

Minutes of a meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th March 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 Rose; Cllr Dent; Cllr Wright; Cllr Gupta; Cllr Crawford. Mrs M Moutlon

Number	Title		Action
0045/17	Apologies for Absence	CSO Carol Holloway; Cllr Connor; Cllr Knowles; Cllr Coulson; Inspector Will Davis	
0046/17	Absentees	None	
0047/17	Chairs Additional items	The Chairman welcomed Mr Ashok Gupta to the Parish Council as the newly elected co-opted member.	
0048/17	Declarations of interest	None	
0049/17	Public participation	Mrs Moulton told the meeting that a people carrier had parked outside her house at 3 am Tuesday morning. The driver got out of the vehicle and went to the hall car park. He then went down Addison Rd. She then went to sleep but the vehicle had gone by 8 am. She asked if Cllr Rose would look at the CCTV and take the number plate in case of local theft.	JR
0050/17	Confirmation of minutes	Please note that there was an error on the agenda, which stated that agenda item 5 was to approve the minutes of the 3 rd January 2017, which of course should have read 14 th February. RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 14 th February 2017 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr Dent; Seconded: Cllr Clarke	
0051/17	Crime report	In a written report, PCSO Holloway reported that the Police had received one report of egg throwing at a property in Meadow Way. There had been an incident reported of youths being at a party, after being told to leave they went onto the War Memorial Playing Field and were very noisy. The Police had spoken to the youths and arranged for them to be collected and taken home by their parents. Needles had been found in the church area – this will be checked when patrolling on a late shift by the PCSOs. There had been one incident of Hare Coursing in February in Eastwood End and there had been the theft of a motor vehicle from a driveway in Doddington Road. PCSO Holloway continues to visit the school at the start and end of the school day – words of advice had been given to driver who stopped across a driveway. Three visitors had been to the engagement in the village hall and completed surveys.	
0052/17	Fenland District council	Report by Cllr M Davis: Cllr Davis reported that she had received 2 complaints from a resident living at Greenwood Way. 2 vans seem to be parking overnight. They are Company vans and it seems that drivers arrive in their own car, take the Company van for the day, then return at the end of the day and take their own car again. PC Holloway had suggested to Cllr Davis that the residents telephone her, but only when the drivers are there. Cllr Davis suggested to the complainants that they phone the Companies who own the vehicles. Despite complaints about the brown bin charge, the majority of householders had paid for the scheme, which is on target. Cllr Rose had been asked by a resident whether there is likely to be an increase in the charge next year. Cllr Davis did not believe that there would be an increase, unless the majority of householders do not sign up for the service.	
0053/17	Cambridgeshire County Council	Report from Cllr. David Connor. Cllr Connor could not attend so no report was received.	
0054/17	Matters Arising	further to minute 0032/17 a) Street lights – Cllr Davis reported that Electrical Testing have been notified that the Parish Council had made their decision to move to their Company for street lights work. The group of Parishes moving to Electrical Testing have asked FDC to devolve the payment which FDC have been making for the lights maintenance. Eventually FDC agreed to let Councillors have the per column charge. Further to this Cllr Davis was called to a meeting at FDC where the costs were discussed, as FDC have not yet signed an agreement with Balfour Beatty, and in the light of the costs which Parishes have received, they are now going to approach Electrical Testing for a quote. Cllr Davis told them that this would be OK as long as they did not make Electrical Testing's offer to us null and void by making the terms and conditions too difficult. If this did go ahead, FDC may then keep paying for the maintenance. Both	

