

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th July 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. Johnson; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Abbott; Cllr Harding;
Mrs Moulton; Mrs Hart; Mrs Kahan; Mrs Morrissey, Mrs Bird, Cllr Gowing.

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
133/22	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Wright (work); Cllr Rose (family matter); Cllr Clark (work)	
134/22	Absentees		
135/22	Chairs Additional items - 1a	None	
136/22	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: Cllr Dent re Parkfield item ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
137/22	Public Participation - 3		
138/22	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 14 th June 2022 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr Hennen;. All in favour.	
139/22	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis reported that at a recent FDC meeting, there was nothing relevant to Wimblington to report.	
140/22	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Gowing reported that little has happened lately. Approval has been given for flood defences/investigations in March town. An historic map is being produced showing areas which flood, in conjunction with Anglian Water. Cllr Johnson said that she has recently attended training which suggested that anyone with flood problems should call the lead flood authority to investigate. There are several roads in March which regularly flood. The 16 foot railway underpass bridge has been hit again by a caravan.	
141/22	Clerks report - 7	# see payments. Clerk had received the invoice for shared speedwatch equipment which historically is paid jointly by us and Doddington PC. Doddington clerk raised the point that it still had the name of 'March Neighbourhood Watch' and should now be shown as the 2 Parishes. The reply from Zurich is that they cannot title this policy under 2 names, so in a telephone conversation with them clerk asked whether the equipment could just be added to our current insurance (he thought there would be no additional fee this year if we did that). All emails and information were sent to Doddington to ask if they agree and they have telephoned to say that they will discuss this at their next meeting. The clerk there thought that as long as it is minuted that the equipment is owned by both Parishes and that the policy includes use in Doddington, that that would be sufficient. After discussion all in agreement to add to our current policy. Clerk to facilitate and put as agenda item for next meeting.	
142/22	Fun Day/Christmas Lights - 8	a) Fun Day: Events proposed:– In a written report Cllr Rose said: - currently watching weather closely, very concerned that highest temperatures predicted for Sunday are between 3pm-5pm at 27-29 degrees. The races are scheduled to be run just after 3pm. In discussion with the group members and suppliers etc to possibly move the event forward an hour, so 11am-3pm. If all can do it, then we will reorganise the schedule and do the races very early on in the programme. I feel sure the heat will affect attendance anyway and we have the make the event safe and consider the safety of the volunteers, especially at packing up time. All that aside, all plans are in place for a great day - JezO's Magic, Punch & Judy Shows, The Joker Entertainment, Back Two, children's races and the usual stalls, games, bbq, ice creams, cookie stall etc ... As an aside, the bouncy castle company (Kirbys') have asked me if they were to take their equipment up there Saturday night and set it out then, could they stay on site in their caravan? They are self-contained with toilet etc, and they may not do this, they may just come very early Sunday, but I said I would ask. I believe that Cllr's would need to approve it. After discussion resolved not to allow. Proposed Cllr. Davis Seconded Cllr. Johnson b) Christmas Lights: Events proposed: Lights - had a successful bar at a private party in June. All set for running the bar at the Fun Day.	

		Bacon butty morning scheduled for 17th September and party night set for 29th October	
143/22	Other Matters - 9	a) Community Emergency Plan: Forwarded to Cllrs on 11.3.2022. Deferred to next agenda b) MAGPAS: Clerk had received a letter from Magpas outlining their work and asking whether we could make a donation. After discussion resolved to give £500.00 Proposed: Cllr Davis Seconded: Cllr. Johnson c) Footpaths; clerk had forwarded an email received from Cambs ACRE to Cllr Wright (ROW). Cllr Wright was unable to attend defer to next meeting d) FDC community safety presentation: clerk forwarded email to Cllrs on 30.6.2022 The Fenland Community Safety Team are looking to visit each rural parish to offer community safety drop-in sessions to offer advice and support on a range of community issues, from September. We have been asked to provide some dates if available. Cllr Davis had spoken to FDC and will ask Peter James whether they could attend the McMillan tea, also possibly the bacon buttie morning. After discussion resolved to approach both parties to see which might be more suitable/agreeable.	PA

