

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th February 2023 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. Abbott; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Johnson; Cllr Clark; Cllr. J Gowing (CCC)
Mrs Moulton; Mrs Hart; Mrs Kahan; Mrs Morrissey;

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
024/23	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Best (previous appointment); Cllr Harding (appointment); After discussion resolved to approve all absences. Proposed: Cllr Hennen ; Seconded: Cllr Clark	
025/23	Absentees	Cllr Wright;	
026/23	Chairs Additional items - 1a	Confidential matters to be discussed in closed session at the end of the meeting	
027/23	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
028/23	Public Participation - 3	Mrs Kahan said that during Street Pride litter picking it was noticeable that dog faeces are more evident at the moment. Some people are picking up but throwing the bags into the hedges. Also there are a number of small gas canisters being dropped. Cllr Hennen believes that they are to be banned for sale. Street Pride will investigate this. Also some street drains are beginning to be covered in dead leaves. She and Mrs Morrissey will advise chairman of their location so that CCC can be informed.	
029/23	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 11 th January 2023 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr. Abbott All in favour.	
030/23	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis reported that again there is little to report relevant to Wimblington at the moment.	
031/23	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Gowing reported that as per District Council he has very little to report . Re the pathway from Lily Ave there is nothing new to report. Cllr Davis will chase this again. Chair has been advised that the missing footpath on March Rd should be completed by the end of Summer this year.	
032/23	Clerks report - 7	Clerk reported that a reply from Knowles transport about the missing concrete pad said that UKPN have promised them that their work will be completed in February. Further to a request from Community engagement at FDC to attend a community event to offer security advice to residents, they are not able to attend the bacon buttie on 22 nd April, but have a session booked with the police for both Wimblington and Doddington for the 8th March 2023 with the Police van. Chair has been advised that the missing footpath on March Rd should be completed by the end of Summer this year. FACT community transport have sent a letter of thanks for the donation made last year. Fens Reservoir Team have updated us saying that they will soon be starting some survey works of the grounds. Contractors will need to access various parts of the site in order to undertake this work, and this will of course only ever take place with the permission of the landowners. They reassure residents that this survey work does not represent the start of construction they do not yet have planning consent to begin construction which will applied for in 2025 following two further rounds of consultation. If consent is granted to build the reservoir, construction could begin in around 2029-2031, with the expectation that it would start supplying water to customer taps from the mid to late 2030s.	
033/23	Events group - 8	a) Events proposed: Saturday 11th March - Race Night; Saturday 22nd April - Bacon Butty morning; Monday 1st May (tbc, depending on hall bookings) - Car treasure Hunt & bbq 16.00 – 18.30; Saturday 24th June - Midsummer family Party in the Park; Saturday 16th September - Bacon butty morning; Saturday 7th October - Games/quiz/curry night 15.00 – 23.00 Saturday 28th October - Children's Halloween party; Saturday 25th November - Lights Switch On; Saturday 9th December - Sleigh Tour. Group has also been asked if they would run a bar at a wedding evening booked at the hall on Saturday 16 th September, which the group are willing to do. There was discussion about an event for the forth coming Coronation. Cllr Dent said it was unlikely that the Events Group would be organising anything. The Chairman	

