

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at Wimblington Parish Hall, Addison Rd. Wimblington PE15 0QT, at 7.00 pm.

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Rose; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Harding; Cllr.

Mrs M Moulton; Mrs P Hart; Mrs Bird; Cllr Gowing; Mr & Mrs Johnson.

Number	Title		Action
173/21	Apologies for Absence	Cllr Wright; Cllr P Clark; Cllr J Clarke; Cllr Bowell	
174/21	Absentees		
175/21	Chairs Additional items	170/21a in September minutes – was lacking a proposer and a seconder. Cllr Davis asked for approval of minutes subject to a proposer and a seconder coming forward. Proposed: Cllr Hennen Seconded Cllr Dent. Sept minutes to be amended.	
176/21	Declarations of interest	i)declaration: Cllr Dent re planning F/YR21/0997/RM ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
177/21	Public Participation	None	
178/21	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 14 th September 2021 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen; Seconded: Cllr Dent; All in favour.	
179/21	Fenland District Council	Cllr Davis said that there is nothing new to report relevant to Wimblington.	
180/21	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr Gowing reported that there are now very few meetings next Full Council will be next month. On the next agenda is an item that the alliance would like to adopt a maternity allowance for certain post holders.. Cllr Gowing has contacted highways regarding flooding and (see Cllr Rose received complaint below) queries about the planters and cones outside Chapel House, but has not yet received a reply. Parking outside the Church and school can be difficult but this is a public highway. Cllr Rose had received this complaint, Resident of Park House has placed bollards and planters on the Church side of the road preventing parking and causing an obstruction. Several parents of school children are very concerned as it prevents them parking safely when dropping off and collecting children - this has been logged with highways who have attended and removed the bollards. Resident has received communication from them.	
181/21	Clerks report	The Macmillan coffee morning organised by Peter & Christine James and Linda Craven and held at the Parish Hall was a huge success and very well attended. It raised in the region of £1300.00. An e-mail thanking Parish Council for the free use of the Parish Hall was received and forwarded to Cllrs. On 27.9.2021 Clerk forwarded a document from Graham Chappell of Charlottes Way charity confirming that our 2020/21 LHI bid for safety barriers at the Southern Honey Farm bend is almost completed. Contractors are just waiting for a delivery of reflectors which will be attached once received. Grateful thanks to Mr Chappell for his tireless works which along with Cllrs Davis; Sutton; Gowing and Connor has resulted in a much safer road in our Parish. Clerk also confirmed that our 2022/23 bid has been completed sent to Cambs CC. Clerk reported that the adult gym equipment has been installed and the damaged land over the new drains at the WMPF has been repaired and re-seeded, both finished today. Cllr Rose will contact press for a photo opportunity.	PA JR
182/21	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	a) Fun Day: Events proposed: Cllr Rose nothing new to report, fund raising next year. Possibly race night. b) Christmas Lights: Events proposed: Xmas lights switch on event are organised – Bacon buttie morning on 16 th Oct. with some stalls, some seats and stalls will be outside and possibly cooking. 80's disco night at end of month with around 50 tickets already sold. Lesley has started to renovate lights ready for the switch on. Quite a lot of new lights and blossom trees have been purchased. 7 th November the lights will start to be put up. Thanks go to Fisher Parkinson grant to buy a new BBQ and step ladder. As we will clash with the Chatteris switch on there will probably not be many fairground rides. 2 entertainments booked for the stage – 2 hour programme due to risk assessment restrictions. Road closure is booked. Addison Rd residents have received a letter re the closure Road closure which will be from 12.00 – 21.00. Next agenda – add Queens Platinum Jubilee as rolling item for report	PA

