Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at Wimblington Parish Hall, Addison Rd. Wimblington PE15 0QT, at 7.00 pm.

Present Cllr. M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Clark; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Abbott; Cllr. Best; Cllr. Campbell;
Cllr John Gowing; 1 member of the public.

Number	**Title & Agenda No**		Action
041/24	**Apologies for Absence - 1**	Cllr Johnson	
042/24	**Absentees**	None	
043/24	**Chairs Additional items - 1a**	Green spaces fund: Further to an email received forwarded to Cllrs on 3.4.2024. There is a Government fund that Councils may be able to apply to for Green space funding. Clerk asked whether we could buy some more land and chairman suggested the green space at Morley Way. Chair is investigating at FDC and if Councillors agree we could apply for funding to purchase the land as it is the only green space in the centre of the village. After discussion resolved to investigate further. Proposed: Cllr Davis; Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.	
044/24	**Declarations of interest - 2**	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
045/24	**Public Participation - 3**	Member of the public said that she is a neighbour to the Knowles Manea Rd application 0208. She believes that they have not addressed the drainage scheme and she is seeing a lot more laying water. The drove is overflowing, road plainings are being washed away. The force of the water is ferocious and backing up on her land, as the drove ditches cannot handle the amount of flow, whilst there was nothing in the ditches either side of Manea Rd. She needs to know that the water drainage is being handled correctly. Cllr Davis said that Parish Council will be sending in a further objection despite withdrawing some of their original objections as promises made have not been honoured. If this goes to planning committee a PC member will attend and speak officially, where as she is also welcome to go and speak as a District Councillor.	
046/24	**Confirmation of minutes - 4**	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 12th March 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr. Abbott All in favour.	
047/24	**Fenland District Council - 5**	Cllr Davis said that there is nothing new regarding Wimblington to report.	
048/24	**Cambridgeshire County Council - 6**	Cllr Gowing reported that there is nothing new to report as most meetings have been cancelled. He has received an email from Manea Parish Council saying that technically the closure of the Fire Station is going ahead, but it will be next year until a final decision is made. Manea are pushing to get more volunteer fireman.	
049/24	**Clerks report - 7**	Nothing new to report.	
050/24	**Other Matters - 8**	a) Parish Nature recovery plan: To be addressed when volunteers come forward. Clerk asked Cllrs to complete the forwarded Local nature recovery strategy survey, forwarded to Cllrs on 15.3.2024	

051/24 **Payments - 9**

a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:

Payments		NET	VAT	£
Salaries	*Including tax & NI			2585.33
FDC	Church waste Jan-March			138.19
FDC	Hall waste Jan - March			138.19
Wave	Cemetery water Dec – March			19.96
Rialtas	Accounts annual licence fee	192.00	38.40	230.40
SSE	Hall electricity March	21.98	1.10	23.08
SSE	Hall electricity December	28.05	1.40	29.45
SSE	Street light electricity Feb	297.18	16.56	313.74
SSE	Pavilion electricity Dec-March	63.03	3.15	66.18
FDC	Cemetery rates 2024			109.78
Zurich insurance	Annual insurance			3519.83

Invoices paid by Barclaycard				
Amazon	NHP ink cartridges	30.27	6.05	36.32
One Connection	NHP ink cartridges	42.75	8.55	51.30

		Tesco | Annual assembly refreshments | 170.03 | 18.33 | 188.36 *See appendix a for salary breakdown = Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Clark Seconded: Cllr. Abbott all in favour.	
052/24	**Risk Management/ Policies & Procedures - 10**	a) To review policies/procedures: , Asbestos policy forwarded to Cllrs. After discussion resolved to approve as read. Proposed: Cllr. Dent. Seconded: Cllr. Best.	

053/24	**Planning - 11**	**Planning:** the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) F/YR23/0208/F - Erect an extension to existing agricultural grain store, 2.5 metre high palisade and security mesh fencing, installation of a weighbridge and associated hut, and widen existing access (retrospective) at T Knowles (Farms) Ltd At Knowles Transport Limited Manea Road – Object and new grounds. b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson was unable to attend c) Section 106 play equipment/ F/YR23/0206/F Cllr Davis explained that the developers have offered funding through S106 for play equipment in the village. They have been advised that a S106 payment of £27,000 clearing the cost of the Ninja Trail which is costing £33000 with £6 being funded by Burnthouse Windmill Farm might be appropriate if the planning application went through. However they have been told that we will still object to the application.	
054/24	**Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport – 12**	a) Street lights reported: b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Abbott asked about the signpost Bellways have installed in the grass verge – Highways need to be told as this is not allowed. They do need permission to do this - Cllr Gowing will deal. Cllr Harding said that the newly painted signs on the road at the WMPF look very good. Cllr Hennen asked about the removed hedge on Eastwood End. We have been told that the removal of the tree is permitted as it is where the footpath will be. There will be new hedging once the footpath is installed. c) LHI – Options report: Further to a reply received from the LHI team, we've been asked whether we agree to have an 'options report' done at a cost of £10,000. Clerk has asked whether this cost would be within the LHI costing, ie we only pay 10%. The reply is that we only have to pay £1,000 towards the options report. After discussion resolved not to go forward with this at this time. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.	
055/24	**War Memorial playing field – 13**	Clerk, chair, Cllr Dent and handyman are meeting with the supply company of the Ninja trail on Thursday to discuss/finalise its positioning, given how wet the ground is at the proposed site.	
056/24	**Parkfield - 14**		
057/24	**Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15**	Apart from the length of the grass all is well	
058/24	**Parish Hall - 16**	a) BT contract: Further to the upcoming renewal of our telephone and broadband contract, Cllrs were forwarded the new offer from BT at £32.95. We are currently paying £32.99. After discussion resolved to stay with BT and accept the new offer at £32.95 per month. Proposed: Cllr Abbott; Seconded Cllr. Dent.	PA
059/24	**Correspondence /other business -17**	None	
060/24	**Date of next meeting - 18**	Next meeting: Tuesday AGM 14th May 2024 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 19.30.	

Appendix a*

	February 2024	NET	VAT	£
Handyman	Handyman duties			543.86
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			1191.50
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			137.40
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			297.44
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			415.33
			Total	2585.53