

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at Wimblington Parish Hall, Addison Rd. Wimblington PE15 0QT, at 7.00 pm.

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. P Clark; Cllr. Dent (19.40); Cllr. Harding;
Mr & Mrs A Johnson; Mrs M Abbott; Mrs Moulton; Mrs Hart; Mr & Mrs Davies;

Number	Title		Action
043/22	Apologies for Absence	Cllr. Rose (parent's evening); Cllr. Gowing (previous meeting);	
044/22	Absentees	Cllr Wright;	
045/22	Chairs Additional items	None	
046/22	Co-option of new Councillors	2 applications had been received and forwarded to Cllrs on 3.3.2022. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Abbott gave short presentations after which Councillors voted by secret ballot. Both Mrs Johnson & Mrs Abbott duly co-opted. Clerk gave various forms and information for completion. Clerk to arrange induction with both.	PA
047/22	Declarations of interest	i)declaration: None. ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
048/22	Public Participation	None	
049/22	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 8 th February 2022 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen; Seconded: Cllr; Clark. All in favour.	
050/22	Fenland District Council	Cllr Davis reported that there is nothing relevant to the village other than approving the latest Council tax. 22% of the Council tax money collected goes to County Council. Precepts between villages were quite varied, some due to projects.	
051/22	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr Gowing could not attend. Also received from CCC the following information: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Partnership has launched a survey 'We are seeking views on domestic abuse services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Whether you have needed support or not, please complete our anonymous survey: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BI8KWF/ ' A new Violence Against Women And Girls (VAWG) 'Enough.' campaign has been launched: 'The Home Office has launched a multi-million-pound publicity campaign that will urge people to report street harassment and other abuse of women whether by friends, relatives, work colleagues or strangers. The strategy marks the anniversary of Sarah Everard's murder. Under the plan, violence against women and girls will be elevated to the same status as terrorism, forcing police to devote the necessary resources and capability. Ministers will also introduce a specific new offence of street harassment "if there is a need".'	
052/22	Clerks report	Clerk reported that the bollards for War Memorial playing field have been ordered – with inspection from handyman 6 bollards were purchased and should arrive this week. Leaf blower was unfortunately £20.00 more than first quote, but has arrived. The Cemetery gazebo will arrive week commencing 21 st March. Handyman passed on his thanks for the electricity allowance for the MVAS. Clerk was asked/advised that the defibrillator at Sisco garage has been moved approx 1 meter to allow for the installation of laundrette . Clerk advised that our hall cleaner has handed in her resignation having been offered more hours at her other job. The job has been advertised locally. Letter has been sent to those residents who have access via Lyon Walk regarding complaint received about the poor surface. Cllr Rose reported that a recent Speedwatch patrol on March Road at lunchtime and had some very high figures of speeders and speeds (26 out of 203 vehicles speeding, speeds varied between 36 - 51mph) - speeders included a service bus and a police car.	
053/22	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	a) Fun Day: Events proposed: Toilet hire – in an e-mail Cllr Rose asked Council members whether the Parish Council would pay this year for toilet hire. There are now only 4 actual working group members and cleaning the toilets is a thankless job for one days use. We will	