		Doddington and ourselves have agreed with Electrical Testing that we will use their services come what may. This is an ongoing issue. b) defibrillator. Cllr Wright has some information but is still looking into it. After discussion, it was resolved to approach Burnthouse Windmills and Fisher Parkinson for a grant towards the cost. Cllr Davis suggested approaching 'Defibrillators For All' based in Whittlesey and Rob Scolding. Cllr Rose reminded the meeting that a village resident has offered £500.00 towards a defibrillator.	EW
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0055/17	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	305.28	15.26	320.54
		SWALEC	Hall electricity	182.07	9.10	191.17
		VIP cleaning	Hall bin			12.50
		Zurich	LCAS seminar	60.00	12.00	72.00
		Earth Anchors	Notice board	222.95	44.59	267.54
		DKO Wheatley	Allotment fence repair	167.50	33.50	201.00
		P Kendall	Stonea noticeboard fit			30.00
		TFH Gazebos	Gazebo for Fun day	620.83	124.17	745.00
		Ebay/J Rose	Deckchairs for Fun day			749.75
		Yu Energy	Jan/Feb hall gas	135.93	7.25	143.18
		e-on	Pavilion electricity	12.50	0.63	13.13
		P Amos	Mileage expenses			15.20
		CGM	Cut topiary in Cemetery	40.00	8.00	48.00
		Jay's cleaning	Hall windows			21.50
		= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting = Invoices received after agenda had been advertised				
		All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr Dent; Seconded: Cllr Clarke; all in favour. The clerk asked whether Councillors would like to meet at 18.45 – 15 mins before the Annual Assembly to approve payments, or should the Chairman approve. Everyone agreed to meet early.				

0056/17	Risk Management and Health & Safety	a) To review policies/procedures – Cllr Clarke to report: Further to minute 0034/17 Cllr Clarke reported that this is work in progress	
0057/17	Planning	Planning: Cllr Clarke asked if there may be an issue with the planning application for the telecommunication mast at Parkfield. Cllr Davis said that the planning application has gone to FDC. Ratio Law has told us that there is a covenant attached to the land, whereby Mr Bellamy who gifted the land must give his approval for the mast to be erected. Cllr Davis has spoken to Mr Bellamy who is speaking to his Solicitor for advice, but he sees no reason not to give his permission. Government guidelines would like this type of mast every 2 miles throughout the country. Cllr Gupta offered that it would be beneficial for more than 2 companies use the mast, which Cllr Davis believed that they would. A form had been received asking WPC to sign a wayleave/easement to allow BT Open Reach to lay the cables. No planning applications had been received.	

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		Fun day insurance – Cllr Rose has just received a quote which has come in at £215.00. She will look into multiple event insurance, which may cover Dog show; Fun day and Christmas lights switch on. b) Christmas Lights: £1040.00 raised at the Race night which was enjoyed by all. An application has been made to Ransonmoor wind farms for a grant towards more Christmas lights. A trailer and storage have been donated and Paul Kendall is making a sleigh for the Parish Council Christmas Lights. A Bacon Buttie morning is scheduled for 22nd April. Road closure will be considered for the next switch on. c) Old shed floor: Colin Harness has been to look at the floor and has suggested that a wooden floor be built. Cost to be forwarded to clerk.	PA
0065/17	Correspondence /other matters	a) The clerk reported that we have 3 bank accounts which at 13.3.17 hold the following: Savings account - £50,000.00; Treasurers account - £797.42; Business account - £76,071.72. Gross expenditure to date is £40,013.00 with Income at £80,913.00. A copy of the detailed income/expenditure report had been e-mailed to Councillors of 13.3.17. The majority of the work/payment had been completed for the drainage work at the Cemetery/allotments, with just one area remaining. b) LCAS membership (Zurich insurance) after discussion it was resolved to join LCAS. Proposed: Cllr Davis; Seconded: c) possible change of boundaries/district. Cllr Davis reported that the boundary commission has previously changed boundaries and is now doing another survey. One suggestion is that Wimblington and Doddington move to North West Cambs. Cllr Davis said this would be unsatisfactory as it would mean that this would then be the only ward within Fenland District Council with a different Member of Parliament. Cllr Davis said she will lodge a submission against the proposal as will Doddington and Fenland District Council. d) the Chairman asked for suggestions as to who could be invited to speak at the Annual Assembly, suggestions were: Speedwatch; Block Fen/RSPCA; Cats protection league; New vicar and his wife. Cllr Davis reported that we have been notified that we have been successful in our LHI bid and will be having moveable speed cameras. Highways will contact us soon to arrange their installation. Cllr Crawford commented that cars are being left at Mill Hill roundabout again for sale. Cllr Davis will speak to highways. Cars also for sale opposite King St The clerk reported that the new notice board had been installed at Stonea, by Paul Kendall, a photo of which had been sent to Councillors.	PA PC to ask vicar JR to ask Speedwatch.
0066/17	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Annual Assembly Tuesday 11th April 2017. Meeting closed at: 20.05	