

Minutes of a meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 in the small room of the Parish Hall, Addison Road Wimblington at 7.00 pm.

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr Clarke ; Cllr Coulson ; Cllr Dent ; Cllr Knowles; Cllr Crawford; Cllr Rose

Number	Title		Action
0023/17	Apologies for Absence	CSO Carol Holloway; Cllr Connor; Cllr Wright	
0024/17	Absentees	None	
0025/17	Chairs Additional items	None	
0026/17	Declarations of interest	Cllr Dent re Parkfield mast	
0027/17	Public participation	None	
0028/17	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 3 rd January 2017 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr Knowles; Seconded: Cllr Dent	
0029/17	Crime report	In a written report PCSO Holloway reported that there had been two incidents of hare coursing - two males had been detained. In Eastwood End a padlock and chain used to secure a gate of a horse's paddock was stolen and there had been a theft of a Honda CBR Motorbike. A Peugeot 207 Motor Vehicle had been stolen from Manea Rd. PCSO Holloway is continuing to visit the school at the start and end of the school day – words of advice had been given to a driver who stopped across a driveway. The February engagement was held in the Parish Hall on 3 rd February 2017 between 13.00 – 14.00pm.	
0030/17	Fenland District council	Report by Cllr M Davis: Cllr Davis reported that nothing new to report as next meeting is next week. Brown bin take up is on target and 10,000.00 people approx. have paid in advance	
0031/17	Cambridgeshire County Council	Report from Cllr. David Connor. Cllr Connor could not attend due to being at Cambs CC for a meeting, so no report was received.	
0032/17	Matters Arising	further to minute 0010/17 a) Street lights – Cllr Davis reported that costings had been done (e-mailed to councillors) showing prices of cost from different companies for street light maintenance etc. Should the Parish Council decide to stay with Balfour Beatty we may not have to pay for maintenance, however costings show that it will be cheaper over 7 years to become independent and change contractor. After discussion, it was resolved to ask FDC for the money they spend currently on the lighting maintenance and change contractor, along with Doddington, Manea and several other local villages to Electrical Testing. All in favour after vote. b) defibrillator – the clerk reported that she had contacted the local Ambulance service who said that funding through the British Heart Foundation had now finished. He had advised that the defibrillator should be on the outside of a building central to the village in a heated cabinet. The battery should last approximately 4 years, but this and the pads needed to be checked every month. Pads need replacing either after use or at expiry date. Information about the 2 types of defibrillator had been e-mailed to Councillors on 9.2.17 for perusal. After discussion it was resolved to review at the next meeting, when Cllr Wright would be in attendance. c) the clerk reported that all duties required by the Pension Regulator had now been completed. d) Grass cutting tenders. The clerk reported that 2 tenders had been received, which had been forwarded to Councillors on 27.1.17. After discussion, it was resolved to stay with CGM. Prop T Knowles Seconded Cllr Rose e) the clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mrs Christine Swinden of the Golden Lion at Stonea, who was concerned that there had been a misunderstanding between herself and Cllr Davis, during their last telephone conversation. Mrs Swinden would like it to be put on record that her intention was to state that there is little point having a notice board at Stonea, positioned on her public house wall, if they were not receiving the notices in time. Not that she wanted the noticeboard removed. The clerk apologised for any lateness and discovered that Mrs Swinden does not have fast broadband only a dial up connection. The clerk had told Mrs Swinden that a new noticeboard for	PA put on next agenda PA

		Stonea was to be discussed, if Mrs Swinden was still happy to accommodate it, which she confirmed she was.	
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Payments

The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:

