

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

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Rose; Cllr. P Clark; Cllr. J Clarke; Cllr. C Hennen ; Cllr. J Dent; Cllr. E Wright; Cllr. J Harding; Cllr K Bowell.
Cllr J Gowing, CCC; Mrs P Hart; Trevor Thorne; Beverley Davis; Michele Abbott; Angela Johnson;

Number	Title		Action
043/21	Apologies for Absence	None	
044/21	Absentees	Cllr Harding	
045/21	Chairs Additional items	None	
046/21	Declarations of interest	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none iii)dispensation grants: There are none	
047/21	Public Participation	Pat Hart said that she and Margaret Moutlon had asked many of the 50+ members and ladies keep fit group about possible gym eqpt at the WMPF with a very positive response, they may form a group to use the equipment. Mrs Johnson said that she has joined the meeting as she is very happy to join the Neighbourhood Plan group. A difficulty with e-mails seems to have been sorted out. She also asked about the travellers who have come onto the site on Hook Rd. Cllr Davis said that the land is owned by the travellers, it has been divided into 2 different sections and those sections owned by those on site, all have entered planning applications. There are now 11 caravans on site. Fenland District Council are aware and have instigated a stop order, but as planning has been applied for they have 28 days grace. Cllr Davis will speak to the enforcement officer again and the traveller and diversity manager to gain insight as to situation now.	MD
048/21	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 9 th February 2021 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr . Rose; All in favour.	
049/21	Fenland District Council	Cllr Davis reported that despite a 4 hour 20min meeting last week, there is still very little to report relevant to the Parish. One item is a decision to vary the amount of relief under the Council Tax Support Scheme from 14% to 20% with effect from 1 April 2021. Cllr. Davis compared with Peterborough where the contribution rate was 30%.	MD
050/21	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr Gowing reported that they have not yet had the monthly meeting. The community centre in March is to have a £735,000 refurbishment. Farm tenants retirement age at the moment is 65, this may now have to be extended and therefore their tenancies. Trees & woodland steering group is looking for areas to plant trees. Re trees on old railway which have been taken down he has not had an answer from Network Rail but is still chasing them.	
051/21	Clerks report	Clerk had received notice from Fenland District Council that there is to be a survey of residents - www.fenland.gov.uk/consultations asking for views on how cycling and walking provision, and mobility access, can be improved in the district. Closes on 21 st March. Members agreed to post on FaceBook page. Clerk received notice today from Cambs Public Health that there will be three pop-up Covid-19 rapid testing sites at the following locations in the week commencing Monday 15 March. · King Edward Community Centre, 3 King Edwards Road, Chatteris. Open Monday and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. · GER Sports and Social Club, Robingoodfellows Lane, March. Open Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to 5pm · Whittlesey Baptist Church, 32 Gracious Street, Whittlesey. Open Wednesday and Friday, 9am to 5pm. The pop-up sites will consist of a designated sheltered testing area, with social distancing measures in place. No appointment is needed to get a test, people just need to turn up on the day testing is taking place. The tests are aimed at people who are leaving home regularly for work, volunteering or training.	
052/21	Other Matters	a) Good neighbour scheme: awaiting Covid restrictions to lift, which should be by 21 st June barring further restrictions. Social prescriber from Fenland Medical Practitioners will attend meeting when restrictions lifted.	

		b) web site: clerk reported that a little progress has been made, but the site is still not as we would wish. Vision ICT have finally made contact and have addressed some of the issues, but others remain unchanged. A further separate meeting of web site group took place on 11.2.21 result that no one is happy with either the site which still has areas which we would like changed, but more importantly the fact that Vision ICT are extremely slow to respond to telephone calls or e-mails. A final list of changes has been forwarded to Vision ICT in an effort to have the site as we would wish. If site is not changed group thought that we should consider cutting our losses and look for a new provider. After discussion decided to wait until this company's term is up, but not to pay any further money to Vision ICT. Further to minute 031/21c a web site meeting was held, decision to stay with Vision ICT for the year paid for, during which time Cllrs. Hennen; Clarke & Davis will look for other site providers. c) Wildlife Policy: Cllr Wright said that she has a copy policy and will send it to Cllrs for consideration at the next meeting. It really looks at wildlife sites within the village and what can be done to maintain them.	MD;JC; CH
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0053/21	Payments	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:					
		Payments		NET	VAT	£	
		Staff salaries March	*Including pension, tax & NI			1956.24	
	0224/20d	Swift Fire & Safety	Replace hall emergency light	191.25	38.25	229.50	
		EDF	Pavilion electricity			16.00	
		Swift Fire #	Abortive visit charge	122.50	24.50	147.00	
		Southern electricity	Hall electricity	165.59	8.27	173.86	
		CAPALC	Annual subscription fee 21/22			570.80	
		Ridgeons	Goods for new hall cupboard	87.73	17.55	105.28	
		West End DIY	Paint for hall	42.47	8.49	50.96	
		Avantigas	Hall gas Feb	157.77	7.89	165.66	
		Fraser Dawbarns	Legal advice re WMPF drains	328.50	65.70	394.20	
		Reads groundworks	WMPF drains	8510.00	1702.00	10212.00	
		Wave	Pavilion water Dec – March			13.11	
		Wave	Cemetery water Dec – March			42.41	
		Wave	Hall water Dec – March			47.30	
		Wicksteed	WMPF goal/hoop eqpt	3793.45	758.69	4552.14	
		J Clarke	Postage of policies			4.92	
		Fenwinds	Deposit hall wall work	615.00	123.00	738.00	
			SSE	Street light electricity Feb	160.11	8.45	168.56
			Invoices paid by Barclaycard				
			Zoom	Video confr	11.99	2.40	14.39
			Giff gaff	Pavilion data	10.00	2.00	12.00
			Amazon	Door handles for hall	28.32	5.66	33.98
			*See appendix a for salary breakdown				
			= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting				
			All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. P Clark; Seconded: Cllr.Davis , all in favour.				
		# Payment credited to our invoice from BBC					
		b) Finance report: Clerk had forwarded summary to Clls on 9.3.21. To date there is a total income of £162,484 recorded with expenditure of £111,863 recorded.					
		Clerk reported that £1500.00 each will be put into earmarked reserve for Fun Day & Christmas Lights groups before end of financial year as per previous discussions, if approved. After discussion resolved to approve. Proposed: Cllr Davis; Seconded: Cllr. Bowell.					
054/21	Risk Management and Health & Safety	a) To review policies/procedures.					
		b) Cllr Clarke had forwarded an updated Equality & Diversity policy for review. After discussion resolved to approve update with a couple of minor amendments. Proposed: Cllr Dent; Seconded: Cllr. Rose					

