

Minutes of a meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th 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 Gowing; Cllr Dent; Cllr Hennen; Cllr Knowles; Cllr Gupta; Cllr Rose; Mrs Moulton; Mrs Hart; Mrs Harding; Mrs J Chapman;

Number	Title		Action
046/18	Apologies for Absence	PCSO Carol Holloway; Cllr Clarke; Cllr Crawford; Cllr Wright	
047/18	Absentees	None	
048/18	Chairs Additional items	Councillors discussed the well-publicised 'doo doo watch' which seems to have brought the village into disrepute. The green ribbon initiative was explained and has been initiated in conjunction with FDC. A self-appointed person had spoken to television and press on behalf of the village with no consultation with the Parish council, resulting in complaints from some residents to the Parish Council. Cllr Davis was asked to speak to Fenland Citizen. FDC has no collaboration with anyone except Wimblington Parish Council. Cllr Murphy the portfolio holder for the Environment has e-mailed Cllr Davis saying this. Street Scene will increase activities having asked the PC where the activity is needed/where the hot spots are. FDC will monitor the number of requests to remove dog poo, but to date they have not received any. FDC are concerned that should all of these photos be addressed Street Scene would not be able to cope. Unfortunately, the volunteers who put in so much work are now feeling disillusioned as it appears that every time something positive is about to go ahead, something negative then occurs. This is not good for the village or it's moral. There has been a BBC news report calling the village 'the dog poo capital' of England. A letter of complaint will be made to the BBC asking them to report in a less hysterical light and reporting the positive initiative which is now in place. Cllrs. voted as to whether to write to the BBC to complain. Vote by show of hands - All in favour.	MD
049/18	Declarations of interest	None	
050/18	Public participation	None	
051/18	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 13 th February 2018 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr Dent; Seconded: Cllr Knowles.	
052/18	Crime report	Councillors noted the written report from March police in the absence of PCSO Holloway on holiday.	
053/18	Fenland District Council	Cllr Davis reported that District had kept the Council tax increase to a minimum. There was nothing to report that was highly significant to Parish matters.	
054/18	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr. Gowing Full Council will sit next week. He reported that a list had been sent of County owned street lights which will be improved in the near future to LED lanterns. March Town Council had been to talk to County Council.	
055/18	Other matters	a) Film club – Cllr Wright was not able to attend So this item was deferred. b) Data protection officer – the clerk explained that CAPALC had provided a large document which included 16 templates all of which are in the process of being separated and completed. Further clarification is needed from CAPALC about certain aspects, which is in hand. b) PSPO – emailed to Cllrs 19.2.18 Cllr Davis explained that a PSPO order could be created by a District Council for any green open spaces. We need to ensure that the WMPF is included in the PSPO and find out whether, due to dog fouling we could have a PSPO created for the green adjacent to Morley Way. After discussion clerk to contact FDC re PSPO for WMPF and all public play areas in the village c) Community Fridges – Cllr Hennen explained that he had seen an article highlighting Community Fridges, whereby leftover, fresh, unopened food is taken from resident's households and kept in the fridge for those in need. It was suggested that March food bank may be the best placed to support such a project. After discussion it was resolved to clerk to e-mail church wardens for their input	PA PA

056/18	Payments	The members to consider the following - accounts for payment:							
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M Moulton	Booking clerk duties			89.90
Inland revenue	MM tax			22.60
L Duff	Hall cleaning			150.00
P Amos	Clerk duties incl. expenses			495.63
Inland revenue	PA tax			104.00
LGSS	Pension			233.88
SWALEC	Hall electricity	181.59	9.07	190.66
Doddington PC	CAPALC training x 2			90.00
B Elmore	Xmas lights steel etc.	754.12	150.82	904.94
B Elmore	Fun day posts	33.00	6.60	39.60
Yu energy	Hall gas	146.69	7.34	154.03
Cliverton insurance	Dog show insurance			102.36
Wave	Hall water			52.05
Wave	WMPF water			13.05
Wave	Cemetery water			26.52

