

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th March 2023 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. Best; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Abbott; Cllr. Johnson; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Harding; Cllr Wright.

Mrs Moulton; Mrs Hart; Mrs Kahan; Mrs Best; Mrs Morrissey; Mr P Kendall; Mrs Summers.

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
024/23	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Gowing;	
025/23	Absentees		
026/23	Chairs Additional items - 1a	Cllr Davis told the meeting that as the closing date to apply for a 20mph road section closes before the next meeting. She asked Cllrs whether we should we ask for any roads within Wimblington to be made 20mph? Cllr Davis suggested that we could reduce the speed on Addison Rd, Church St and Chapel Lane – the roads around the school. Possibly Norfolk St. After discussion resolved to Apply for Addison Rd. Church St and Chapel Lane. Chair and clerk to complete the application. Proposed: Cllr. Clerk Seconded Cllr Abbott. There are also confidential items to be discussed at the end of the meeting	
027/23	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: Cllr Dent re F/YR23/0137/VOC. ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
028/23	Public Participation - 3	Mrs Hart said that where the ivy has been cleared from the footpath at the King St sub-station, there is now has a shrub/tree trunk leaning over the footpath. Cllr Best said that he has now broken it off to make as safe as possible. Mrs Kahan said that the drains are still blocked in some places despite the road sweeper cleaning and gave a list of the roads/places affected to Cllr Davis, who will report to CCC.	PA MD
029/23	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 14 th February 2023 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Clark; Seconded: Cllr. Dent. All in favour.	
030/23	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis reported that there is nothing relevant to Wimblington to report.	
031/23	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Gowing did not attend . Cllr Davis noted that our notion for 20mph in Addison Road, Church Street and Chapel Lane would need to be supported by Cllr Gowing at the time of application.	
032/23	Clerks report - 7	Anglian water did an initial inspection of the leaking water meter and have now attended to replace it. We can request a rebate if the next water bill is excessive, which it isn't, being only £3 more than the previous quarter.	
033/23	Events group - 8	a) Events proposed: The recent race meeting was very successful making a profit of £957.00. The group will continue with new volunteers already coming forward. They may have a meeting next week to discuss autonomy and next steps. Bacon buttie morning will be on 22 nd April. Every other event proposed may be changed. The car treasure hunt has been cancelled. b) Meeting with group/autonomy; Deferred to next meeting c) Further to an inventory being carried out, it was found that the boxes which store the Christmas tree are falling apart. Clerk has found plastic storage boxes which will house the tree to save it from damage – 13 boxes will cost £348.08 + £61.00 carriage net – (see payments) Chairman asked Councillors whether they would consider purchasing the boxes as all of the Christmas lights equipment will always be owned by the Parish Council and it seems wise to protect the equipment that we already have. After discussion resolved to purchase. Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr. Abbott	PA
034/23	Other Matters - 9	a) Staff salaries: To be discussed at 044/23 b) Graffiti at War Memorial playing field: Further to the quote received of £800-900, Cllrs Harding & Wright have investigated the possibility of local schools becoming involved either with design or putting forward budding artists to complete the project. Cllr Harding has contacted 2graffiti from Cambridge who lead workshops in graffiti art and they also complete projects in graffiti art. They will need to visit to survey the walls/area where we intend the artwork to go, as the state of the brickwork can vary and may need preparation. They said we could have painted boards instead of painting directly onto the walls, so that they can be changed. They could/would involve local children. They found when educated about graffiti, children usually have respect for the work. Cllr Wright has contacted	PA

