

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th April 2021 by 'zoom' video conference call, at 7.00 pm.

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. P Clark; Cllr. J Dent; Cllr. J Rose; Cllr. K Bowell; Cllr. J Clarke; Cllr. J Harding; Cllr. C Hennen
Cllr J Gowing, CCC; Mrs P Hart; Ms G Anderton Cambs Housing Ass.; Mr T. Welland Cambs Housing Ass; Mr T Thorne;

A minutes silence was observed in respect of the recently deceased, The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh who passed away recently.

Number	Title		Action
064/21	Apologies for Absence	Cllr Wright;	
065/21	Absentees	None	
066/21	Chairs Additional items	Councillor personal matter for closed meeting, to be discussed after agenda item 16 Christmas Lights, to enable public to leave meeting after all other agenda items. Agenda item 17 to be brought forward to agenda item 6 space.	
067/21	Declarations of interest	i)declaration: Cllr Dent re F/YR21/0320/RM planning; ii)written dispensation requests: There were none iii)dispensation grants: There are none	
068/21	Public Participation	a) Presentation by Cambridgeshire Housing Society (CHS) re. proposed affordable housing development of 14 houses on land South of 47 Doddington Rd. Tony Welland & Gill Anderson said that Cambridgeshire Housing Society are seeking views on a proposal to develop a Rural exception site in Wimblington. There is now a possible exception site at the edge of the village. CHS are a registered housing provider and will need a Government grant to make this development possible. They provide good quality housing with good management and as an org. are very community focused and also provide outreach work. The already have a scheme at Hassock Way which is about 10 years old. CCC have also been approached re type of properties needed and have worked with them to try to provide typical housing to the surrounding area. Re. viability it's not easy to make an affordable housing scheme viable in Fenland. Costs have been estimated by a professional. A full survey has not yet been done. Viability would need grants. Shared ownership and rented homes are part of our portfolio. Some RCGF will make up any shortfall. If this goes ahead, hopefully with WPC support, it will need to be approved internally which has not yet been done. Plans etc have been forwarded. Cllr Davis said that there is currently site with 30 affordable houses proposed, next to Hassocks Way – Gill said this is not their site. Gill's understanding of this site is that the outline planning is for 30 and a developer is interested in buying the site and potentially going back to the planner's which might give some affordable, but at this time it's not considered to be a Rural exceptions site. Cllr Davis understands from the developer that all 30 houses will be 'affordable'. CHS is not at this point involved. Tony Welland said that Doddington Rd. site would be under a local lettings policy. Cambs Housing are looking to provide 14 whilst the housing need survey said that 30? affordable houses are needed. The drawings are not fully completed. Surveys carried out so far: ecology survey with preliminary appraisal available with no major issues. There are some bio-diversity suggestions. Drainage is being looked at. Initial discussion re design have taken place. Engineers have assessed utilities. Possibly mains water and outfall will need attention. Mix of 1, 2 and 3 bed houses and bungalows in the designs. Access is off Doddington Rd. Nothing has yet been discussed with highways or planners. Footway may need to be extended. 5.5 meter adoptable roadway with room for refuse vehicles to turn. All houses to be pushed away from the by-pass. All properties have 2 parking spaces. Retaining all hedges except large conifer hedge, owner of hedge is not yet known. Part of deal with buying the land is that we have to provide new access point to current owners property. All gardens will be compliant with FDC regs. with sheds and bolt down bike storage. Cllr Davis asked whether the ditch in front of the land runs the whole length of the parcel of land? No ditch has been plotted on the topographical survey. Cllr Davis said that there is a ditch in front of 53 Doddington Rd. If so this may need to be culverted. Cllr Bowell asked what is the local lettings criteria? - Normally this would be a demonstrable connection to the village. Specifically detail for Fenland would be used. Cllr Bowell said that the needs assessment says 27 homes are needed does this plan match what the needs are? Fenland needs are mostly 1 and 2 bed homes, but there does need to be 3 bed family homes to help viability and there is a smaller need for 3 and 4 bed affordable family homes. CHS have talked in detail with FDC to ensure needs are met and they have	

