

Minutes of a meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th October 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 Dent; Cllr Knowles; Cllr Gupta; Cllr Rose; Cllr Wright. Mr Brendan Arnold. Mr Chris Hennen

Number	Title		Action
0166/17	Apologies for Absence	PCSO Carol Holloway; Cllr Crawford; Cllr Gowing	
0167/17	Absentees	None	
0168/17	Chairs Additional items	None	
0169/17	Declarations of interest	None	
0170/17	Public participation	None	
0171/17	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 12 th September 2017 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr Gupta; Seconded: Cllr Dent Mr Arnold introduced himself and explained his work at FDC as liaison officer to Parishes. Questions were asked and answered	
0172/17	Crime report	In a written report, PCSO Holloway reported that the Police had received a report of a group of travellers with cars and caravans near the A141 Eastwood End, the officers attending spoke to them and ascertained that they were selling horses to each other and not causing any obstruction. Also 2 x reports of antisocial driving around the village – one on Eaton Estate and the other in Addison Road and a report of Hare coursing between Firelots and Fen Drain. They had received 2 x reports of theft from motor vehicles and 1 x criminal damage to garden vegetables. The next engagement will be on Monday 30 th October at 10.00-11.00 in the Village Hall.	
0173/17	Fenland District Council	Report by Cllr M Davis: Cllr Davis had little new to report. At the last District meeting there was nothing pertaining to the Parish, although Gavin Booth had asked about street lighting. Cllr Davis told the t meeting that there was a suggestion that Parishes should pay in future for the electricity for street lights. This is not yet policy. It is understood that a final decision will be made by April 2018	
0174/17	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr. Gowing was unable to attend. Cllr Davis has heard nothing of significance relative to parishes from CCC.	
0175/17	Other matters	further to minute 0153/17 a) Street lights – Cllr Davis reported that she will be attending a meeting on 19 th Oct with J Hill from Electrical Testing and Doddington PC, Leverington PC and Parson Drove PC who have all had independent street light surveys done. Electrical Testing will explain the surveys in detail and from that point we should be able to go forward with work needed. b) defibrillator – Cllr Rose reported that at the recent defibrillator training we were advised to have the following: an outside light in case of need to see the access lock in the dark; a ‘ready kit’ – cost of approx.£14.00 which includes scissors to cut off clothes, disposable gloves, protective masks, a razor to remove chest hair. A contact list within the box, so that users could let us know it had been used so we could then replace the pads etc. The clerk reported that the list and ready kit are now in place and that she had asked J Mottram for a price to install an outside light over the defibrillator. Cllrs agreed that the training had been very good. Cllr Davis said that we could request a grant from Burnthouse Windmill towards a second defibrillator. Site to be agreed. She asked Cllrs to think about fund raising events to raise funds for more defibrillators in the village. Cllr Wright suggested siting one towards the Cemetery or the WMPF. Other sites mentioned were Honeymead, King St. Bridge Lane. Cllr Dent suggested we ask Tesco as well as Burnthouse. Cllr Davis will apply to Burnthouse. c) Bench/es: The clerk reported that although Councillors had decided to leave the bench situation until the Spring, she had asked Paul Kendall to still supply a bench by bench cost/report. He would be able to complete some of the benches over the Winter period by moving them to his barn to refurbish in the dry. After discussion it was resolved to agree to the bench by the triangle/Eaton Estate and the bench by the village sign. Prop Cllr Wright	MD

		Sec: Cllr Knowles. Cllrs agreed to a maximum of £500.00 per bench if costs were to be more this should be referred back to Council d) Rights of way: Cllr Wright wanted to bring people up to speed about the old railway line which is a permitted bridleway. This has to be kept to standard by the landowner which is FDC. The users would be happy to help keep it up to standard as volunteers. Cllr Davis had asked and was waiting for an answer from FDC as to whether there could be an arrangement to use volunteers. Cllr Davis will chase up an answer. Highways will clear Woodmans Way greenery, but they need the rubbish to be removed first. Cllr Davis will speak to Anne Marshall to arrange.	MD MD MD