		said we should perhaps put something on the Parish Council Website and FaceBook Page to raise awareness that Parish Council will not be organising any formal event for the Coronation so that residents had plenty of lead in time to organise and raise funds for their own events and/or street parties. After discussion resolved to agree all of the dates and the posting on the Councils Website and FaceBook page. Proposed: Cllr Abbott Seconded: Cllr. Johnson b) Christmas lights web site costs: Events group have asked whether the Parish Council will pay for the dedicated web site again for the coming year. Due to time constraints chairman approved it for this year. Cost will be £85.04. After discussion resolved to not pay going forward, Proposed: Cllr Johnson Seconded: Cllr. Hennen. All In favour by show of hands. Handyman reported that for safety he has ordered 4 caps for the Christmas lights pole insets as some are missing or damaged. Cost to be advised by B Elmore.	
034/23	Other Matters - 9	a) MVAS on Eastwood End: Now that we have 1 spare MVAS Cllrs in the past have enquired about positioning it on Eastwood End. For this we will need a post or survey of the 1 lamp post which could hold it. Previous quote for street light survey was over £900.00. Clerk has enquired with highways about installing a post on Eastwood End for the MVAS. Clerk to chase b) Annual Assembly: As informally discussed, are we to hold the evening for volunteers as in a previous year? Date will be 11th April. After discussion resolved to agree as per last years with cheese and wine. proposed: Cllr Abbott; Seconded: Cllr. Dent. c) <i>Cambs Countryside Watch: Cllr Wright asked whether the Parish Council would join this group which helps to track countryside criminals – cost is £90.00 per annum. deferred to next meeting for more input from Cllr Wright</i> d) Defibrillator training: Further to an enquiry by a resident, clerk has received information from train2me who delivered our last training, she only asks for a donation to her charity of choice which this year is 'veterans for homeless' http://www.2train.me/ course is 2-2.5 hours, minimum of 6 maximum 15. After discussion resolved to book it for end of April or middle of May and advertise well. Agreed to donate £100 Proposed: Cllr Clark Seconded: Cllr. Abbott e) Speedwatch: further to the recent resignation from the Speedwatch lead, Council asked if anyone here would be interested in running/co-ordinating the village Speedwatch group? If so please contact Joanne Rose. f) Citizens Advice Outreach: Further to the latest invoice received, clerk advised that only 2 people visited the service during the last quarter (none from Doddington) at a new cost of £70.00 per session. This is an increase in charges from £40.00 per session in 2020 to £70.00 now. Clerk asked whether this was now viable and whether Councillors wished to continue the service? After discussion resolved to continue for now. Proposed: Cllr Davis Seconded: Cllr. Hennen g) Noticeboards: Further to minute number 236/22a clerk has found that it's very difficult to buy two new noticeboards for the Parish hall under £200 as approved in November. Clerk forwarded information to Cllrs on 2.2.2023 with quotes. After discussion resolved to purchase 2 up to £500.00 must be shatter proof glass. Proposed: Cllr Dent Seconded: Cllr. Johnson.	PA PA

035/23	Payments - 10	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:				
		Payments		NET	VAT	£
		Salaries	*Including pension, tax & NI			2312.28
		FDC	Cemetery Garden waste			39.00
	257/22a	Fenwinds	Final invoice kitchen floor	240.00	48.00	288.00
		Citizens Advice	Outreach Sept – Dec			280.00
	257/22a	World of Flooring	Kitchen & entrance flooring	1952.55	390.51	2343.06
		EDF	Hall gas 15 th Nov – 6 th Jan	1606.83	327.37	1934.20
		One.com	Christmas lights web site			85.04
	021/23	D Biggs #	Hall electrical works	1145.63	229.12	1374.75
		PRS PPL	Music licence 2023/24	500.39	100.08	600.47
		One.com	Christmas lights web hosting			85.04
	035/21c	Cambs CC	LHI 2021/2 Fullers Lane weight			519.75

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		*See appendix a for salary breakdown  = Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting # Note: This is £45.63 more (approved by chairman) than originally approved, for better sockets and connection to new consumer board. All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Clark ; Seconded: Cllr. Abbott, all in favour.																																																								
036/23	Risk Management/ Policies & Procedures - 11	a) To review policies/procedures: General Reserves Policy: Forwarded to Cllrs 30.1.2023; Standing orders update: Forwarded to Cllrs on 6.2.2023 After discussion resolved to approve as read. Proposed: Cllr Johnson Seconded: Cllr Dent	PA																																																							