183/21	Other Matters	a) Good neighbour scheme: Cllrs Harding nothing can be done yet, waiting to work with surgery co-ordinator who is busy with flu jabs and Covid19 booster jabs. e) Queens green canopy: Clerk reported that a Silver Birch tree has been purchased at cost of £168.00 including delivery and planting and is now planted at the War Memorial Playing Field. After discussion resolved to have a tree planting Ceremony and invite the press to attend. Cllr Davis to 'plant' the tree. Cllr Dent is going to join a Cambs Acre zoom meeting about Jubilee planting, a decision re our ceremony to be made after Cllr Dent has attended.	JD PA
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184/21	Payments	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:				
		Payments	NET	VAT	£	
		Salaries Oct	*Including pension, tax & NI		2221.13	
		Wrights tools	Shed hardware	2.89	0.58	3.47
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	103/21a	Cable test Ltd	Hook Rd corner light	1912.90	385.58	2295.48
		Ridgeons	Cement hall fire door infill	6.45	1.29	7.74
		Hallmaster	Annual licence	137.00	27.40	164.40
	128/21d	BBC	New hall fire door	1540.00	308.00	1848.00
		Generis Security	Remove & replace door alarm	80.00	16.00	86.00
		Ivan Cooper	Mid-term internal audit			150.00
		CGM	Grass cutting September	217.88	43.58	261.46
	128/21c	Fenwinds	Interim for roof	500.00	100.00	600.00
	"	Fenwinds	Final for roof	500.00	100.00	600.00
		Fenwinds	Extra 2 day's work re roof	560.00	112.00	672.00
	"	Rialtas	Acc's software annual licence	124.00	24.80	148.80
		Wrights tools	Batteries for card reader	2.52	0.50	3.02
		EDF energy	Pavilion electricity Sept	13.43	0.67	14.10
		March electrical	Christmas lights festoon belts	2064.80	412.96	2477.76
		Southern electric	Street light electricity Sept	171.11	9.00	180.11
		Mark Finbow	Play at hall			200.00
		CGM	Grass cut WMPF & Cemetery	116.00	23.20	139.20
		Calloo	Adult gym eqpt	9000.00	1800.00	10800.00
	057/21c	CGM	WMPF repairs and re-seed	2900.00	580.00	3480.00
	057/21b	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath			25.00
		Nisbets	Xmas lights BBQ	545.29	109.05	654.34

185/21	Risk Management and Health & Safety	a) To review policies/procedures: Grievance Policy; Complaint & Whistleblowing Policy; both Draft policies were forwarded to Cllrs on 27.9.2021 After discussion resolved to adopt both as read. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen; Seconded: Cllr. Rose.	