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0177/17	Risk Management and Health & Safety	a) To review policies/procedures Further to minute 0155/17 Cllr Clarke had nothing to report. Cllr Gupta was asked for his input on The Finance Risk Assessment. Cllr Rose asked for a defibrillator policy Cllr Clarke will obtain one for approval.	JC
0178/17	Planning	Planning: The clerk reported that comments had been received for the following applications: F2012/17/CW – objection on grounds of noise/unsociable hours. F/YR17/0885/F – no objections	PA

		F/2007/17/CW – no objection as long as hours of work are adhered to and originally proposed neighbourhood meetings take place. F/YR17/0922/TRTPO – no objections Cllr Knowles informed the meeting that F2012/17/CW Plasgran was a retrospective application. As we had objected this will now go before CCC Planning Committee. Plasgran had been working the increased hours for 4 years with no objections from residents. Cllr Clarke did not know that it was retrospective and as Cllr Crawford had also objected this was why Parish Council had objected. Cllr Knowles said that he does not object and that as it is a growing local re-cycling business we should encourage its growth.	PA to e-mail Emma Fitch
0179/17	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport	a) Street lights reported issues. Cllr Davis said that the damaged light at the shop and the damaged light on In Chapel Lane have been ordered and we are awaiting fitting. Cllr Knowles asked about the proposed traffic lights at the top of Manea Rd. The clerk said that consultation was postponed by CCC due to moving offices but will go ahead at some point. We are awaiting CCC's contact. b) Footpaths and highways issues. Cllr Wright said that all of the road markings have gone from the Hook Rd. junction with the by-pass. Cllr Davis will report. c) LHI bid: Cllr Davis reported that the initial bid had been withdrawn as it over stepped the maximum contribution by CCC. Cllr Davis reported that she had spoken to various people about applying to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph on some of The Hook, all were of the opinion that we would be wasting a bid as we have not received reports of accidents etc. We must make sure that any near misses or accidents are logged and reported. Cllr Wright will compile this and have this information for next year. Cllr Davis reported that she is meeting CCC on 11.10.17 re one of the conditions of the application to build the Anaerobic Digester Fengrain's widening of the road. The widening, according to residents, will remove the safe haven anywhere for dog walkers, walkers, horse riders when traffic is on the road. She wondered whether we could combine both the need for a safe haven on the side of the road with our LHI bid. She will report to Councillors the result of the meeting. She feels however, that we might not be successful as we would be asking to combat something which 'may' happen. It was agreed that our bid should concentrate on any contribution towards a safe haven at the widening of Eastwood End at the junction with the access road into the industrial estate but that if advice was that this bid might also fail then our bid should be for safety gates at as many entrances to the village as possible, so that the 30mph speed limit could be highlighted. Cllr Gupta suggested that they should be sited at the Mill Hill end of the village. Cllr Davis asked for permission to apply for bollards in Eastwood End if the meeting goes well, otherwise to apply for sets of gates at each end of the village and as many other places as would be covered by the bid limit of £10,000. After discussion it was resolved to agree. Prop: Cllr Wright Sec: Cllr Gupta. All in favour.	MD
0180/17	War Memorial playing field	Further to minute 0158/17: a) WMPF – Cllr Dent reported that the grass is looking great. Parkfield will have the hedges cut as soon as they can. It was agreed to get a price from CGM b) Pavilion- the clerk reported that Colin Harness had inspected the movement meters and the toilet block appears not to be moving although the pavilion has moved very very slightly. It will be inspected again at the end of October. Although it was agreed quite a while ago that the pavilion be demolished it doesn't seem to have moved that much. We may need to have another surveyor's report. If the toilet block is safe the next job will be to have the drains repaired. If not, Fun day will have to hire in porta-loos for the day. Cllr Rose will find out how much they would cost. c) Litter bin the clerk reported that nothing further had been received, but that she had asked for the quote again. However, as Paul was at present decorating, we would have to wait until that was finished before the bin could be addressed.	PA JR
0181/17	Parkfield	a) Cllr Dent reported that business is steady. The mast is now in situ and is expected to be in use in November. Pop Jolley was very pleased with the standard of work. Ranosnmoor have also agreed to grant £5,000.00 toward a new boiler.	
0182/17	New Cemetery/Churchyard	Further to minute 0160/17: a) Cemetery: The Clerk reported that the grass is looking good. Cllr Dent completes monthly checks. b) St Peters Church - the clerk reported that further to an e-mail from Peter James and the PCC telling us that the Parish Council should fund the replacement clock, she had sought legal advice through CAPALC. This confirmed that the Parish Council are not allowed, by law,	

