

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 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 Dent; Cllr Crawford; Cllr Rose; Cllr Harding;
Cllr Gowing; Mrs Hart; Mrs Moulton; Mr P Clarke; Mr & Mrs Beech; Mrs Bird; PC Saborton; Sgt Lugg;
Mr Dan Horne - FDC; Mr Ian Richardson - Cambs Housing Society; Mr Mark Deas – Cambs. Acre

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		suggested. There was a suggestion that the Caravan & Camping site on March Rd. be approached. b) Time bank: Cllr Harding reported that she had been unable to do any work on this topic in recent weeks. c) Insurance – the clerk reported that estimates for replacing the gates at both the WMPF and Cemetery and the Angel statue had been sought, to be conveyed to the insurance company. However, at the date of the meeting none had been received, although reminders have been sent. d) BT at Stonea. The clerk reported that she had received a copy letter from Mr Morris of Stonea regarding BT's decision to put overhead cables on his land and following e-mail from her response. (Scan and e-mail sent to Cllrs. on 5.3.19) He had asked for the PC's support. After discussion resolved to send letter of support. e) FDC loan. The clerk had received a reply to her questions about the outstanding loan which the Parish Council have from Fenland District Council, asking whether we could pay the loan off quicker, as the interest paid is high. Money does not change hands, as Fenland District Council take the loan payment off our Concurrent Grant at source, but both income of grant and expenditure of loan have to be shown in the annual accounts. Fenland District Council are offering to write down the loan, but leave our Concurrent Function Grant the same, which in effect means that we won't have a loan outstanding, but our Concurrent Function Grant will not be increased by the loan payment amount of approximately £2000.00 p.a. The loan term is until 2034/35. After discussion resolved to accept the offer to write down the loan. Proposed: Cllr Rose; Seconded: Cllr Dent, vote by show of hands – All in favour	PA PA
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		*See appendix a for salary breakdown  = Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting b) Finance report – emailed to Cllrs on 11.3.19. The clerk reported that at 11.3.19 total income is £97,518.00 and total expenditure is £117,040.00, leaving reserves of £145,598.00. All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr Davis; Seconded: Cllr Crawford; all in favour.																																																																			
0219/19	Risk Management and Health & Safety	Further to minute 0110/18 a) To review policies/procedures. Cllr Clarke is working on a whole village risk assessment.																																																																			

