

Present: M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllrs Rose: Hennen; Crawford; Harding.

Margaret Moulton; Pat Hart; Cllr. John Gowing; Mr & Mrs Bellard; Mr & Mrs Beech; Shirley Morrissey; Mrs Bird Janet Richardson; Mr Robin Sutton

Number	Title		Action
0071/18	Apologies for Absence	PCSO Holloway; Cllr Knowles; Cllr Dent; Cllr Clarke.	
0072/18	Absentees	None	
0073/18	Declarations of interest	None	
0074/18	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 10 th April 2018 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr Rose. Seconded: Cllr Crawford	
0075/18	Representations guest speakers:	Mr Robin Sutton, Chairman of Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch – NW is alive and well but needed revamping generally. His role to ensure that there is good NW in place in Cambs. This may take time in some areas. Crime at the moment appears to be on the increase but this is not the case. Crime has decreased since the 1960's, and significantly since the 1990's. This year levels have flat lined. There are sensible reasons for this which have nothing to do with knife crime. Vehicle crime has increase approx. 15% mostly down to keyless ignitions. Burglary up slightly but shoplifting is down. There has been an 8% increase in police recorded knife crime, but this is a percentage of a small number. Knife crime tends to be in large metropolitan areas and is usually trophy hunting, but sometimes drug related. County lines are also sometimes responsible, using, usually, minors to deliver drugs from the large cities. Large finds of drugs are occasionally found in this area. In Wimblington over the last 6 months, there were 8 crimes each month, with 9 in December, 12 crimes were recorded in Jan 2017. Usually the bulk of these crimes is anti-social behaviour. Each month there are usually 1 or 2 burglaries, which appear to be opportunist burglaries, which can be combatted. There are 3 things which contribute to theft – there has to be something worth stealing on show; there must be a recipient/criminal who wants your items, and there has to be an absence of a capable guardian – a person, burglar alarm or even a neighbourhood watch sign. Usually if there is no capable guardian this is when crimes usually occur. Most burglaries only take 2-3 minutes and then the thief is gone. In every case when I have visited victims of crime, there have been contributing factors – no curtains and expensive items on show; laptop on show and jewellery in a downstairs drawer. The best deterrent is to hide valuable items, keep gates locked, have a burglar alarm, and utilise any or all of the deterrents. NW have tool kits available to all – on 'ourwatch' website which will help keep you safer. Where there is a community watch, crime rates do go down. Police presence is not a deterrent as thieves have phones and work together. NW in Wimblington has 33 co-ordinators/ registered members. NW is changing by addressing issues, the major focus this year is to support co-ordinators, driven by a new CEO. We will be looking in the future at modern slavery, domestic abuse, violence and scams (fraud) and wellbeing. If we can look after the wellbeing of residents in the community, this should reduce scams. Usually victims of scams hide the fact, but scams can happen to anyone, vulnerable people are more likely to be scammed. Over the phone, on the computer, at the door – they are invasive crimes and are difficult to stop and have grown by 28% costing this county between 1 and 10 billion pounds a year. We are going to prevent it happening as much as possible buy educating people. Publications/books are available (clerk to get leaflets) if attendees want to, they can become a 'friend against scams'. NW offer free training about how to prevent them. (at a venue in March soon). Also, NW provides free cyberscams training. NW is about making the community stronger and safer. Groups of people are always stronger when working together and good behaviour teaches others how to behave. Dog waste is another Neighbourhood issue, but as Wimblington has a green dog walkers scheme which educates those who don't pick up after their dog, residents lead by example.. I can't stress enough that NW does work. There is to be a lot of reconstruction of NW in the near future. In Wimblington there are 6 regular attendees of NW, although around 30 originally signed up. Cllr Hennen asked if NW was connected to Countryside watch, as there are a lot of remote houses in this area - there is a loose connection with Countryside watch, but there is nothing stopping those people who are members of Countryside watch also being members of NW. NW would like to be in the position whereby everyone helped each other. To close a quiz. What do people most want others to do - answer -Accept parcels. 51% thought being quiet	PA

		and courteous is important; 49% to watch each other's property; 38% not being nose; 38% being courteous. Mr Sutton said Wimblington is lucky as it has a good feel and residents who will help, other villages are not so lucky and do not have this.	
0076/18	Chairman's report	See appendix 1 from Cllr Davis	
0077/18	Financial report	The clerk reported that: At 31st March 2019, unaudited amounts of £3718.36 and £152,070.72 were held in the Parish Council's Treasurer's and Business bank accounts with £262.65 petty cash held. These figures do not include any payments still to be made for the 2018/19 financial year. Notwithstanding this, the Parish Council has an unaudited grand total of £156,051.73. For the financial year 2018/19, we have received a net income of £103,846.00, and an expenditure of £120,406.00 has been recorded to date. The income includes grant receipts of £2790.00 and a donation of £200.00 towards defibrillators and £6196.00 one off payment from Fenland District Council street lights budget, towards the street lights which we have replaced. As last year, these are healthy figures, however there are still approximately half of the village street light replacements yet to be installed and paid for, the cost of this should be in the region of £35,000.00. Three VAT claims had been made in the 2018/19 financial year, with a final one, pending reconciliation of bank statements, to be done, which will reclaim in the region of £895.00 As last year, further improvements have been made during the year here in the Parish Hall and car park, spending around £32,000.00 of our budget. In round figures we spent £13,200.00 to re-surface the car park; £2,000.00 on the badly needed drainage replacement; and £16,500.00 on the huge improvements to the interior; and The Chairman has said, we plan to do even more here in the coming year to improve and maintain the building. Our next phase hopefully will be to improve the toilet facilities and hall floor, to the same standard as the rest of the building, with repairs to the exterior of the building also to be looked at.	
0078/18	Open forum	The Chairman invited questions. There were none.	
0079/18	Date of next meeting	The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 14 th May 2019. The next Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday 14 th April 2020. Meeting closed at: 19.47	