		advised for this project. Cllr Davis suggested inviting Dan Hall to the next meeting for a further explanation. Cllr Bowell was concerned whether this would fulfil needs found in the Neighbourhood. No other questions. Cllr Davis thanked both for attending and said that it will be discussed and feedback sent in due course. Visitors left the meeting. Cllr Davis has been told that the other plot next to Hassocks Way is to be all affordable housing. If there are to be 30 there and 14 on Doddington Rd this hugely exceeds provision identified. Cllr. Bowell said that it felt as though some information was missing. Cllr Davis said that from Parkfield moving towards the site, there are 4 houses then the field in question and 14 houses on the plot seems to be overfill. Cllr Bowell said that initial thoughts of the NHP group are that, generally it is felt that there needs to be a discernible belt of green space around the edge of the village, to retain its village feel and identity. General feeling that far too much development is being planned for Wimblington – 88/34/27 now 14. As much as young people of the village need housing, we need to ask how much development can Wimblington stand? Cllr Davis suggested we invite Dan Hall to a meeting to discuss. All in agreement. b) Public participation: None	MD
069/21	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 9 th March 2021 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. P Clark ; Seconded: Cllr J Dent; All in favour.	
070/21	Fenland District Council	Cllr Davis reported that FDC's next meeting is not scheduled until May, but as yet information re meetings is not clear due to Covid regulations and regulations re remote meetings.	
071/21	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr Gowing was not able to report due to purdah. Cllr Rose reported: a) Fun Day: Events proposed: Fund raising needed, possible car raleigh/treasure hunt on bank holiday Monday in August. Cllr Rose is looking into insurance/legislation. Sandwiches at the end. b) Christmas Lights: Events proposed: Nothing new except new web site is now up and running. Hopefully fund raising events may take place. Clerk explained situation and costs received from electrician to install correct cabling and have 3 phase supply at hall to facilitate Christmas switch on at the Parish Hall. Clerk to carry on investigating/ await response from UK Power Networks. If 3 phase is not possible/too costly it may mean alteration of plans for switch on.	PA
072/21	Clerks report	National Minimum wage had increased from £8.72 to £8.91 per hour as from 1.4.2021 increasing salaries of hall steward and cleaner. Clerk & Handyman's salaries as per budget effective from 1.4.2021. Highways England report forwarded to Cllrs. on 9.4.2021. Can be found at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/guyhirn	
073/21	Other Matters	a) Good neighbour scheme: awaiting Covid restrictions to lift, which should be by 21st June barring further restrictions. b) web site: Clerk explained position in that Cllr Hennen & Cllr J Clark Cllr Davis are looking at other providers. Meetings being set up with them. Cllr Hennen pointed out that costs of 2commune are higher but can keep gov.uk e-mails with them. Report at next meeting. c) Wildlife Policy: Cllr Wright to report not able to attend. d) VE day 8th May, 75th Anniversary: After discussion resolved not to hold a further event as there had been a gathering outside for the 100th anniversary. Cllr Davis has received lamp post Tommy information from British Legion. They affix to a lamppost but don't know weight. Cost is £225 for 1 + shipping. or £405 for 2 free shipping. After discussion resolved not to buy as they would not cover the whole village. Decided to install the 2 tommy's we already have this year. e) Future meetings – information sent to Cllrs 29.3.2021. Further to information received that Government will not extend the legislation that allows Councils to hold meeting virtually. However on the Gov.uk web site it states: 'Meetings where local authorities deem that in-person attendance is not required should continue to be held virtually.' After discussion resolved to wait for further rulings and outcome of Hereford CC court case re meetings. f) East Anglia's Children's Hospices: Clerk had received an update letter from EAST outlining their work and, in a roundabout way, asking for further support. After discussion resolved to give donation of £250.00 Proposed: Cllr P Clark Seconded: Cllr Hennen. g) Cambs Countryside Watch – Cllr Wright had forwarded information to clerk – forwarded to Cllrs. On 1.4.21, from Cambs Countryside Watch. Cllr Wright asked whether Council would like to join at a cost of £52.00 pa. They deal generally with Rural crime. After	PA

