popular and well used. The most popular pieces appear to be: double air walker; double cross-country skier; double rower and seated leg press. Various quotes/options had been forwarded to Councillors as they arrived. Cllrs Clark & Dent were exploring funding, nothing yet secured. After discussion resolved to continue with effort to secure funding: Proposed: Cllr Davis Seconded: Cllr. Clark	
016/21	Parkfield	Cllr Dent reported that Parkfield is currently closed as per COVID regulations.	
017/21	New Cemetery/ Churchyard	Clerk received a telephone call from Mrs Young, an ex-resident of Wimblington, who had visited the Cemetery during the Christmas period to lay flowers on her husband's grave. She wanted to tell us how impressed she and her driver were with the condition of the Cemetery saying it had never looked better.	
018/21	Parish Hall	a) re-opening date. As Government guidelines have changed again recently for all to stay at home during 3 rd restrictions. Review monthly. Clerk has chased electrician for quote to replace electricity supply cable. Continue to chase. b) Outside repair work: Clerk has chased Zurich insurance again (several times since 15 th November) asking whether our insurance covers this work. This has been escalated to claims team manager by our customer account manager. Continue to chase as work is urgent. Cllr Rose reported via Chair that water had got in at the join between old and new parts of the shed. Agreed handyman to investigate.	PA PA
019/21	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	Cllr Rose reported: a) Fun Day: Events proposed: Nothing to report. b) Christmas Lights: Events proposed: A further £70.85 has been received from the gofundme page. Grateful thanks to all those who have donated. In a written report Cllr Rose said 'All Xmas lights are packed away and we extend our thanks to the Green family and Julie & Tony Chapman for their help once again. We were saddened to discover some further damage to two other pieces when we were derigging; this is in addition to the theft and vandalism of around £80 of tree baubles. I'm currently finishing the crime record from the CCTV book and now that I have names, I will include them in the email to the police.'	
020/21	Correspondence	Clerk reported she had received an e-mail from Sunica energy farm consulting us on their upcoming wind farm. This will be south of Soham. When clerk tried to look at the online form, it seems that the consultation is now closed. Cllr Dent reported that Pride of Fenland took place Mrs Margaret Bird won the voluntary category - congratulations to her. Cllr Dent will take tablet to Mrs Bird's doorstep and show her the award ceremony. Cllr Davis asked clerk to write congratulatory letter. Cllr Howell commented that there are traffic monitoring cables on March Rd. Is speedwatch going to continue. Cllr Davis replied that speedwatch will not hold speedwatch sessions at the moment due to COVID 19 rules. Cllr Gowing will find out why the monitoring cables have been placed there. Cllr Rose to be asked to supply MVA's stats for this area. Cllr Howell felt that the latest defib installation at Eastwood End is not pretty to look at and asked whether the posts could be boxed in. Clerk explained that she received a reply today from Electrical Testing regarding whether we can run a defibrillator cabinet from one of our street lights. Further questions have been asked and we await a reply.	PA
021/21	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday 9 th February 2021 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 20.55	

Appendix a*

Payments	January 2021	NET	VAT	£
Booking clerk	Hall steward duties			104.60
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			218.00

Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			784.10
Handyman	Handyman duties			288.00
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			231.64
LGSS	Clerks pension			261.50
Total				1887.84