		Creative Arts East who would also use it as an arts project. Clerk to contact them to arrange a meeting. Cllr Davis will look into possible Arts Council funding. Clerk to make arrangements. c) Cambs Countryside Watch: Cllr Wright had asked if the Parish Council would join the Countryside watch at a cost of £90.00 per annum. It helps to track countryside criminals by sharing information between members. After discussion resolved to join. Proposed: Cllr. Wright; Seconded: Cllr. Harding. Cllrs Hennen and Harding would be named contacts. d) Street name: An email received from FDC and forwarded to Cllrs on 28.2.2023 has asked for suggestions to the extension of Willow Gardens. After discussion resolved to suggest: 'Salix' Proposed: Cllr. Abbott Seconded: Cllr. Dent	PA PA
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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	Hall waste Jan – March			127.14
		FDC	Church waste Jan – March			127.14
		A Wright	Finish/change kitchen worktop	245.93	49.19	295.12
		Wrights tools	Supplies for WMPF seat repl	36.58	7.31	43.89
		Notice me	Hall noticeboard balance	68.55	13.71	82.26
		Idverde	Grass/hedge cutting Feb	587.47	117.49	704.96
		March Print	NHP printing	8.25	1.65	9.90
		13-12 T/as Grahams bin clean	Hall bin clean Feb			12.50
		Wave	Pavilion water Dec – March			12.61
		Southern electric	Street light electricity Feb	160.11	8.45	168.56
		Plastor Ltd	Storage boxes	409.08	81.82	490.90
		Wave	Hall water Dec – March			78.22
		Wave	Cemetery water Dec – March			32.17
		Invoices paid by Barclaycard				
		Zoom	Video confr	11.99	2.40	14.39
		Giff gaff	Pavilion data	10.00	2.00	12.00
		Gopak	Hall table rubber feet	10.00	2.00	12.00
		Bookends/Amazon	New kitchen clock	66.62	13.33	79.95
		Notice me	Hall noticeboards	231.85	46.37	278.22
		*See appendix a for salary breakdown				
		= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting				
		All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Dent ; Seconded: Cllr. Harding, all in favour.				
036/23	Risk Management/ Policies & Procedures - 11	a) To review policies/procedures: None				