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Payments		NET	VAT	£
M Moulton	Booking clerk duties			86.40
Inland revenue	MM tax			21.60
L Duff	Hall cleaning			144.00
P Amos	Clerk duties incl. expenses			489.05
Inland revenue	PA tax			108.00
LGSS	Pension			219.21
Yu energy	Hall gas	103.85	5.19	109.04
B Elmore	Xmas lights work	187.14	37.43	224.57
e-on	Pavilion electricity	20.53	1.03	21.56
Ridgeons	Wood etc. archive shelves	60.42	12.09	72.51
Ridgeons	Hall sink removal supplies	6.02	1.21	7.23
P Kendall	Cupboard shelves			60.00
FDC	Hall bin collection			125.42
FDC	Church bin collection			125.42
CAB	Outreach service Oct – Nov			101.33
March Electrical	Xmas lights	38.00	7.60	45.60
British gas	Final hall gas bill	92.85	18.57	111.42
VIP bin cleaning	Jan hall bin clean			12.50
March Electrical	Xmas lights	124.66	24.93	149.59
M Davis/FDC	New hall licence			100.00
P Amos/FDC	TEN licence for booking			21.00
PRS for music	Hall music license	90.24	18.05	108.29
ESPO	Mop heads vacuum bags	13.56	2.71	16.27
Wimblington News	WPC yearly advert			50.00
e-on	Pavilion electricity	12.50	0.63	13.13
J Rose/FDC	TEN license race night			21.00
P Kendall	Refurbish rocking horse			250.00
ABC	Bearings for rocking horse	54.80	10.96	65.76
Yu energy	Hall gas	103.85 cr	5.19cr	109.04cr
GLW engineering	Rocking horse coating	160.00	32.00	192.00
Reads groundworks	Allotments drainage	960.00	192.00	1152.00

 = Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting

 = Invoices received after agenda had been advertised Proposed: Cllr Knowles; Seconded: Cllr Dent

b) Pay increases: the clerk reported that the minimum wage is to be increased Nationally as from 1st April 2017 to £7.50 per hour. Therefore, both the booking clerk and caretaker/cleaner’s salaries would have to be increased from that date. This will mean an increase of £54.00 p.a. and £78.00 p.a. respectively. She also asked Councillors to decide whether to increase the clerk’s salary by 1% as advised by NALC and the SLCC. This would mean an increase to the clerk’s salary of £70.51 p.a. After discussion, it was resolved to agree all wage increases. Proposed: Cllr Knowles; Seconded: Cllr Rose

c) Precept. A meeting of the Finance Group had been held, during which Councillors had recommended an increase to the precept of 5%. After discussion, it was resolved to reduce this to 3% which will take the precept to £61,449.80 Proposed: Cllr Knowles Seconded: Cllr Clarke.

Payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr Knowles; Seconded: Cllr Crawford; all in favour.

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		look into the costs from an alternative supplier. The clerk reported that Colin Harness has said that he will start work to the disabled toilet ceiling in the middle of March. Also, that she had found a metal fire door which would cost approximately £260.00 plus, dependent upon finish and any size alterations. She is awaiting a reply from Colin as to whether he could fit this door. Re. Fisher Parkinson refusal letter for funding, Cllr Davis hand delivered a letter asking why we had been refused. She has also e-mailed FDC asking for information about the Parish hall car park, as we still do not have a proper lease in place. She pointed out to them that any accident on the car park due to its poor state, would be their liability.	PA PA
0041/17	Allotments	a) Parish Council contact. Andy Thomas and Peter F have agreed to stay on Committee, to keep the paperwork in order. The allotment society will still run but at a lesser level of involvement.	
0042/17	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	Cllr Rose reported: a) Fun Day: Cllr Rose reported that there is to be a fund raiser dog show in March. More help is needed. b) Christmas Lights: Cllr Rose reported that there is to be a fund raiser race night on the 25th Feb. The group has applied for a grant from Ransonmoor to buy more lights. c) Old shed floor: Cllr Rose reported that she has not yet made contact with the builder but will do so as soon as possible.	
0043/17	Correspondence /other matters	a) Stonea noticeboard: The clerk reported that she had been out to Stonea and measured up the current notice board, which measures 1000 cm wide x 70cm tall. A new noticeboard 750cm x 750cm with header board will cost £230.00 +VAT; a board 750 cm wide x 550 cm tall, will cost £198.00 +VAT. After discussion, it was resolved to purchase the smaller one. Paul Kendall to be asked to fit it. Cllr Davis asked for a volunteer to attend the next Ransonmoor meeting as she will not be able to attend due to a prior engagement. Cllr Clarke volunteered. Cllr Clarke asked about the situation regarding co-opting a new Councillor . Cllr Davis explained the situation re 2 people being interested. She then read out the letter of interest from one of the persons interested. It was resolved to invite him to the next meeting. Cllr Dent offered that the village primary school is now an academy. Cllr Crawford reported that Doddington had fitted large white wooden fencing around the speed signs at the Doddington boundaries, which draws your attention to the speed limit signs. She wondered whether we should adopt the same strategy in an effort to reduce speeding. To be put on the next agenda. Cllr Clarke said that the best village signs are looking a little worse for ware and should be looked at for refurbishment.	PA
0044/17	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday 14th March 2017. Meeting closed at: 20.45	