

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Best; Cllr. Campbell; Cllr. Johnson; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Gowing; 7 members of the public.

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		e) Banking: Further to minute number 115/24c the new Unity trust 24 month fixed term savings accounts is now open with £50,000. However upon applying for the 30 day account, the minimum to open that account is £85,000. Cllrs wanted to open with £25,000. Nat West update is that the account this money is currently in is now at 1.47% interest. Unity offer an instant access account which gives 2.75% interest at the moment, but this is variable. Clerk asked what Cllrs would like to do? After discussion decision to hold fire for now and look at Halifax and Post office accounts. f) Lithium-ion batteries: Further to minute number 94/24c we have now been asked to write to our local MP to ask him to adopt the Bill if successful in the Private Members Ballot. After discussion resolved to write to our local MP as requested . Proposed: Cllr Hennen; Seconded: Cllr. Davis g) Village sign: Further to an informal request from Cllr Campbell that the village sign be cleaned, on inspection it is not in a good state of repair with parts which have been filled now falling out. Clerk has managed to find one person who might restore it and quotes to have a new one made. A new cast aluminium sign fully painted would start at around £5700.00. Information and fairly close up photos to be taken by the handyman and forwarded to Cllrs. After discussion resolved to wait for photos and get price to restore. If a new one was bought the original should be gifted to March Museum.	PA PA PA

137/24	Payments - 9	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:					
		Payments		NET	VAT	£	
		Salaries	*Including tax & NI			2619.85	
		Citizens advice	April-June			165.00	
		FDC	Church waste April-June			142.61	
		FDC	Hall waste April-June			142.61	
		Wrights tools	Handyman safety wear	178.14	6.15	184.29	
		Giff gaff	Pavilion data	8.34	1.66	10.00	
		D Biggs	Electric socket small room	110.00	22.00	132.00	
		Idverde	July grass cut incl £200 credit	384.47	76.89	461.36	
		Southern electric	Street light electricity June	308.22	17.18	325.40	
		099/24a	Recycled furniture	Picnic table and bin	1095.00	219.00	1314.00
		099/24a	Recycled furniture	Backless bench	350.00	70.00	420.00
		099/24a	Recycled furniture	4 park seats	2260.00	452.00	2712.00
			Grahams bins	Hall bin clean Aug			15.00
			Wrights Tools	Handyman safety eqpt.	70.85	14.18	85.03
			Wrights tools	Bots etc for Allotment fence	3.18	0.63	3.81
			Artline designs	Anti-climb paint signs			25.00
		Invoices paid by Barclaycard					
			Tamar Plumbing	2 sink waste clickers hall toilets	32.70	6.54	29.24
*See appendix a for salary breakdown							
= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting							
All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Best ; Seconded: Cllr. Dent; all in favour.							
b) Finance report: Clerk reported that to date total recorded income is £69,316.00, with expenditure recorded at £62,553.00. including opening balance total of £162,995.00 and net transfer of EMR of £1,651.00, closing balance is £171,406.00							
138/24	Risk Management/ Policies & Procedures - 10	a) To review policies/procedures: CCTV policy; Freedom of information policy forwarded to Cllrs. on 23.7.2024. After discussion resolved to approve as read, but removing the sentence for CCTV 'The Police will be informed of the installation and provided with a copy of this CCTV Policy' and remove the translation sentence from the FOI policy. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen: Seconded: Cllr. Davis					

