

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at Wimblington Parish Hall, Addison Rd. Wimblington PE15 0QT, at 7.00 pm.

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Clark; Cllr. Dent ; Cllr. Abbott; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Johnson; Mrs Moulton; Mrs Morrison; Mr & Mrs Thorne; Mrs Kahan; Mrs Hicks; Mr & Mrs Best.

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
154/23	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Wright (illness) Cllr Gowing (previous meeting); Cllr Harding (work); Cllr Rose (holiday) After discussion resolved to approve all absences. Proposed: Cllr Johnson; Seconded: Cllr Dent.	
155/23	Absentees		
156/23	Chairs Additional items - 1a	The Chairman to report additional items for consideration, which the Chairman deems urgent, by virtue of the special circumstances to be now specified: Due to the time constriction advised by FDC this application needs to be discussed and comments returned before 18th August. F/YR22/0884/PIP - Residential development of up to 9 x dwellings involving the formation of an access (application for Permission in Principle) at Land North Of Hill View Eastwood End. After discussion resolved to object as per similar application for the other end of Eastwood End. <i>Further to last night's Parish Council meeting, Councillors wish to object to the above application on the following grounds: Overdevelopment - this further development will increase the dwellings on the lane Eastwood End – an elsewhere location - by 12 dwellings. The plan shows family properties which will increase traffic entering/exiting on to the A141. Wimblington's infrastructure is already struggling to cope with the additional developments, water and sewerage. The village does not have the available facilities so residents of these new developments will have to travel to Doctors/Dentists/Schools/Shops etc. Those without a vehicle will have to cross the busy A141 to reach public transport or village amenities.</i> <i>The applicant states that within the 'Inspectors Report' is advised the settlement boundary are not defined but are left to be considered on a case basis. The Inspectorate also advised that they noted the recent granting of 3 no dwellings on Eastwood End - but since that statement, a further 12 no dwellings have been granted so that is more than a consistent growth for village status.</i> <i>In this case the planning department should use their judgement and consider this 'Over Development', Wimblington has far out reached its NPPF/LPP advised development level - the level of increase is more than 10% in Wimblington village. The intensity of dwellings is excessive in terms of its demand on the infrastructure/local services/local amenities and character.</i> <i>This development would involve the partial destruction of green habitat that has an abundance of wildlife living within it, which provides a wildlife corridor close to the A141. A number of trees and hedges were already removed prior to the application for the two 3 no dwellings east and west of Eastwood End. The applicant states that there will be no major tree removals but a natural habitat is not just about trees, the hedgerow and open green space is as much a natural habitat as the trees. Once again green land is going to become impermeable land and hence the increased problem of surface water and drainage.</i> <i>Historic environment- this application will add yet more housing along a single lane in a small settlement that has existed for hundreds of years and has several historic and graded buildings that have been preserved. This development is not in keeping with the style and design that has been preserved along Eastwood End for centuries and conflicts with the character of the original lane.</i> <i>Access - Eastwood End's road system is inadequate to cope with the addition of access points along the single winding lane. There are to be additional accesses put in close to the tight bend at the south entrance to Eastwood End, access points for the 3 no dwellings on the left after the tight bend and access points for the 3 no dwellings on the right after the tight bend. Visibility will be a hazard, plus the environmental damage that is bound to be caused by excessive traffic. Collection of waste bins could be an issue, putting bins to be emptied at the access point would be extremely hazardous.</i>	AJ