		need to hire a disabled toilet anyway. Parish Council to possibly consider upgrade the WMPF toilets this year. After discussion toilet hire to go onto next agenda. Written report from Cllr Rose: Plans are coming together well for the event on 17th July. Meeting held last week and have decided to stick with a "Great British" theme, on the back of the Jubilee. We are looking to put on a Punch & Judy show plus we have booked the vocal duo "Back Two" for a set, which will include traditional sing-along songs. JezO also booked for a magic show and The Joker entertainment will be supplying 2 entertainers for stilt-walking balloon / bubbles and then a stage show. Hoping Wimblington Choir might also be involved. First Aid Cover is also booked and we have now started inviting stallholders to book pitches. Christmas Lights Group are running the bar as a fundraiser - TEN license needed. Fundraisers coming up - Horse Race Night on 19th March (tickets selling steadily) and Gin Tasting Night on 1st April (tickets selling well, largely to outsiders / followers of Fenspirits, which is nice as it will showcase the hall). Car Treasure Hunt also tentatively booked for 2nd May but will decide nearer the time. Cllr Harding said that the group would like to open again after Covid with a big bang – thinks she has a marching band to attend. b) Christmas Lights: Events proposed: Written report from Cllr Rose: Funds have been balanced and we start the year with -£361.28. I am confident that this will be back filled with the first fundraiser of the year (Butty Morning on 23rd April). We then have bars to run for the Jubilee, a private party on 18th June and the Fun Day on 17th July. We shall need to do a large Bookers shop, probably mid-May - Parkfield have agreed to discuss supplying beer for the Jubilee on a sale/return basis, and Julie and I are meeting with them soon to discuss. We have also booked 17th September for the Autumn Bacon Butty Morning and 29th October for Halloween Disco again, as very popular before. Lights go on this year on 26th November and Sleigh Tour likely to be 10th December. Cllr Clark offered to discuss possible help to the bar as well. c) Queens Platinum Jubilee: Further sponsorship has been secured from Pavemac - £200 for children's entertainment and Chapel Cottage plants - £500 for a piper for the beacon lighting. Letters of thanks and invoice for the donations have been sent. Quotes to hire toilets are: disabled + 1 ladies & 1 gents - £360.40 net; disabled only - £180.40 net. After discussion resolved for Council to hire Proposed: Cllr Davis; Seconded; Cllr Clark. Written report from Cllr Rose: Plans coming together well, Saturday plans all falling into place and marquee, power requirements and toilets all sorted. Will soon be looking for helpers to make sandwiches / platters Saturday morning and help decorate the marquee. Also need people willing to bake fairy cakes for children's lunchboxes (we are still in need of maybe 100 cakes). Funds are still OK, sponsors are now starting to pay their donations and we are within the sponsorship / gifted amount, even with a couple of unexpected extra costs (sound engineer for the evening and hiring a generator for the marquee), with a small surplus. I am hoping we might get funds from Burnthouse Fund too, though won't know until May if we have been successful. If we do, then we will pay for extra daytime entertainers and maybe increase evening food numbers / offering. First Aid Cover is also booked for the whole day. Christmas Lights Group are running the evening bar as a fundraiser - TEN license needed. Parish Council will pay for this.	PA PA
054/22	Other Matters	a) Good neighbour scheme: Cllr. Harding will now approach the prescriber/co-ordinator at the surgery, although there is now an Age UK scheme which charges £9 per week for a visit (single) or £11 per week couple for various tasks. Cllr Harding will liaise with Cllr Abbott. b) MVAS: Clerk had contacted CCC highways and completed & submitted their form to ask to install an MVAS. To date no reply has been received. Cllr Davis has applied to Ransonmoor for funding for 2 solar panels with 1 solar powered MVAS. Cllr Hennen asked whether we've had notification yet about our last LHI bid – nothing yet received. c) Annual Assembly: Cllr Clark had asked that we agree a budget for the postponed event to invite local group volunteers to a social thank you evening. After discussion resolved to apportion £150.00 Proposed: Cllr Dent Seconded: Cllr Harding. d) Remote meetings: clerk forwarded an e-mail from SLCC asking Councils to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove MP, as follows: <i>'This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5 January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the</i>	Ask Karen