		to pay for or contribute towards any material item which belongs to the church. Historically though, we can still contribute towards maintenance of the clock.	
0183/17	Parish Hall	Further to minute 0161/17: a) Decoration: Cllr Davis reported that the hall decoration is currently underway. The clerk reported that a secondary quote had been received from Paul Kendall for the hallway work, as the original work requested, had been added to, now to include all of the doors and woodwork, not just the skirting board as originally discussed. The new quote was for £350.00 plus materials. He had also quoted to fully decorate the small meeting room and the kitchen, at £300.00 each room, plus materials. The clerk had arranged to buy the materials, thereby enabling us to claim back the VAT on the goods. After discussion it was resolved to go ahead. All in favour b) Drains. The clerk reported that we are still waiting for Reads to complete the work. She had asked him though to confer with the booking clerk as to the best time to disrupt the car park/hall. We are still waiting for quotes for the shed extension and a new fire door. There was a discussion as to the large hall refurbishment for next year. Cllr Davis reported that regarding the lease for FDC's part of the car park, which we have now received, our Solicitor and Cllr Davis brought up several points which the Solicitor is in negotiation with FDC about. FDC have put in several clauses which need to be challenged. The main challenge is in the term of notice that FDC can apply to terminate the contract. Another was that we have to have the re-cycling bins, given the problems which they cause, we need the option to terminate this arrangement should they become a bigger problem. It was also noted that the lorries which arrive to empty the bins are probably the reason that the car park is in poor condition.	PA
0184/17	Allotments	Cllr Davis reported that. The chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the Allotment Management Committee will all stand down at the end of the financial year. So far no one else has come forward to take over the roles. If no one comes forward, then the allotments will have to close down.	
0185/17	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	Cllr Rose reported that: a) Fun day; nothing new to report other than a yard sale planned for the 21st October. Tea and coffee will be at the village hall where the maps will be on sale. b) Christmas Lights: Cllr Rose reported that the Bacon Buttie morning had been a success and £825.00 had been taken. The choir had proved successful. Everything is in hand for the road closure for the lights switch on. A traffic management company will be organising the traffic management this year to make sure that we are safe. There will be lot of entertainment and stalls. The Santa tour will be the day before the switch on (25th Nov) and the new sleigh is almost finished. The switch on will be on 26th November. A lot more lights have been purchased so the display will be extended this year.	
0185/17	Correspondence /other matters	Cllr Davis reported that unfortunately she had, this week, received a letter of resignation from Cllr Coulson. The vacancy will be reported to FDC and normal procedure followed. Cllr Davis has been contacted by Judith Harding asking for help with a petition for speed reduction along the 16-foot bank. After discussion it was resolved to direct her but not run the petition. She will put her in touch with Graham Chappell who has been involved in previous safety campaigns. Doddington PC are trying to organise a training session for Parish Councillors. There will be 3 sessions, on three separate dates running between 6.30 and 7.00. costing £1050.00 in total to be divided between the number of delegates. She asked if anyone was interested. After discussion It was resolved that we would be interested in sending about 3 delegates, depending on cost.	MD
0186/17	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday 14th November 2017. Meeting closed at: 20.30	