037/239	Planning - 12	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) F/YR23/0132/F - Change of use from redundant agricultural buildings to light industrial use (Class Eg iii), involving demolition of existing building at Bank House Farm Sixteen Foot Bank object to the application on the following grounds: Volume of traffic entering and leaving the site on the Sixteen Foot bank. Whilst the application could be permitted under E(g) (iii) for industrial processes in a residential area the position of this site has other implications. Conditions would	PA
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		need to be applied to control the type of processes taking place and the rate and size of development. We have seen how the 'light industrial estate' at Eastwood End has been allowed to explode. LP2 LP16 F/YR22/1338/VOC - Variation of condition 22 (list of approved drawings) relating to planning permission F/YR20/0641/F (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) to enable alterations to plot 1 (increase in height from 8.77m to 9m, addition of chimney and windows to storage space in roof), plot 2 (siting and windows to snug) and boundary arrangement to plots 1, 2 and 3. at Land South Of Eastwood End)Object Overall opposed to the VOC and feel that the developer should stick to the original plan as passed. The variations are not minor;. Councillors would like to see revised drawings for type C and D and now E houses, yet none have been submitted. The increase in height of building will Impact on the character of the area. It seems unnecessary to add a chimney unless solid fuel is to be used. It seems unnecessary to add windows to a loft space. F/YR23/0137/VOC - Variation of condition 4 (list of approved drawings), relating to planning approval F/YR22/0358/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 - insertion of dormer windows, removal of sills and solder bricks, and changes to garage door arrangement at Land South Of 6 Eastwood End – no objections F/YR23/0188/O - Erect a dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land South Of 30 Eastwood End – Object - This application is identical to Planning Application F/YR21/1293/O which was refused on 5th November 2021, there were 3 reasons given and these are all still valid today. The site plan, 227-P102 is the same on both applications therefore the Parish Council wish to raise objections against this application reiterating the reasons it was refused previously and to emphasis the fact that it is at the rear of the existing street scene. Below are the various planning policies raised against the last application. Refused. 1 The proposed development indicating a dwelling constructed to the rear of existing frontage development and accessed by a long vehicular access between existing dwellings would represent a tandem or backland form of development which would result in a substandard form of development which would conflict with and undermine the prevailing form of linear frontage development in Eastwood End. Accordingly, the proposal would fail to accord with the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework, specifically paragraphs 130 and 134, and Policies LP1, LP2, LP3, LP12 and LP16 of the adopted Fenland Local Plan 2014. 2. The proposed development as indicated on the submitted plans would detract from the private enjoyment of existing occupiers' properties by virtue of potential loss of privacy and overlooking, noise, disturbance and general activity generated by the development of this piece of land and its associated proposed residential use. The development would erode the rural character and outlook of adjoining occupiers to the detriment of the amenities presently enjoyed by existing residents. Accordingly, the proposal would be contrary to the provisions of the NPPF 2021 and Policies LP1, LP2, LP3 and Policy LP16 of the adopted Fenland Local Plan 2014. 3. The proposed development of the form indicated, if approved, would establish an unacceptable precedent for a substandard form of development, to the detriment of the local built form and character and the associated adverse effects on established residential amenity and privacy of existing occupiers. If approved, the proposal would result in difficulties refusing similar forms of development which would cumulatively significantly detract from the character and appearance of the area and undermine the amenities presently afforded to local residents. The proposal would therefore fail to accord with the provisions of the NPPF 2021 and Policies LP1, LP2, LP3, LP12 and LP16 of the adopted Fenland Local Plan. <i>Cllr Davis did not take part in discussions regarding the above planning applications as she is a member of FDC planning committee.</i>	
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		b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson said that the recent community consultation event was better attended than the previous one with 34 people attending. Many thanks to the volunteers who produced a lot of the information and helped on the day. The grant year ends at the end of March. If we need any further technical support we need to try to get this done very soon. Public engagements were attended by 2 members of the steering group at the church and retirement club. Valid points were raised. Witchford Lodge will be visited and the school has had a visit at the entrance to speak to parents. Our only worry will be lack of grant next year as we have to refund whatever is left of our current grant at the end of March 2023, should the funders decide not to grant next year. Possibly have stall at bacon buttie. c) NHP web site costs: Cllr Johnson had asked Cllr Hennen whether he could add a rather large and complicated document to the web site. Having looked at it and conferred with our web site providers, it would be better if they added the document. They have completed a portion of the work and Cllr Hennen will complete the rest. Their cost to do this will be in the region of £100.00. This would be paid for out of our grant. After discussion resolved to approve. Proposed: Cllr. Clark Seconded: Cllr. Dent	
038/2	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport - 13	a) Street lights reported: The Frogs Abbey Lane street light has now been installed and the maintenance company has requested its re-connection by UK power networks. Cllr Dent reported that the light at the shop is not working – clerk to report. b) Footpaths and highways issues: King St sub station c) Project Edward: Every Day Without A Road Death. This project is halted due to staff shortages. c) Litter bin Hook Rd. - Chairman had spoken to FDC regarding installing a waste bin on Hook Rd., cost would be £308.74 net . After discussion resolved to order a bin. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen. Seconded: Cllr. Clark.	PA PA
039/23	War Memorial playing field - 14	The metal detectorist who dug holes at our field, has now done the same at Parkfield. Cllr dent looked at the adjacent concrete pad to Knowles as UKPN have not completed their work and the hole is still there. Clerk to chase.	PA
040/23	Parkfield - 15	a) Written report: The new Secretary has reported but just with what they provide. Chair will speak to her and let her know what information we would like to receive in their monthly report.	
041/23	Doddington Rd. Cemetery - 16	a) Handyman has costs for Cemetery sign: to sand blast & powder coat £150.00 + £80.00 for lettering. To have a complete front vinyl wrap including all lettering £75.00. Handyman would have to deliver and bring back/collect so mileage on top. His recommendation would be to have the vinyl wrap as the lettering is integral and could not peel away as it is now doing. The other option would be to sand down and paint with metal paint and then add lettering either painted or stickers. After discussion resolved to have the vinyl wrap. Proposed: Cllr. Clark Seconded: Cllr Dent b) New trees, David Green has now visited the Cemetery to offer his opinion as to what, if anything, to plant to replace the fallen tree. He said that he wouldn't replace it at all as to purchase yew bushes similar in size to the established ones already there would be in the region of £1500.00 plus hire cost to be able to plant them. Also, he believes that even a small tree would incur root damage to the tarmac and present problems with falling leaves. Clerk suggested bulbs in the hedgerow. After discussion resolved to buy bulbs. Prices to be sent out.	PA PA
042/23	Parish Hall - 17	Nothing to Report	
043/23	Correspondence /other business -18	There was none.	
044/23	Confidential items - 19	<i>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. Abbott.</i>	
045/23	Date of next meeting - 20	Next meeting: Tuesday 11 th April 2023 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 20.50	

Appendix a*

Payments	March 2023	NET	VAT	£
Handyman	Handyman duties			453.38
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			946.23
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			113.90
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			164.67
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			311.88
LGSS	Clerks pension			322.22
Total				2312.28