144/22	Payments - 10	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:
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146/22	Planning - 12	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) F/YR22/0751/RM -Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0548/O to erect 1 dwelling at Land North Of 1 Church Street -as original application has now been approved comments on Reserved matters are as follows: According to the officer report for application number F/YR19/0548/O - Erect 1 dwelling (Outline application with all matters reserved) - a landscaping scheme would form part of the reserved matters, but none seems apparent. Please disclose landscaping proposals. Whilst window placement has been addressed, the house will have very little natural light in most rooms. As always there is concern about the added impact both foul and grey water run-off will have, particularly to the struggling sewage system. There appear to be no documents relating to the original officer report which said: 'There are capacity issues in the sewage network leading to the Waste Water treatment works in Doddington which also affects the village of Wimblington, as such a suitable worded condition should be included relating to both surface and foul water drainage' please clarify. <i>Clr 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 Johnson reported that so far contact has been made with NHP.co.uk. The initial application for funding has not proceeded. Application has not yet been made and should we apply now, any money not spent by March 2023 would have to be handed back. Some work had been done by the previous group, but we cannot apply for payment of anything which has already been paid for. So far all consultants quotes have come in at over £10,000.00. There is some talk that NHP grants may not continue after 2023 although most people concerned believe that the grants will continue. As soon as we complete the expression of interest form we have only 30 days to complete the form and the ball is rolling. Cllr Davis thought that we should put in the application and start the work as Parish Council may have to contribute anyway. We can start the jobs which entail a lot of work but not necessarily a lot of cost. Other Councillors who attended the training who are also starting their NHP and are willing to share information. Cllr Davis said that it seems that the time taken to get the plan through, is down to hold ups at District Council. Cllr Davis proposed that we start the plan and cover any costs incurred before the grant comes through. Seconded: Cllr Hennen.	AJ
147/22	Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport - 13	a) Street lights reported: The quote from our maintenance contractors has finally arrived to replace the non-working light on Fullers Lane, cost would be £1175.00 net. After discussion resolved to Proposed Cllr. Hennen Seconded Cllr. Dent. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Johnson said the she and Cllr Wright will continue to investigate issues for the next LHI bid. Cllr Abbott said that there is a section of footpath which has very deep cracks opposite Nursery gardens, she will report and clerk to report. Cllr Hennen asked why there are/have been several piles of earth at 19 Eastwood End blocking a footpath. Nobody knows, he will report to highways. Clerk asked Cllr Gowing to press forward and arrange a meeting between us, Mathew Homes and CCC re missing footpath and street lights opposite Nursery Gardens. c) Solar MVAS: Further to minute 126/22d MVAS and poles have been ordered, luckily thanks to a telephone call by Cllr Hennen we have secured the MVAS at the quoted price and not the new updated price. Completed forms for Ransonmoor funding have been sent to FDC. Once the MVAS are in situ we are to forward photographs of them.	PA PA
e148/22	War Memorial playing field - 14	a) CCTV - Cllr Clark has retrieved footage of youths vandalising the mast/aerial on the Pavilion at the War Memorial playing field, the footage and close up stills have been sent to the Police as well of that of the same youths breaking guttering on the toilet block. Crime number 35/44616/22 b) Tree survey: clerk had forwarded the tree survey report to Councillors on 27.6.2023. After discussion resolved to agree all of the suggested works at cost of £2035.00 net. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen Seconded: Cllr. Dent	PA PA
149/22	Parkfield - 15	a) Planning application: proposed plans forwarded to Cllrs on 6.7.2022. After discussion resolved to approve the plans. Proposed: Cllr. Davis Seconded: Cllr.Harding Clerk advised that she had raised an Invoice for £277.00 being 10% of the clear profit for 2020/2021 as agreed with Parkfield chairman.	PA
150/22	New Cemetery/ Churchyard	a) new trees/planters. Similar planters to the preferred one has been found by the clerk and ordered with approval of the chairman – see payments. Trees – ongoing in the Autumn	

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151/22	Parish Hall - 17	a) Kitchen: clerk has met with 2 builders and awaiting quotes to replace the floor. One of the quotes will also include quote to replace the unit doors, wall tiles, worktop, sinks and taps, so will not be comparable, but both will be itemised. b) Devolved power re hall bookings: Clerk & chair explained that occasionally a decision has to be made as to fees for certain groups. Cllr Davis asked whether Cllrs would agree to clerk & chair making a quick decision, rather than waiting for all Cllrs to reply to e-mails or the next meeting. After discussion all were in agreement.	
152/22	Correspondence -18	Cllr Harding explained that she and Cllr Abbott had met to discuss a good neighbour scheme. This for the next agenda. Cllr Abbott had found at recent Cllr training that other Councils found a leaflet drop the most effective in gauging any response to the idea. Cllr Dent had recently been asked about an overgrown allotment behind a resident's garden. She went and looked with the Allotments Secretary and the weeds are higher than the fence. Allotment society will trim the weeds and approach the tenant to either maintain or surrender the plot. Also they will look at trees which may need some work. Cllr Davis said that the tenancy agreement says that plots have to be kept clear and worked, they must tell the tenant to either work the plot or give it up. Clerk to arrange meetings with Allotments secretary. Clerk had also met Allotments Secretary and discussed the fence panel which needs to be put back in place. Allotments and resident have agreed to replace the fence and remove brambles. Council might then install/repair the guttering on the back of the adjacent building to stop rainwater running off the building and rotting the fence posts. Cllr Davis said that the fence is our responsibility, we should not be putting up guttering to stop the water fall off which is rotting the fence posts. PC to pay for fence post, allotments can arrange and put up guttering. Cllr Davis said that a mirror was put up on a pole outside Knowles, which had been erected by a neighbour. Two complaints had been received as the mirror was badly and illegally sited. The resident had applied to highways for them to erect a mirror to help him exit a drive way opposite, which was refused by highways. The mirror has blinded at least 2 drivers, one very seriously nearly causing a crash, about which we have received complaints. The mirror has been removed by Highways.	
153/23	Date of next meeting - 19	Next meeting: Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 20.35	

Appendix a*

Payments	June 2022	NET	VAT	£
Handyman	Handyman duties incl projects			1738.67
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			946.43
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			113.90
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			164.67
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			526.95
LGSS	Clerks pension			322.22
Total				3812.84