037/239	Planning - 12	Planning: the clerk reported that no planning applications had been received for comment: None received b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson said that at a recent NHP group meeting it had been arranged to hold a public meeting on 4th March which has already been advertised. Pop up notices are being put in the pub, Parkfield and the Parish hall. Comments from the residents questionnaire have been amalgamated and will be available to at the public meeting, AECOM the design code people came and walked around the village they will forward a draft of the design code. Housing need assessment say that we are skewed towards older people and we need more 1 and 2 bedroom accommodation and lots of bungalows. We need residents to attend the second public meeting and make comments.	PA
038/2	Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport - 13	a) Street lights reported: Clerk is still chasing the replacement for Frogs Abbey Lane. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Resident has asked whether we can have a grit bin on the 90 degree corner on the Hook? Clerk has enquired with Cambs CC highways who quoted £140.00 net to supply and fit. They then fill the bins for local use. After discussion resolved to buy the bin. Proposed: Cllr Clark; Seconded: Cllr Dent c) <i>Project Edward: Cllr Wright had attended a webinar about Project Edward (Every Day Without A Road Death) which is about road safety. It is backed by government, the emergency services, highways agencies, road safety organisations and British businesses. It promotes an evidence-led, ‘safe system’ approach – the long-term objective of which is a road traffic system free from death and serious injury. deferred to next meeting for more input from Cllr Wright</i> d) Litter bin Hook Rd. Further to a previous request. A resident is now collecting on average 4 bags of rubbish along Hook Rd. Clerk has requested a bin from Fenland District Council. Cost quoted is £	PA PA PA

039/23	War Memorial playing field - 14	Further to minute number 018/23 quote of £577.50 net was received from online playgrounds and approved by round robin email to speed the up the process, to repair/replace the tyres on the zip line. See payments above.	
040/23	Parkfield - 15	a) Written report: Parkfield have appointed a new Secretary, we have been told they are in a position now to put forward the planning app for the planned extension to the club house.	
041/23	Doddington Rd. Cemetery - 16	Noticeboard: Cllr Clark noticed that the noticeboard at the entrance to the Cemetery is very worn and tired looking. Clerk has found quotes for a new one, forwarded to Cllrs on 1.2.2023. Handyman will get quotes to refurbish the Cemetery sign including powder coating and re painting the lettering. After discussion resolved to remove the old one and refurbish the Cemetery sign Proposed: Hennen Cllr Seconded: Cllr Clark	PA
042/23	Parish Hall - 17	Whilst the kitchen refurbishment is completed, clerk and chairman are not happy with the worktop adjacent to the large hall, so have arranged with the fitter to have this replaced with a deeper worktop of the same material so that there will not be a join in the surface. Part payment of the final invoice (see payments) will be made until the work is completed. Kitchen wiring see payments	
043/23	Correspondence /other business -18	Cllr Dent said that Street Pride found when bulbs were being planted that the village gates are quite dirty again, could they clean them within the Great British Spring Clean? The group had agreed to attend on Monday 8th May bank holiday, which is the Big Help Out day, move the litter pick to this day as part of the Big Help Out day with a small lunch for the volunteers. – All in agreement and thanked Street Pride for the village gates cleaning. Cllr Abbott knows a resident who is restarting his wind instrument band/quartet who would be willing to play at a village event in aid of the village. She will find out more and put them in touch with the events group. Cllr Davis told the meeting that the Parish Council nor the events group will be doing anything for the upcoming Coronation.	
044/23		Confidential items comprising exempt information, members of the public asked to leave the meeting: To exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of a committee it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted: “that the public be excluded from the meeting for items which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated Proposed Cllr. Davis: Seconded: Cllr. Clark Further to the email to Cllrs asking for their views on the suggested offer to the events group, for them to be able to become autonomous and the fact that unclaimable VAT would form part of the offer, Cllr Davis asked whether Cllrs agreed to offering £2500.00 annually to the group towards running village events? Terms of reference: an updated copy was forwarded to Cllrs on 14.2.2023. After discussion resolved to agree new offer of £2500.00 when the group becomes autonomous. Agreed to new Terms of reference. Proposed: Cllr. Clark: Seconded: Cllr. Abbott Clerk had received an email from FDC street naming asking for suggestions for street names for the 88 house Bellway development. After discussion decision was to suggest the following: Fisher Rd.; Parkinson Close; Moulton Walk; or Roundhouse; Barrow; Roman; Badger; Fox; Heron.	
045/23	Date of next meeting - 19	Next meeting: Tuesday 14 th March 2023 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 20.40.	

Payments	February 2023	NET	VAT	£
Handyman	Handyman duties			453.38
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			311.48
LGSS	Clerks pension			322.22
Total				2312.28