

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 by 'zoom' video conference call, at 7.00 pm.

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

Number	Title		Action
022/21	Apologies for Absence	Cllr Harding	
023/21	Absentees	Cllr Wright	
024/21	Chairs Additional items	None	
025/21	Declarations of interest	i)declaration: F/YR20/1275/F – Cllr Davis & clerk ii)written dispensation requests: There were none iii)dispensation grants: There are none	
026/21	Public Participation	None	
027/21	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 12 th January 2021 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. P Clark; Seconded: Cllr Dent; All in favour.	
028/21	Fenland District Council	Cllr Davis reported that most work being done is Covid related with few new projects. There has been a meeting with S Barclay & Cllr D Laws regarding local flooding which is all over the region. FDC are co-ordinating incidences of flooding to be reported. Most Covid business grants have now been given.	
029/21	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr Gowing sent a written report which was forwarded to Cllrs on 8.2.21. Relevant parts are: CCC are investigating and reporting on flooding and instigating action to prevent further flooding where they can. In Cambridgeshire every care home resident and staff have either been given a vaccine or offered one, with a very small exception of a handful of homes where it can't be done currently because of the outbreak situation at those homes. Their target is to secure sufficient funding to ensure that every child and young person in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have both the equipment and access to broadband that they need to maintain continuity of their learning and education in their homes. Donations of unused equipment can be made at LaptopsForChildren@cambridgeshire.gov.uk . Loneliness & depression is still a big issue, go to https://www.bewellcambridgeshire.co.uk/resources-and-campaigns/50-000-reasons-for-help He has asked for a separate meeting to deal with flooding in Wimblington & Stonea. Site meeting in process of being arranged at Addison Rd. with CCC LHI meeting is on 1 st March. Full council meeting today when budget was agreed. £29.7million for highways 2021-2026 £4m a year for 5 years for footpaths. £2.7 m extra for flood improvements.	
030/21	Clerks report	Clerk reported that further to Jan minute 10/21c. The latest invoice from Vision ICT had been paid as their lowest costing for web site production is quoted on their web site as: up to £1200.00. As our cumulative bills so far have totalled £905.00 net, chair and clerk agreed that it should be paid. All councillors .gov.uk e-mails are working and Councillors should try to use them. Clerk had received a reply from Cambs CC and Anglian Water about a reported broken pump on Woodmans Way. It seems that the pump did fail on Boxing Day due to a short power outage, but was mended immediately and has been working correctly since then. Anglian Water also pointed out that we have had the wettest December & January for 100 years with over 140% of rainfall during these months. They encourage residents to sign up to the Environment Agencies flood warning service. Customers can report issues by calling 03457 145 145 or use their online service. Cllr Gowing asked why both pumps cant be used at the same time, but this is not possible as it would pump too much water for the pipes to cope with.	
031/21	Other Matters	a) Good neighbour scheme: Cllr Howell has spoken to social subscriber at the surgery who will attend meeting after COVID to explain her experience of them elsewhere. She would be an integral part of a Good neighbour scheme and is very keen to help. She would like to be able to refer needy residents when they need some help as well as be an integral part of the scheme.	

	b) Dog waste bins Eastwood End: Clerk reported that the 4th bin is now in-situ on The Hook. c) web site: clerk reported that a little progress has been made, although the site is still not as we would wish. Many areas have been updated by Cllrs. Clarke & Hennen and .gov.uk e-mails are now in use for clerk & Councillors. We continue to try to contact Vision ICT to get remaining items changed. Cllr Hennen did manage to speak to Daniel Hillier – the owner of Vision ICT - yesterday, he will try to improve site as per our requests. Cllr Hennen suggested a separate web team meeting to make some decisions as they cannot deliver what we have asked for. To be arranged. Cllr Bowell has still not been able to get attachments to work. Signature will not work through mobile device. Will e-mail clerk with faults. d) Flooding: Cllr Davis said that with many more houses being built this is covering what were fields with concrete reducing opportunity for drainage. Drains & gulley's are not routinely cleaned out by County Council which blocks them, we now have to ask for this to be done. We have been lucky in that our road drains have been cleaned out this week. After the recent heavy rainfall, a number of residents had reported flood or very near flood, which has not been seen in Wimblington for many years. The corner of Addison Rd. field and several house gardens there have been flooded hence the upcoming meeting there. A ditch between the field and road has been filled in by householder, this has been forwarded to CCC for action. The field & gardens have now been flooded for over 6 weeks with no agency taking responsibility. All Cllrs to documents any complaints regarding flooding & forward to clerk. Cllr Davis asked if between us we could list all of our road drains and all check them periodically and report when necessary. Cllr Davis & clerk will start & collate. Clerk had forwarded an e-mail from Cllr D Laws asking for information from each area about their flooding issues. Cllr Davis had replied with Wimblington information. Clerk & Chair had received an e-mail from Cllr Gowing who had attended a zoom meeting regarding flooding in March and has requested another to deal with Wimblington, Stone & Manea. He asked for information from residents about any drains or ditches which are know to be blocked or filled in. Cllr Davis is in the process of drafting a statement with contact details to go onto our web site and facebook page. e) Wildlife Policy: Cllr Wright was not able to attend. Agenda for next time Cllr Gowing said that he is now on Tree committee and asked whether the village needs any trees. Cllr Hennen asked who to go to about defunct railway/who maintains it as many trees have been felled there. Network rail said that the work was done for safety reasons but have said that they've overdone the work so that attendance is reduced. Who can they contact about this as wildlife is severely affected? Cllr Gowing said that normally if trees are cut down they have to be replaced. He will look into this with postcode. Cllr Bowell offered that we will add new trees into the NHP questionnaire. f) Connections Bus: Clerk had receive a letter from Connections Bus project offering the youth support/work in Wimblington. This had been discussed during Jan 2020 meeting when decision was not to buy the service as only 3 children had attended during the Summer holidays. Costs quoted in 2020 were £220.00 for 1.5 hours session but a minimum booking of one full term was needed. After discussion resolved not to purchase. Proposed: Cllr. P Clark Seconded: Cllr. Rose	PA PA
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Appendix a*

Payments	February 2021	NET	VAT	£
Booking clerk	Hall steward duties			104.80
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			174.40
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			784.30
Handyman	Handyman duties			288.00
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			231.24
LGSS	Clerks pension			261.50
Total				1844.24