186/21	Planning	Planning: a) the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: F/YR21/0997/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (for Plot 1 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0550/O to erect up to 3 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) and construction of footpath at Land South Of 6 Eastwood End – no objections F/YR21/1012/F - Erect a 2-storey rear extension and front porch, and insert a first-floor side window to existing dwelling, involving the demolition of existing conservatory at 4 Church St. – no objections F/YR21/1020/F -Conversion of garage to 2-bed annexe including a single-storey rear extension and erect 1.8 metre high (max) entrance gates/piers/railings to front boundary of existing dwelling at 23 - 25 Doddington Road – object to metal railing as would alter street scene and remove wildlife habitat. No objection to conversion of garage. Conservation officer to consider listed building regs. F/YR21/1021/LB -Listed Building consent to convert garage to 2-bed annexe including a single-storey rear extension, erect 1.8 metre high (max) entrance gates/piers/railings to front boundary, works to principal dwelling to include re-pointing, works to chimney stack, addition of wood burner to dining room and replacement back door – as above. F/YR21/1137/TRTPO -Works to 2no European Lime trees covered by TPO M/465/17 at 23 - 25 Doddington Road – no objections. <i>Cllr Davis did not take part in discussions regarding the above planning applications as she is a member of FDC planning committee.</i> b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Howell did not attend.	
187/21	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport	a) Street lights reported: WPC 086 corner of Frogs Abbey Lane had been knocked down by a car along with other overhead cables. Police were called by resident, driver not injured. UKPN made safe. Cable testing have removed the knock down and will submit quote to replace. Insurance company advised with Police incident number. b) Footpaths and highways issues: None. Cllr Hennen remarked that outside Data Shredders there is a ditch which is now clearly visible as overgrowth has now been cut back. c) Chapel Lane street light: clerk reported that whilst re-numbering our street lights, it became apparent that a light at the Doddington Rd. end of Chapel Lane is not on our list and on checking, is not on Cambs CC list of lights with Balfour Beatty. Clerk asked whether Councillors are willing to adopt this light. After discussion resolved to adopt and number this light. Proposed: Cllr Hennen; Seconded: Cllr. Harding.	
188/21	War Memorial playing field	a) WMPF – Cllr Dent reported that a wasps nest had been reported by a resident and had been destroyed by a local contractor. Adult gym eqpt has been installed and strip of re-seed is completed, also wild flower strip has been rotovated -clerk to check if seeding has been done. B) fencing: further to an e-mail received by the clerk regarding Rights of Way, Councillors were asked to consider fencing the un-fenced part of the boundary line adjacent to the allotment access road, so that a precedent could not be set. After discussion resolved to get quotes.	PA PA
18921	Parkfield	Written report: None received. Cllr Davis said that a new cricket wicket for training has been installed. Cllr Davis said that further to discussions at the last meeting regarding grass cutting being taken over by Parkfield: They will take over completely and we will give £1600.00 per annum for the cutting. They asked for 5 years lump sum - £8000.00 which was agreed. Clerk has asked Solicitors for their comments about current lease agreement and just Chairmen signing an amendment. Solicitors would charge £500-650 to draw up a new agreement, which they recommend we do. If we do have a Solicitors agreement it would safeguard future Committee members. There will be a new chairman at Parkfield, but this will not affect the ownership of the land. All documents show that should Parkfield management fail, everything will revert to the ownership of Parish Council. Cllr Davis suggested that next agreement is for 5 years to cover the 5 year upfront payment to	

		Parkfield. After discussion resolved to have formal Solicitors agreement. Clerk to arrange for Solicitors to draw up agreement and bring back to Council Meeting..	PA
190/21	New Cemetery/ Churchyard	a) War memorial statue cleaning; Parochial Church Council have contacted clerk to ask that Parish Council pay the excess, after some fundraising which they are arranging, for the War Memorial angel statue to be cleaned. Clerk reminded Councillors that statute states: 's.6(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1894 ("1894 Act") transferred powers from the Vestry and Churchwardens to the newly formed parish councils "except so far as relates to the affairs of the church or to ecclesiastical charities." s.6(1) (c) of the 1894 Act confirms the powers, duties and liabilities conferred on parish councils include "the holding and management of parish property "not being property relating to affairs of the church or held for an ecclesiastical charity". S.8 of the 1894 Act gives parish councils further powers including the power "to execute any works (including works of maintenance or improvement) incidental to or consequential on the exercise of the powers in s.6 , "not being property relating to affairs of the church or held for an ecclesiastical charity" and further "to contribute towards the expense of doing any of the things above mentioned, or to agree or combine with any other parish council to do or contribute towards the expense of doing any of the things above mentioned".' NALC document forwarded to Cllrs 29.9.2021. The fact that Council has previously paid the whole bill should not set a precedent and would have been done without the current knowledge. Temporary secretary of the PCC has since receiving this information asked that Parish council wait to make a decision until after the next PCC meeting. After long discussion resolved to await PCC reply.	
191/21	Parish Hall	Fenwinds have finished installing new fascia. Clerk is receiving more bookings. A mirror is needed in the Gents toilets.	PA
192/21	Correspondence		
193/21	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday 9 th November 2021 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 20.20	

Appendix a*

Payments	October 2021	NET	VAT	£
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			106.85
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			216.55
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			796.33
Handyman	Handyman duties + project			588.00
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			246.64
LGSS	Clerks pension			266.76
Total				2221.13