		discussion resolved to join for 1 year trial Clerk to initiate. Cllr Hennen volunteered to be contact. Proposed: Cllr Hennen Seconded: Cllr. J Clarke. h) Doddington skate park/team Rubicon event – Doddington PC had contacted clerk/Chairman as they have expressed interest in team Rubicon coming to Doddington to host a training event, particularly as skateboarding is to be an Olympic event. Cllr Davis in her capacity as District Councillor had told Doddington PC at their last meeting that we may be interested in supporting the event. Overall cost for the day would be £920.00. Rubicon are looking for 100 skateparks to be part of their 'Talent Pathway' event. After discussion resolved to express interest but ask for more detail.	PA
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		including approx 2.3m high entrance gates at Land South Of 6 Eastwood End - Comment: <i>Whilst parish councillors accept that the outline planning permission was given with access as shown they express concern at the unclear view of the road on a blind bend making exiting dangerous with poor visual splay</i> F/YR21/0328/F - Erect 21no single-storey dwellings comprising of 18 x 3-bed and 3 x2-bed with garages including 1.8 metre high (approx) close boarded fencing at Land North Of Willow Gardens – <i>object on highways and infrastructure grounds, will create too many vehicles onto King St. Flood situation this year caused problems which this would exacerbate. LP3, LP12(a, c, d, f, g, k, i) LP16 (d, g.</i> F/YR21/0356/F - Change of use of land for the use as 5no traveller's plots including siting of 5no mobile homes and 9no touring caravans and formation of a new vehicular access (retrospective) at Land East Of Cedar Rose Stables Horsemoor Road – <i>object over-development of land and volume of traveller pitches would exceed residential homes on this stretch of Horsemoor Rd. Plot is also in flood zone 3. LP5 Part D (f)</i> <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 application to register Wimblington & Stonea Neighbourhood Area has been successful. Funding stream is still not open which will guide when letter can be sent out. Hall opening needed for start meeting. Working group met, awareness letter ready, which will go onto a new facebook page and posted when funding available. Questionnaire has been started.	PA
077/21	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport	a) Street lights reported: FPC1 OS No 4 Sixteen foot bank – clerk has reported to maintenance company. Quote to replace FPC8 on corner of A141/Eastwood End had been received today at cost of £1874.59 net. After discussion resolved to approve and order. Proposed: Cllr Hennen Seconded: Cllr. Dent. All in favour by show of hands. b) Footpaths and highways issues: None received; Further to minute 056/21b Clerk has requested quote for waste bin in a lay-by on the Hook, awaiting quote as positioning is going to be difficult. Clerk to chase.	PA PA
078/21	War Memorial playing field	a) WMPF – Cllr Dent reported that a quite large rut has appeared – clerk to have filled with sand. Clerk to speak to CGM to ask if they have done it. b) adult exercise eqpt: clerk & handyman had visited Ramsey Heights to view Caloo's eqpt. Handyman's view is that it is sturdily made of strong and appropriate materials. Cllr Dent had also visited and forwarded photo's of eqpt which is over 4 years old. Cllr Dent had visited and forwarded photo's to all Cllrs. Awaiting funding decision c) Clarion deed of substitution re drains: Deed forwarded to Councillors on 24.3.2021. After discussion resolved to approve signature by chairman (signed at this meeting) and vice – chairman – copy to be taken to him for signature. Clerk will then e-mail scan of signed document back to Clarion for their signatures and registration with Land Registry. After discussion resolved to sign. Clarion have agreed to any half of costs of restoring grass area at £2900.00. d) field grass repairs: A revised quote from CGM for grass repairs had been received of £2600.00 for top soil and seeding or £2900.00 for chain harrow first then top soil and seeding. Clarion have offered to pay half of this cost and work including chain harrowing has been ordered at a cost of £2900.00 – see minute 057/21b for pre-approval.	
079/21	Parkfield	Cllr Dent reported that still closed not opening till May. Works on play eqpt is commencing.	
080/21	New Cemetery/Churchyard	Nothing new to report. Clerk to chase grass cutting again as resident has complained.	PA
081/21	Parish Hall	a) re-opening date. As Government guidelines have now changed it may be possible to open the hall as from 12th April restricted to children party with up to 15 adults; then 25% capacity in hall = 25 adults; exercise classes can start from 17th May dependent upon restrictions continuing to be lifted. Review monthly. b) Outside repair work: Front of hall is complete and side will be started probably next week c) CCTV: Extra camera has now been fitted in car park. A quote from electrician was received last night, to upgrade the electrics at the hall to 3 phase to enable the shed and outside entertainers to use our electricity – forwarded to Cllrs 13.4.2021. Clerk today had asked UKPN for quote to supply three phase by June – awaiting contact from them.	

082/21	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	See 1a above. Members of public were asked to leave the meeting. Cllr Rose has a personal family situation whereby she has asked for permission to miss some meetings as and when necessary. After discussion all in agreement. Cllr P Clark offered to do weekly Fire alarm check and take MVAS data. Cllr Hennen offered to change MVAS batteries. See 071/21 above Cllr Rose reported: see 071/21 above. a) Fun Day: Events proposed: b) Christmas Lights: Events proposed:	
083/21	Correspondence	Cllr. J Clark said that Ransonmoor grant bids close on 29 th August. Clerk to investigate commercial car charging point.	PA
084/21	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Annual General Meeting Tuesday 4 th May 2021 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 21.45	

Appendix a*

Payments	April 2021	NET	VAT	£
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			107.05
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			178.20
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			796.33
Handyman	Handyman duties			288.00
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			240.24
LGSS	Clerks pension			266.76
Total				1876.58