	<i>flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures.’</i> After discussion resolved to write the letter of support. Proposed: Cllr Hennen Seconded: Cllr Clark e) CAPALC membership: Clerk had forwarded annual renewal pack to Cllrs on 21.2.2022. After discussion resolved to join again for 2022/23. Proposed: Cllr Harding Seconded: Cllr Dent f) Ransonmoor panel: As the Parish Council’s representative on the Ransonmoor panel has resigned, a new one is needed. After discussion Cllr Hennen volunteered. g) Community Emergency Plan: Clerk had forwarded information received from Fenland District Council, in view of the recent storms and disruption in this area. FDC suggest that each town and Parish have their own Emergency Plan and had sent a template for adaption. After discussion resolved to forward changed plan to Cllrs. For consideration.	PA MD to advise FDC
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055/22	Payments	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:			
		Payments	NET	VAT	£
		Salaries Jan	*Including pension, tax & NI		1869.48
		H W Martin	Lights switch on road closure	1345.00	269.00
		B Elmore	Xmas lights poles & caps	478.86	95.77
		B Elmore	Xmas lights pole sockets 2020	9.50	1.90
		FDC	Cemetery waste collection		38.00
		Flagmakers.co.uk	2 Jubilee flags & bunting	137.37	27.47
		FDC	TEN licence for Jubilee		21.00
		First Aiders	Jubilee event		445.39
		?	Jubilee wristbands		52.47
		Southern electricity	Hall electricity Nov - Feb	155.93	7.79
		CAPALC	Annual membership		597.42
		Fraser Dawbarns	Parkfield lease renewal	627.50	125.50
	see 060/22 b	Parkfield	Payment in lieu of grass cutting.		8000.00
		Little treats	Jubilee cakes		350.00
		EDF energy	Pavilion electricity Jan-Feb	18.91	0.95
		Avantigas	Hall gas February	193.37	38.67
		CGM	Cemetery hedge cuts	630.00	126.00
		Southern electricity	Street lights electricity Feb	160.11	8.45
		Makira	Fun day first aid		299.48
		Fen spirits	Gin tasting event – fun day		300.00
		Joker ent'mnt	Fun day entertainment		818.00
		Wave	Pavilion water Dec-March		10.86
		Wave	Cemetery water Dec-March		31.80
		Wave	Hall water Dec-March		64.12
		VMS vehicle hire	Jubilee refrigerated van hire	501.65	100.33
		Invoices paid by Barclaycard			
		Zoom	Video confr	11.99	2.40
		Giff gaff	Pavilion data	10.00	2.00
		Amazon	Fun day ink carts	25.00	5.00
		Stephenson's	Jubilee napkins, cups etc	171.48	34.29
	037/22c	NNB recycled fur'tr	6 bollards for WMPF	510.00	102.00
		FDC	Jubilee bar licence		21.00
		FDC	Xmas lights fund raiser bar		21.00
		FDC	Xmas lights Fun day bar		21.00
		All Undercover	Generator hire for Jubilee	410.00	82.00
		*See appendix a for salary breakdown			
		= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting			
		All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Harding; Seconded: Cllr. Clark, all in favour.			

056/22	Risk Management and Health & Safety	a) To review policies/procedures: Financial Risk Assessment & Equality & Diversity policy were forwarded to Cllrs on 10.2.2022 After discussion resolved to approve as read. Proposed: Cllr. Dent Seconded: Cllr. Clark	NHP
057/22	Planning	Planning: a) the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: F/YR22/0065/VOC – Variation of Condition 02 (condition listing approved plans) of Planning Appeal APP/D0515/W/20/3262885 relating to planning application F/YR20/0635/F (Erect 1 x dwelling (single-storey, 3-bed) to allow installation of external chimney and alterations to fenestration at Land South West Of 32 Eastwood End – no objections F/YR21/0713/F - Change of use of land for the use of travellers including siting of 3no static and 3no touring caravans, water treatment plant and keeping of horses and part use of existing stables as day room at Cedar Rose Stables Horsemoor Road – No objections to 3 static caravans, but object to 3 touring caravans due to poor access and highway difficulties. This would make extra traffic with horses using the road and no passing places. There are already many more vehicles to other sites using this single track lane. This would change the character of the surrounding area and adversely affect neighbours. LP12j,k; LP14;LP16;LP17 F/YR21/0328/F - Erect 21no single-storey dwellings comprising of 18 x 3-bed and 3 x2-bed with garages including 1.8 metre high (approx) close boarded fencing at Land North Of Willow Gardens; revised application received 28.2.2022 – Whilst there are no general objections to the above consultation/application, Councillors wish to note that details are needed about the foot bridge over the culvert/flood report as the dyke has caused flooding quite recently. F/YR20/0641/F – revised proposals to Erect 9 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings with garages including open space/play area with pond and formation of 2.5m high bunding, 2m high bunding with 1m high close boarded fence on top, 3m high close boarded fence, 3m wide foot/cycle path parallel to A141 and 1.8m wide footpath along Eastwood End to meet existing footpath at Land South Of Eastwood End – object as before F/YR22/0172/CERTLU -Certificate of lawfulness (Existing): Occupation of dwelling without compliance with condition 1 of planning permission TP11523, relating to agricultural occupancy at 1 England's Farm Horsemoor Road – no objections F/YR22/0192/F - Erect a 2-storey side extension to existing building at 2 Norfolk Street – object – splay /overlooking <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: N/A	PA
058/22	Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport	a) Street lights reported: Clerk has been advised that the replacement light at Froggs Abbey Lane will be installed week commencing 7th March 2022 and has chased the replacement light on Fullers Lane. Keep chasing b) Footpaths and highways issues: Resident reported a pothole on Fullers Lane which clerk reported to CCC highways. c) Street light structural survey: no further action until MVAS information is received from CCC.	
059/22	War Memorial playing field	a) WMPF – Cllr Dent reported that there is flooding again in the children's play area. Clerk to ask drains contractor to look at it. Clerk advised that one of the extra seating units purchased is being fitted this week. b) Special needs equipment: FLP have been asked for a quote to repair the current roundabout, should this prove to not be financially viable the suggestion is that we should install an accessible to all roundabout. Quote still awaited Next agenda.	PA
060/22	Parkfield	a)Written report: Newsletter was forwarded to Cllrs on 8.3.2022. Parkfields has had a steady level of support this year, with a good turnout for daily lunches and Saturday breakfast. All sports and fitness clubs have had a regular and continued turnout. Weekly Monday evening bingo returned at the end of last year after the long absence due to the covid outbreak, and numbers have steadily increased each week as people begin to confidently adapt to being part of a wider group again. Monthly quiz returned this month after a two year absence, again due to the pandemic, Overwhelmed by the support and a good time was had by all. Very much looking forward to next month's quiz and hope to achieve the same level of numbers again. The next quiz night will be Sunday April 3rd, 7:30pm in aid of village Jubilee celebrations.	