0220/19	Planning	Planning: The clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: F/YR19/0130/F - Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling at Land North Of 1C Bridge Lane Fronting March Road – . <i>Councillors had no objections. Cllr Davis abstained from the discussion and voting as she is a member of Fenland District Council's Planning Committee.</i>	PA
0221/19	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport	a) Street lights reported: None. The clerk reported that she had received one quote for street light electricity, which she has queried as it came to £274,000.00 per annum and is clearly a calculation error. She has chased both companies approached but to date still has not got a firm quote. b) Footpaths and highways issues: None c) New trees – planting positions: None so far	
0222/19	War Memorial playing field	Further to minute 0156/18: a) WMPF – Cllr Dent reported she's been unable to visit. She said she would do so as soon as possible and report any issues to the Clerk.	
0223/19	Parkfield	Parkfield – a) Cllr Dent reported that they now have Sunday lunches which are popular. The Parish Council's Insurance company has agreed the quote for the repair works to the garages.	
0224/19	New Cemetery/Churchyard	a) Cemetery. Nothing new to report. Letters will be sent next week to 2 plot owners regarding clearing their graves of floral tributes, ready for re-seeding. b) St Peters Church. Nothing new to report.	
0225/19	Parish Hall	a) car park lease/Solicitors. The chairman reported that she had received notification from our Solicitors that the 50-year peppercorn rent lease was now complete. The lease runs from 15 th February 2019 until 14 th February 2069. Solicitors had asked whether they should store the lease or whether we would like it posted to us. However, since this discussion with the Solicitors, it had arrived in the post. Also, as the lease is for 50 years, this has to be registered with Land Registry. The chairman had made the decision and approved the spend to have Solicitor's complete the Land Registry documents, at a fee to £50.00. b) Booking clashes with PC meetings. A letter of complaint had been received from a user, as after the last Parish Council meeting, the clerk and chairman had checked with the booker, by knocking on the doors, then looking into the hall, to tell them that the Parish Council meeting had finished and would they lock the doors. The booker had taken exception to the interruption. The intention had been solely to maintain security of the hall and to ensure that both parties were aware as to who should lock the hall, a letter of explanation had been sent. The chairman, after discussion with the Parish Clerk, the Booking Clerk and several Cllrs made the decision to exclude the hall from use by all other users on the second Tuesday of every month. The need was evidenced at this meeting, that on some occasions there were a number of extra people attending the meeting, and ideally, we would have met in the main hall if it were not already in use. After discussion resolved formalise this decision. Proposed: Cllr Crawford; Seconded: Cllr Davis. c) Age UK. The clerk had received an e-mail asking for help in running an Age UK Community hub, for which Age UK would make no charge. Age UK explained the service to the meeting, which is to provide hubs within Parishes for older people to be able to access for help with anything they need, which can be filling in forms to arranging home visits. After discussion resolved to give the small room free of charge for use by Age UK once a month: Proposed: Cllr. Davis Seconded: Cllr: Harding. Vote by show of hands – all in favour. Clerk to forward Booking Clerk's details to Age UK.	PA
0226/19	Allotments		
0227/19	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	a) Fun Day: Cllr Rose reported that plans are moving forward. A sponsored race night attracted 70 people with over £800.00 being raised. The date for this year's Fun day is set for 21 July and the theme this year will be pirates. There are plans to have a fancy dress again. Costs have been sought to hire a disabled toilet for the day, with the best quote so far being £132.50. It was agreed that Parish Council would pay for the mobile disabled toilet. Proposed: Cllr Crawford; Seconded: Cllr Dent. Bookings are now being taken for stalls and several have been booked already. Fun Day will be running its own bar and food in collaboration with the Xmas lights group with profits being shared between the 2 groups. b) Christmas Lights. Have a bacon buttie morning arranged for 13 th April and an 80's disco and games show in June. Further funds will be sought.	
0228/19	Report from M Deas Cambs ACRE	Mr Deas started by explaining Cambs. Acres remit re housing and planning. They have undertaken a housing needs survey, which resulted in a 22% response and 65% were in favour of a rural housing scheme, roughly 2:1 in favour of an affordable housing scheme. We already have one affordable housing site at Hassocks Way. He explained that there is growth and that we are a growth village and that our average age group is an older group. What is unusual is that our village had an unusually high proportion of older people. 80% of houses in Wimblington are owned, with a large proportion of larger houses. The average	

		price of houses is currently £300,000.00. So, on the affordable assumptions, 2 people on the National living wage would only combine a net income of £30,000.00. Generally, there are 37 bids for each affordable house. To reiterate the survey showed that people were in favour of having families kept together. As housing in this area is expensive it was felt that it would be difficult for a young couple to be able to afford houses in Wimblington. Those who were opposed in principal, gave their reasons as the lack of infrastructure; there is only one shop and a poor bus service as their reasons and whether there was a need. Finally, he said it was identified that 27 households had a need for affordable housing with 2 of those only needing small houses. Cllr Davis asked for clarification as to the criteria, which varies district to district, Mr Horne will send the criteria to Parish Council. Mr Deas was asked what the time scale might be – the average length of time for completion is 2-5 years. After discussion resolved to agree to go forward by show of hands – all in favour. All sites to be considered. Mr Deas will contact us again with dates and times to meet to tour the village to look for alternative suitable sites.	
0229/19	Correspondence	See 0217/19 d) and 0225/19 b) above. Cllr Clarke said that 2 residents have concerns about the removal of an asbestos building on a building plot on Bridge Lane. Cllr Davis said that there are planning conditions attached to the planning application which have to be adhered to. Cllr Dent said that there is a Street Pride meeting/spring clean on 30th March. Cllr Rose has received complaints about the condition of Hassocks Way - Cllr Gowing will chase. Cllr Davis will also speak to Cambridgeshire County Council. The clerk had received an e-mail from a theatre company who offered to perform 'the keeper's daughter' which is based on a Christmas Carol. Cllr Harding offered to help Cllr Rose to organise with help from other Councillors. Clerk to ask for Saturday afternoon after lights switch on - 7th Dec. Cllr Wright had contacted Cllr Davis she is pursuing the footpath issue. Clerk asked for suggestions for speakers at the Annual Assembly. Cllr Rose suggested Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Crawford suggested the Fire Authority.	PA
0230/19	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 18.45 followed by Annual Assembly at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 21.33	

Appendix a

Payments		NET	VAT	£
Booking clerk	Booking clerk duties Dec			94.05
Cleaner	Hall cleaning Dec			156.60
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			623.24
Inland revenue	Clerk; booking clerk tax & NI "			164.56
LGSS	Clerks pension			307.25
Total				1345.70