		<i>Conclusion - this site abuts sites that have recently been given planning approval by FDC. It states in policies that it should not be predetermined or 'a precedence be set' because previous planning has been approved.</i> <i>Contravenes Policies:</i> LP3 LP12 Part A LP13 Infrastructure - Developer Contribution LP14 Part B Flood Risk and Damage LP15 Strategic Transport Infrastructure -Public and Community Transport Infrastructure LP16 (c)(d)(f)(g) LP18 The Historic Environment	
157/23	Declarations of interest - 2	i) declaration: Cllr Dent re F/YR22/0884/PIP. Cllrs Johnson & Hennen re F/YR22/0783/F ii) written dispensation requests: There were none. iii) dispensation grants: There are none.	
158/23	Public Participation - 3	None	
159/23	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 12 th July 2022 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr; Clark. All in favour.	
160/23	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis reported that there is nothing new to report.	
161/23	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Gowing could not attend.	
162/23	Clerks report - 7	The damaged footpath reported at the July meeting is now scheduled for repair by Cambs County Council. WMPF new fence panel: Further to quotes and time restraints Chairman approved the purchase of quote number 1 at £365.00 net. The panel has now been made and fitted. A thank you email for the donation of £500.00 from MAGPAS had been received and forwarded to Cllrs on 5.8.2022 Clerk advised that the current BT contract has been renewed for 2 years at £27.95 per month = £111.80 net per quarter which was the best value package on offer, comparable to our current requirements/usage.	
163/23	Fun Day/Christmas Lights - 8	a) Fun Day: Events proposed:– b) Christmas Lights: Events proposed: See appendix b below Cllr Hennen said we cannot charge people to enter the WMPF. Cllr Davis said we could sell programmes. In principle this seems a very wise move and given that we had to cancel Fun day at the last minute knowing that we would lose money. There were some complaints and some comments that we should have cancelled sooner. However, it was to protect the volunteers that the decision was made. It is also a good idea to move the date forward possibly to June. After discussion resolved to write off both the overspends. Proposed Cllr. Johnson. Seconded Cllr Clark. Resolved to accept the report Proposed Cllr. Johnson Seconded. Cllr Abbott.	
164/23	Other Matters - 9	a) Speedwatch equipment insurance: Further to July clerks report, the speedwatch equipment has now been added to our annual insurance policy, with the proviso that the equipment is covered for use in, and is owned by, both Doddington and Wimblington parishes. Doddington have agreed to continue to pay half of the annual cost of insuring the equipment – see their July minutes, but there is no additional fee this year. After discussion resolved to continue this practice for as long as is needed. Proposed: Cllr. Johnson Seconded: Cllr. Clark. b) Bank/cheque signatory: clerk asked whether she could add Cllr Clark & Cllr Abbott to the signatories list as the current signatories are often busy and additional signatories would be helpful. After discussion resolved to agree. Proposed: Cllr Davis. Seconded: Cllr. Dent	PA

165/23	Payments - 10	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:	
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		Payments		NET	VAT	£
		Salaries	*Including pension, tax & NI			2317.73
		Wimblington News	Annual advert fee			50.00
		CAPALC	Cllr training			75.00
		CAPALC	Cllr training			50.00
		PKF Littlejohn	External audit fee	400.00	80.00	480.00
		EDF energy	Pavilion electricity June – July	26.80	1.34	28.14
		D Breacher	Fun day stall refund			10.00
		FDC	Hall waste July – Oct			127.14
		Wrights tools	Bin repair fence paint	51.28	10.27	61.55
		CGM	Grass cuts inc WMPF collect	1146.10	229.22	1375.32
		Data shredders	7 bags archive secure shred	23.10	4.622	27.72
		Generis security	WMPF CCTV vandalism repair	380.00	76.00	456.00
		Avantigas	Hall gas July	3.76	0.19	3.95
		FDC	Church waste July - October			127.14
		Southern electric	Street light electricity July	176.53	9.27	185.80
		TKH Pat testing	Electrics PAT testing	80.00	16.00	96.00

168/23	Planning - 12	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) F/YR22/0787/F -Erect a 2-storey side extension to existing building at Knowles Transport Limited Blue Lane – no objections F/YR22/0783/F - Change of use from agricultural field to a builder's yard (B2) including the siting of a portacabin office, and erection of aggregate bays and a 2.4m palisade fence, and the formation of a swale at Land North Of 20 Eastwood Industrial Estate –<i>object - this development will increase the area of the light industrial estate by 100%, as fencing and hardcore has already been installed this suggests that the owner is building without permission. It will massively increase the flood risk to locals and particularly to Woodman's Way. Should this be subject to the rule that anything over 1 hectare should be discussed by residents? This would have a huge detrimental effect on wildlife.</i> F/YR22/0784/RM -Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR20/1235/O to erect 88 x 2-storey dwellings (10 x 2-bed, 42 x 3-bed and 36 x 4-bed) with associated garages and parking and open space, involving the formation of a new access and an attenuation pond at Land South Of Bridge Lane - <i>comment that attenuation pond will not be sufficient. The bus stops are in the wrong place and will restrict drivers visibility exiting Bridge Lane. Entrance to site must be constructed first to keep construction traffic off Bridge Lane. Pond must be completed before construction begins Is it too close to the adjacent pond at Nursery Gardens? Make sure that there is enough room for middle level to access the ditch for clearance or install piping.</i> F/YR22/0813/F -Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 4-bed) and the formation of an access, involving the demolition of existing building at Land West Of Fenessence Manea Road – no objection, but note that it is in flood zone 3.	AJ PA MD PA
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		<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 Johnson reported that not a lot new at the moment another meeting of 11 volunteers is scheduled for next week. Sally Chapman has come back with a reasonable quote of £6500.00 to complete the whole thing from the planners side. She suggested we apply for design and guide help from Aecon who help to formulate free of charge through NHP locality. Contact already with a printer who will print at fair price.	
169/23	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport - 13	a) Street lights reported: None b) Footpaths and highways issues: None	
170/23	War Memorial playing field - 14	a) CCTV repair: Quote received from Generis security to replace/repair the damage done to the antenna by vandals. Cost will be £380.00 net – forwarded to Cllrs on 2.8.2022. After discussion resolved to agree the work. Proposed: Cllr. Dent Seconded: Cllr. Abbott See payments. Cllr Davis commented that it's lovely to see the play equipment being so well used.	PA
171/23	Parkfield - 15	a) Written report not received.	
172/23	New Cemetery/Churchyard - 16	Cllr Hennen asked whether we could have CCTV at the Cemetery. Cllr Clark will speak to Generis to see if it's feasible to run CCTV from WMPF.	
173/23	Parish Hall - 17	a) Kitchen: 2 different quotes for varying amounts of work were forwarded to Cllrs on 20.7.2022 and 28.7.2022. After discussion ask both if they will work together. Funding may be available from the Thrive renewables for community buildings and DEFRA for village halls, although confirmation has now been received that the DEFRA funding will probably not be available until well into the New Year. Cllr Davis will apply for funding.	
174/23	Correspondence -18	None	
175/23	Date of next meeting - 19	Next meeting: Tuesday 13 th September 2022 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 20.20	