		b) New lease: The lease has been signed off by our Solicitors and a copy forwarded to Parkfield. Our Solicitor suggested verbally, that we complete the one off payment for grass cutting immediately, to fulfil that part of our agreement. After discussion resolved to approve the payment as shown in the payment schedule. Thereafter as from February 2027 an annual payment of £1600.00 to be made to Parkfield Management Committee in lieu of grass cutting. Proposed: Cllr Davis Seconded: Cllr. Harding c) Planning application: Parish Council have been asked by Parkfield management if we would apply for permission to extend the current club house. Parkfield will monetarily compensate the Council, but apparently it is cheaper for us to apply than it would be for Parkfield to apply directly. After discussion resolved to complete the application for Parkfield as we are the landlords of the site. Proposed: Cllr Hennen; Seconded: Cllr Davis Chairman will monitor.	PA MD
061/22	New Cemetery/ Churchyard	a) Cemetery gazebo/trees: The concrete base will be installed this week-end, although the weather and depth of the tree roots to be removed has slowed installation. Gazebo is scheduled for installation week commencing 21 st March. Clerk to re-send tree list to Cllrs .	PA
062/22	Parish Hall	a) Recruitment: cleaner: Only 1 application has been received. After discussion decision is to widen search area. b) Overhead projector: Clerk had received a complaint about the overhead projector. Using the OHP from a laptop does not produce the clearest picture, clerk and handyman have adjusted the OHP to achieve the best picture possible, but feel that it still does not give the sharpest of pictures. However as it's used very little does the small use justify the cost of buying a new OHP? Clerk had done some research and believes that a new and better OHP would cost in the region of £875.00 net. After discussion resolved to purchase the one quoted. Proposed: Cllr Hennen Seconded: Cllr Clark	PA PA
063/22	Correspondence	Cllr Davis received an e-mail from the Community car scheme – Co-ordinator thanked the 50+ group for the donation of £666.89p, after that group had closed. The car scheme has changed slightly after the pandemic having taken on the March group as well with 10 drivers in total. There are now funds for an emergency and enough for cash flow to enable payment to drivers straight away rather than having to wait for income to be received. Cllr Hennen said that regarding our web site a comment has been left on the site, but we don't know how. Chadwick designs have sorted that out. He suggested that we now pay for an hours work up front for them to bank in lieu of work to be done. This will cost £55.00 – next agenda. Proposed: Cllr Hennen Seconded Cllr Davis. Clerk to contact them.	PA
064/23	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 21.00	

Appendix a*

Payments	November2021	NET	VAT	£
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			107.05
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			93.30
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			796.33
Handyman	Handyman duties			370.00
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			236.04
LGSS	Clerks pension			266.76
Total				1869.48