055/21	Planning	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: F/YR21/0185/F - Erect a conservatory to rear of existing dwelling at 52 March Road – no objections F/YR21/0145/F - Erect 67 x holiday lodges, a toilet block, a reception building with associated parking and landscaping, and extensions to existing garden centre building and car park at Skylark Garden Centre And Country Store Manea Road – Cllr Hennen asked whether it will help the community? It is believed that it will bring in tourists and create a few jobs. Cllr Howell offered that even if it creates just 2 jobs that is a positive and may offer young people opportunities & possibly apprentices. Cllr Dent said the application says they will not be permanent homes and cannot be occupied for 12 months of the year. Cllr Rose said that it would have implications on traffic particularly when there is a car boot sale there. – no objections F/YR21/0193/TRPO -Fell 1no Larch and works to 1no Lime, 1no Willow, 1no Silver Birch and 1no Magnolia tree covered by TPO 04/2013 at 29 Norfolk Street – no objections <i>Cllr Davis did not take part in discussions regarding the above planning applications as she is a member of FDC planning committee.</i> b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Howell reported that the third NHP meeting had taken place. Contact has been made with the officer for NHP at Fenland District Council and the application to register the whole of Wimblington and Stonea (all within Parish boundary) as Wimblington & Stonea Neighbourhood Area, has been made. Cllr Davis has received formal acknowledgement of receipt. Funding window is still closed so news yet about that but we could receive £10,000. Working groups have started to have their own meetings with the Questionnaires/engagement group having already produced a draft leaflet explaining what the questionnaire is for, for residents. Post box on village hall is needed for return questionnaires and also for newly issued land registry documents. Issues re GDPR are also being discussed.	PA MD
056/21	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport	a) Street lights reported: Quote had been received to replace the column and light opposite Governess Close (currently concrete no LED) of £966.69 from our maintenance contractors. After discussion resolved to approve the spend/replacement. Proposed: Cllr Rose Seconded: Cllr. Hennen 2 complaints received about light FPC 8 on corner of Eastwood End and A141, which was, before the A141 cut through the village, on Bridge Lane, but is now in reality a highways light. Clerk had asked Cambs County Council to take over the street light which sits at the Northern entrance to Eastwood End , on the A141. This has been reported as not working and was not replaced with other Wimblington lights as it could not be found on Bridge Lane, which used to be its reference point before the A141 cut through the village. A meeting took place between clerk; Chair; Cambs CC street lights and Cllr Gowing re this light on 5.3.21. CCC are not allowed to only have 1 highways light they must install at least 2 either side of a junction and they do not have the budget to do this. We can either remove it or replace it. As it is a concrete column approx cost as per earlier quote is £996.69 or to remove it would cost approximately £400-500 including disconnection from electricity supply. Clerk and Chairman met with the site manager at Data Shredders to ask whether they and perhaps Fengrain would consider paying the difference between removal and replacement – approx £250.00 each business. Data Shredders are happy to donate £200.00 towards the costs but were not able to speak to Fengrain. Our grateful thanks to Data Shredders for this donation. Letter to be sent to Fengrain and Recyplas asking for help. After discussion resolved to replace. Proposed: Cllr. Davis: Seconded: Cllr. P Clark Suggestions for new street light received from Cllr Howell – Chapel Lane as had previously been identified and Doddington Rd, between Chapel Lane and Station Rd. Clerk has contacted contractor for quote already requested – they need a site address which was sent to them as outside the vicarage on Chapel Lane or preferably opposite that location next to Park House on the dark corner. Clerk to also ask for Doddington Rd. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Davis received a request for a rubbish bin in the lay-by on Hook Rd. It is too dangerous for Street Pride to cover. FDC/Street Pride have sent eqpt to Mr Akers on Eastwood End so that he can litter pick. Clerk to ask FDC for price of litter bin. After discussion resolved to approve spend of up to £250.00 clerk to arrange. Proposed: Cllr. Rose; Seconded: Cllr. P Clark	PA PA MD PA PA

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Appendix a*

Payments	March 2021	NET	VAT	£
Booking clerk	Hall steward duties			104.60
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			174.40
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			784.10
Handyman	Handyman duties			360.00
Handyman	Mileage collect free racking			40.00
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			231.64
LGSS	Clerks pension			261.50
Total				1956.24