Appendix a*

Payments	June 2022	NET	VAT	£
Handyman	Handyman duties			506.38
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			946.43
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			114.10
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			164.67
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			263.93
LGSS	Clerks pension			322.22
Total				2317.73

Appendix b
Report from Cllr Rose

Following the cancellation of the Fun Day, I called a meeting of all members of both the Fun Day and Lights groups to discuss plans and a way forward.

The Fun Day Group feel that the Fun Day in its current guise is not feasible anymore, and for me personally, the workload associated with it (due to the many different elements involved, i.e. rides, inflatables, stalls, races, food and entertainment) is too much now.

In a bid to try and avoid having to refund too many stallholders, I contacted all paying stallholders (not groups and charities yet) who had paid their pitch fee for the Fun Day, and I have offered them a free stall at either the Bacon Butty morning or an Autumn Fayre which we intend to lay on, on Saturday 15th October.

To date, most have chosen the October event, some have chosen both (and will pay for a second event) and so we intend to run the Autumn Fayre as a Craft Fayre type event with a plant stall and barbecue running outside, plus some entertainment for the children - we have a credit of one entertainer which I have managed to get secured from The Joker as compensation for cancelling them.

We discussed the two groups merging and then becoming one cohesive group - the "Wimblington Parish Events Group" (Parish is important as it will then include Stonea and Hook).

This means that the group will have a combined volunteer total of 10 people with around 8 other helpers on an ad-hoc basis and it is much more achievable. We have one member who has resigned this year and is stepping down after the Lights Switch On, and this number includes that resignation.

This group would be responsible for the Christmas Lights and Switch On and then we would hope to produce a "Summer Event", with other fundraisers in between. Essentially, the Switch On would fundraise for the Summer event, and then the Summer event for the Lights and Switch On.

We believe that the Jubilee Party in the Park was a huge success and using this format, we would like to lay on a MidSummer Family Party in the Park.

It would start late afternoon on a Saturday (at the War Memorial Field) with children's races and a children's disco.

We would run a bar and barbecue from 4pm-10pm (barbecue until maybe 8pm) and then evening bands would be on "stage" from around 6:30pm-10:00pm.

We would like it to have a family feel but also a festival feel too. We could secure inflatables and or rides as well, as a side attraction for children.

I believe that this encompasses the "best bits" of the Fun Day and would offer a good family event, and using this as a magnet, it could attract more families, perhaps encouraging them to want to be involved in organising village events. We, as a group, do not feel that it should be a totally free event, we would ask guests to pay a nominal £2 admission fee, and then they can buy food and drink on site.

We discussed logistics in some detail and feel that we should continue to use JezO's Events for the Lights Switch On, because essentially it is a great service and definitely creates the "wow" factor, and it "weather proof's" the Switch on.

We do, however, feel that for the Summer Event, we could ask a local company if we could borrow a lorry trailer, and we would use it three-sided as a "stage", to weather-proof the acts. We would then hire a sound engineer, like we did for the Jubilee, to support the music aspect of the event.

This would keep costs down considerably, and we would ask the local haulage firm if they would consider being the primary sponsor of the event by loaning us a lorry for use as the stage.

