

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th November 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. Hennen; Cllr. Abbott ; Cllr. Best; Cllr. Dent;
Mrs Moulton; Mrs Hart; Cllr Gowing ; Mrs Best; Mr & Mrs Chambers

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
174/23	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Johnson: (holiday) Cllr Harding: (migraine); Cllr Wright (illness)	
175/23	Absentees	None	
176/23	Chairs Additional items - 1a	None	
177/23	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: Cllr Dent re 169/23a ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
178/23	Public Participation - 3	Mrs Best said how lovely the Christmas lights look and is looking forward to seeing them lit. Mrs & Mrs Chambers regarding planning application number F/YR23/0811/F Land between 53-47 Doddington Rd. They live next to the plot and the proposed 2 story houses are not inkeeping with the surrounding bungalows. Also the density seems out of keeping with surrounding properties. Planning was turned down for the field behind this plot, which is now owned by the resident at number 57.	
179/23	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 10 th October 2023 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott; Seconded: Cllr. Dent All in favour.	
180/23	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis reported that there was a resolution for FDC to go to Cambs CC to apply pressure with a petition to reverse their weeding programme. We understand that they are looking at the decision again.	
181/23	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Gowing reported that whilst there is little new to report, re Bridge Lane, highways have confirmed that they own the verge regardless of who mows it. Thomas Eaton school has an Ofsted report of 'good'.	
182/23	Clerks report - 7	Clerk has received photos of the new warning signs on the bridge at the level crossing, Stonea. As large and bright as it is, it has already been damaged! Anglian Water have delivered information letters and maps to Stonea residents about the upcoming road closure for the water main replacement. Additional road information signs have been added to their plan. Clerk has received a thank you email from East Anglian Children's Hospice for the donation. An email of thanks has been received from Peter and Christine James for the free use of the Parish Hall for McMillan's coffee morning. The final total raised is an amazing £1173.35	
183/23	Other Matters - 9	a) Parish Nature recovery plan: To be addressed when volunteers come forward b) Climate action plan: TBC c) Pension: After discussion resolved to buy out of the current pension fund as per details emailed to Cllrs. Resolved to pay the actuary fee of approximately £5,000.00. Proposed: Cllr. Davis. Seconded: Cllr. Best. d) Finance committee meeting: clerk asked members to arrange a date to consider the budget for 2024/2025 – agreed on 11 th or 18 th ; December 7pm at chairman's house.	PA PA

184/23	Payments - 10	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:				
		Payments		NET	VAT	£
		Salaries	*Including pension, tax & NI			2528.40
		Wimblington News	Advert 2023			50.00
		March Stationary	NHP printing			79.10
		Idverde	Grass cutting Sept	584.47	116.89	701.36
		Andy Muskett	3 Street light replacements	954.00	190.00	1144.80
		Edf	Hall gas Sept-Oct	175.65	8.78	184.43
		FDC	Church waste Oct – Dec			138.19
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		World of Floors	Gents toilet floor repair	125.00	25.00	150.00

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		cause an accident as it restricts drivers view of oncoming traffic – ongoing, clerk has requested an onsite meeting. Nurse Garden footpath is still ongoing. S 278 is now agreed but with no start date. 2.5 meter path narrowing to 2 meters at one point. Awaiting internal Drainage board. c) LHI bid 2024/25: Clerk had forwarded a reply from highways regarding our request for help with the situation on Doddington Rd at Sisco's garage. They said that it is 'a difficult issue to combat', but to fill in the application siting the issues and the design team will try to come up with a solution. Try to include parking restriction next to the garage to stop lorries parking in front of the neighbour. After discussion resolved to apply as above. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott Seconded: Cllr. Hennen. Also clerk had forwarded a proposal on 13.11.2023, for our 2023/24 LHI bid, received from Cambs CC. After discussion resolved to approve the design. Proposed: Cllr. Clark Seconded: Cllr. Dent d) Hook Rd: Clerk had received an estimate of between £300.00 and £800.00 net from Cambs CC for a speed survey. Also an independent quote was sought which is £320.00 net. After discussion resolved to arrange the speed survey – check the highways will accept the independent's findings. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen Seconded: Cllr. Abbott. Chair and Cllr Connor are meeting with head of highways projects at Hook Rd (estimated cost to replace the broken pipe is £40,000.00) and at Boots Bridge as there has been another serious accident there.	PA PA PA
188/23	War Memorial playing field - 14	a) Graffiti: as per emails to Cllrs. The artist is meeting with youngsters from village tomorrow for input/liasing about design and to prepare the walls. The artist is preparing the walls tomorrow with the help of one youth from the village who is not at college on Wednesday. He is in contact with a group of youngsters who wish to be involved. The group now look at the Parish Council's facebook page to find information. b) Security CCTV: Cllr Clark will report next month c) Burned bench: clerk has received quote from manufacturer of £55.00 net for 2 new planks to replace those burned by the vandal who has been identified and has a community resolution in force against him. After discussion resolved to leave the bench repair for now. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott. Seconded: Cllr. Best	
189/23	Parkfield - 15	a) Further fencing: It seems that Pop Jolley had requested extra fencing quotes to include more stock fencing/wire netting and a post and rail spectators fence (requested by the FA) This was not included in the original quotes agreed by Parish Council. The extra costs are: stock fencing - £1320 inc. VAT; post and rail - £2547.60 inc. VAT totalling £3867.60 gross. After discussion resolved to agree the extra fencing cost. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott Seconded: Cllr. Best. Chair and clerk had met with the new chairman to re-assure them that we do not wish to interfere with the running of Parkfield, but will support them if they need help.	PA
190/23	Doddington Rd. Cemetery - 16	Clerk asked whether we could have an additional section added to our web site under 'Parish Council' or 'our community' for the Cemetery. This to have an application for burial form and the current fees, to allow funeral directors access to the information without having to contact the clerk first. All in agreement send docs to Chris.	PA
191/23	Parish Hall - 17	a) Air Con unit repair. - ongoing	
192/23	Correspondence /other business -18	Clerk forwarded, on 16.10.2023, a letter of thanks received from Heathers Hedgehogs for the donation. Clerk forwarded on 7.11.2023, scan of letter of thanks received from the Air Ambulance, for the donation of £200.00 in his memory, as requested by the family of Pop Jolley. Cllr dent said the Christmas lights switch on will be on 25th November 4-7pm. Cllr Clark said that The new waste bin ordered for Bridge Lane has not yet been installed – clerk to chase. Cllr Gowing said that he has raised the lack of Citizens advice facility in March. FDC said that Fenland give money to CAB, but Cllr. Davis said that this payment was stopped some time ago. Parish Council covers the full cost of Citizens Advice attendance at Wimblington and that is why it is exclusive to Wimblington Residence.	PA
193/23	Date of next meeting - 20	Next meeting: Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 19.00 Meeting closed at: 20.25	

Appendix a*

Payments	November 2023	NET	VAT	£
Handyman	Handyman duties			496.37
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			1031.32
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			125.10
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			180.61
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			354.64
LGSS	Clerks pension			340.36
Total				2528.40