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057/18	Risk Management and Health & Safety	a) In the absence of Cllr. Clarke, the Chairman asked if everyone had read the proposed 'Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults' policy which Cllr Clarke had e-mailed to all on 9.3.18. After discussion it was resolved to adopt the policy. Proposed: Cllr Hennen: Seconded: Cllr Knowles	
058/18	Planning	Planning: The clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment; After discussion it was resolved to: F/YR18/0145/F: Erection of a drying store and open tractor shed to existing agricultural building at Stonea Farm Sixteen Foot Bank Stonea – <i>no objections</i> F/YR18/0153/TRTPO: Felling of 1 x Ash Tree covered by TPO M/2/465/17 at 20 Norfolk St. – <i>object – concur with tree officer</i> F/YR18/0232/F: Erection of a 2-storey extension to existing dwelling at 7 St. Peter's Drive – <i>no objections</i> F/YR18/0237/VOC: Variation of condition 4 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR16/1110/F (Erection of a 2-storey rear extension with living accommodation in roof space) to form 2no dormers to rear elevation and glazing to porch roof at 4 King St. – <i>no objections</i>	PA
059/18	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport	a) Street lights: Cllr Dent has 2 to report and will do this asap. Cllr Davis reported that the order had gone in to ET for the replacement lights. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Gupta asked if there had been an inspection of Blue Lane. The Highways officer had been and inspected and thought that there was no problem. Cllr Gupta reported that the Lane was flooding as a result of a resident digging up the road and reducing the ditch area. Cllr Davis already has a meeting with the Highways officer arranged and will raise concerns again. Cllr. Hennen asked for Hook Rd to be reported as it floods regularly. Cllr Davis will address.	JD

		c) New speed signs: Cllr. Rose reported that she, Cllr Davis; Cllr Rose and Cllr Hennen and the clerk had met with Cambs CC who had formally handed over the MVAS camera and given some instruction for its use. Doddington PC had explained to Cllr Davis the difficulties they had when moving the signs, a large truck would be needed, therefore Paul Kendall had been asked if he would be willing to help each month with the use of his truck, which he was. The sign is now in situ on Doddington Rd. Cllr Gowing will investigate why we had only been given 1 camera, when we had been told that our LHI bid was successful, which was for 2 cameras.	MD
060/18	War Memorial playing field	a) WMPF – Cllr Dent reported that all is well at the field although the ground is very soggy and too heavy at the moment for grass cutting. b) Pavilion - the clerk had obtained a quote of £ 3100.00 for the repair/replacement of drainage from Reads who had done such a good job at both the Cemetery and the Parish hall – e-mailed to Cllrs on 12.3.18 The clerk explained that if mains drains could be found, this would alter the work needed, but further figures could not be given until Reads knew the extent of the work needed Resolved to: Contact David Green for further information about any mains drainage which may be at the site. the pavilion works – Clerk had to date not received the quotations requested Resolved to: wait for decision re drains.	PA PA
061/18	Parkfield	a) Cllr Dent had little to report. The lunch menu seems to be popular and is increasing trade.	
062/18	New Cemetery/ Churchyard	a) Cemetery: Cllr Davis and clerk to check fence between Cemetery and Knowles yard. Cllr Knowles reported that the fence has been broken and he has had it repaired, although several items had been stolen from his yard, probably through the allotments/Cemetery. Clerk & chair to discuss fencing. b) St Peters Church - nothing to report	MD; PA
063/18	Parish Hall	Cllr Davis reported that she had contacted FDC regarding the car park lease, which should be ready to sign imminently. The recycling bins now can be removed if such a decision becomes necessary and if there are further incidences of fly tipping provided. The clerk reported that she had forwarded a quote to replace the warped fire door with a new metal door (emailed to Cllrs on 12.3.18). This would cost £770.00 for the door including fitting. After discussion, it was resolved to approve the spend Prop Cllr Hennen Sec Cllr Gupta. The clerk reported that she had received (e-mailed to Cllrs on 12.3.18) a quote of £1675.00 from Reads to replace the drainage not done in the first phase. After discussion resolved to go ahead clerk to arrange. Prop Hennen Sec Cllr Rose	PA PA
064/18	Allotments	Cllr Wright unable to attend.	
065/18	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	Cllr Rose reported that: a) Fun day: The dog show had been a success with approx. £200.00 raised. Cllr from FDC had attended and the green dog walkers scheme had been launched, with over 30 people signing up. Fun day plans are being tied up, with entertainment booked b) Christmas Lights little to report a grant has been applied for from Ransonmoor Fund to extend the lighted area. 2 events are planned – the bacon buttie morning in April and a Royal Wedding event in May. The Xmas lights group have been nominated for a Pride in Fenland Award.	
066/18	Correspondence	The clerk reported that she had received a letter and prices from Elan City who sell speed signs. A solar pack which includes a 'thank you' section currently costs £1799.00 Cllr Davis has received a letter regarding scams and cold calling which mostly targeted older people. Some leaflets will be ordered and made available in the hall and the Anchor and the Church. Cllr Davis reported that she had just received a letter of resignation from Cllr Gupta. Thanks were offered to him for his good work. Cllr Gupta offered his services in consultation regarding any accountancy issues.	MD
067/18	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday 10 th April - Annual Assembly at 17.00 Meeting closed at 20.30	