Paul Kendall could supply / make the necessary steps etc to ensure this would work as a stage.

In terms of the Fun Day cancellation, we had to take the sausages which we had ordered from March Meats, as they were a bespoke size. We had also bought hot dog rolls and sauces etc already, so we have frozen both the sausages and rolls and will use these at our next event.

March Quality meats have been more than generous and said they did not wish to see us out of pocket as understood our predicament, and they have very kindly agreed to keep a credit of £200.00 in an account for us to use at our will. They said that they could easily sell the other meats we had ordered, and I would ask that this generosity is minuted and Dave Lyons thanked for being so supportive.

Additionally, the Joker Entertainment have offered to supply us with one children's entertainer at an event before the end of October, so we intend to book a balloon modeller or similar for the Autumn Fayre.

Latta Hire have agreed to keep the sum we paid them on account to use at a future event, which is also extremely generous. We therefore could hire in toilets for the Summer Event at no cost.

Back Two, the musical duo, have also agreed to come and play at a future event for us, so we may either try and secure them for the Lights Switch On or at another social event we put on in the Spring.

This is again, extremely generous, and we are very thankful to all for their support and understanding.

The Fun Day also have 15 very good raffle prizes which they intend to offer the "new group" to use at their events (some for the Autumn Fayre and some for the Lights Switch On).

In terms of funds, I have only had two stallholders ask for a refund of their pitch fee of £10.00, and this is due to their lack of availability for either event. The rest so far have rebooked, so this is good news.

Due to everybody having being paid in advance, the Fun Day, by my reckoning, currently has a negative balance of £736.78 and I would ask if Parish Council would consider absorbing this sum before our proposed group amalgamation as it would (unfairly) put the Lights Group on the back foot before we start and hold our next event.

The Lights Group also lost out on substantial potential revenue potential from the cancellation of the Fun Day too, because the potential bar takings were good, and so we have to work very hard now over the Autumn to try and recoup this and make some money. We currently have a negative balance of just over £800.00 as well, and of course, we had hoped to recoup this and more at the Fun Day from bar sales. We have sufficient bar stock for at least all of our planned events, well into 2023 currently, so there is no need to buy any bar stock at all.

It is our intention to apply for a grant (probably from Fisher Parkinson) to help with the cost of the road closure and some way towards the JezO's Events cost if we can, because it is highly unlikely that we will recoup the £3000 needed now over our planned events in order to cover Switch On costs.

We have a Bacon Butty morning planned for 17th September, Autumn fayre on 15th October and Halloween disco on 29th October.

Incidentally, in regard to this event, we want to liaise with the School PTFA and put on a small children's event prior to the main evening event now, and this would involve children buying a ticket for a nominal price and having a "mini Halloween party" between probably 4:00pm-5:30pm on this day, they would get a hot dog and a drink and party games and a mini disco, we would encourage dressing up (with prizes) and hopefully parents could see this as a "pre trick or treating" event for their children to attend.

We thought that as we would be decorating the hall for the evening party anyway, it made sense to try and offer something for children too ...

It also makes sense to try and work with the school to encourage more families to interact with village events, and especially as Halloween is very popular with the children!

The group members all want to make one cohesive group to continue to put on spectacular events for the village, and this merger certainly would allow this to continue to happen. By combining forces now, it also coincidentally would slightly reduce mine and Pat's workloads, especially in terms of finances and mine for risk assessments etc.

The new group would then consist of three Parish Councillors as well and we would draft up a new Terms of Reference document for all members to sign.

Julie and I would also both do our Food Hygiene Courses, in addition to Mike being a holder too, so we would be more than covered for this aspect.

Julie and I would remain as the main Child protection / safeguarding contacts at all events and we would liaise with FDC's Safety Advisory group for our event management plans.

Risk assessments for events are now going to be amended each time by another group member, who has offered to do these for me, and this is a good thing as it is a fresh set of eyes. They will continue to "RAG rate" all potential risks and review prior to each event, and this will then be circulated to Parish Council for review and approval.

The Christmas Lights Group Facebook page would be renamed simply "Wimblington Christmas Lights", removing the word "group", and we would create a new "Wimblington Parish Events Group" page which would share all of the events across the year. Simon, our website administrator will continue to update the Lights website with all of the events too.

The Group intend to do a flier drop for these Autumn events, and if approved, we would do leaflets and donation envelopes to all households during the first week of September, so it is quite a quick turnaround.

Please direct any queries to Julie or Judith in my absence or email me if you have any queries they cannot answer.

Thanks
Joanne.