139/24	Planning - 11	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) F/YR24/0590/PIP - Permission in Principle for 7 x dwellings at Land South West Of Woodbury Manea Road - object - Close proximity to junction of Manea Road and the A141. 7 homes plus the kennel and grooming business using the same entrance will see far too many vehicles exiting almost at the traffic lights. Please note description of access in the Justification Statement is misleading. The drive at the property is a large in and out sweeping drive. Entrants to the Grooming business normally enter through the furthest entrance from the A141 and exist from that part nearest the A141. The broad statement that traffic will be slowing down to accommodate the road junction should be investigated further. Business has not yet started from Knowles development opposite the application site and it is already anticipated that this will cause many issues. Whilst we recognise this is a planning in principle application the matter of refuse collection and how larger vehicles exist and enter the site has still not been addressed in this new application. This application for 7 dwellings to be built, accessed off of a busy road connecting closely to the junction off of the main A141, a major highway for transportation of both agricultural, commercial and industrial goods. The Manea Road has a number of these types of large businesses (as highlighted by Environmental Health) involving constant regular vehicle, more predominantly heavy goods vehicle, movements daily. At present consultation is ongoing with regard to the speed limit, congestions and the dangers of vehicles exiting/accessing properties/businesses close to the junction on the A141 and Manea Road, access to the proposed site is almost level to this junction. Pedestrian safety will also be paramount when crossing the Manea Road at such a busy junction. Canvassed support for this application has taken little consideration of the safety aspect of this proposal and the fact that a possible increase of 14 vehicles, existing/accessing the proposed site at peak times, on to the Manea Road at this busy junction will be hazardous as well as causing further congestion. Supporters have also not considered the Housing Needs Assessment, adopted by the Parish Council and held by FDC planning department, that clearly states Wimblington already has a larger percentage of bungalows than elsewhere in Fenland and the need is for more affordable housing not bungalows. Residents off of the Manea Road in Froggs Abbey Lane and Workhouse Drove have long ongoing problems with flooding of local ditches and their properties. The site is only just south east of the historic, heritage listed building St Peter's Church which is experiencing major problems with flooding, as are other areas in close proximity to the site. This proposal will only exacerbate the ongoing issue with flooding as the local infrastructure is already struggling to cope with surface/run off water. The 7 dwellings will detract from the open views across the fens, are not in keeping with the linear lines present along the Manea Road and is extending out of the built settlement boundaries. The parking facilities for two vehicles per dwelling would involve reversing onto or off of the private access road as there is no way of parking using forward gear only, this poses a hazard especially for delivery and emergency vehicles. Please also note the comment from Highways response to this new application "Therefore, whilst access has shown to be achieved the shown layout is not correct for a development of this size and in this location. I would further note that it still has not been demonstrated how the refuse will be safely collected from this site" Policies LP2 LP12 LP16 apply F/YR24/0583/F - Erect a detached outbuilding at The Paddocks Horsemoor Road - no objections. F/YR24/0618/VOC - Variation of condition 19 of planning permission F/YR14/0232/O (Erection of 80 dwellings (max)) relating to the provision of a footway/cycleway at Land East Of 38 March Road - no objections b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson: c) Neighbourhood plan surveymonkey: Further to NHP meetings and with FDC our next public consultation should be on 21st September, but we also need to have the option of residents using surveymonkey to give their comments. Surveymonkey will be needed beyond the end date of the current contract - 30th September - are Councillors happy to pay for a further term? Cost would be £420.00 which may not be able to be covered by the remaining grant allowance, which has been applied	PA
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		for. After discussion resolved to approve the payment for SurveyMonkey for the NHP. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell. Seconded: Cllr. Dent	
140/24	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport – 12	a) Street lights reported: None. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Footpath outside sub station needs clearing - impassable and opposite Lily Avenue. - report again. Cllr Johnsons asked Chair to chase the fence to be moved at Bridge Lane/Woodmans Way - still not moved back to original position. Cllr Hennen has spoken to FDC and was told that the fencing on Eastwood End has to be there covering the footpath to also cover BT ducting. FDC will keep chasing this. The footpath to be installed should be there before the new houses are occupied - one is now occupied but the footpath (condition number 5) has not been installed. c) Street light electricity: Further to minute number 119/24a - the contract with SSE for a 3 year term has been signed, even though there would be large penalties for leaving the contract, as no other company will offer a fixed term contract for unmetered supply and if left the price would have changed.	MTD
141/24	War Memorial playing field – 13	a) Wild flower section: clerk asked whether we could try again to leave the strip of land behind the trees at the WMPF to grow wild, to partially help towards our Bio-diversity? To be cut twice a year in Summer and Autumn, left to lay for a week and then cleared. Our grass cutting contractors have quoted £? After discussion resolved to Proposed: Cllr. Campbell. Seconded: Cllr. Dent b) Electricity supply: Further to minute 119/24a clerk agreed the contract with SSE through Utility Aid for street light electricity. Penalties to leave are high, but as there is no other company offering fixed contracts only variable tariffs, the prices were accepted. c) Paint bench for toilet block alcove: the new seating for the WMPF has arrived. A quote from the graffiti artist to paint the bench in the toilet block alcove to match the wall, seal it and the wall behind has not yet been received. Cllr Johnson will chase.	PA AJ
142/24	Parkfield - 14	Nothing new to report.	
143/24	Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15	All is well there.	
144/24	Parish Hall - 16	a) Fire risk assessment: Further to minute 123/24a, clerk obtained 2 quotes for a fire risk assessment: Quote 1 - £325.00 net; Quote 2 - £500.00 net. After discussion resolved to employ quote 1. Proposed: Cllr. Best. Seconded: Cllr. Johnson. b) New access ramp: A quote has been received to remove current access ramp to the front door and completely replace it with a wider ramp to allow better wheelchair access. Quote is £2200.00 net. After discussion resolved to approve the quote. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Johnson.	PA PA
145/24	Correspondence /other business -17	Cllr Hennen said he is concerned about Horsemoor Road where many plots are being cleared and a tourer caravan has been placed on one of them without permission and some verge has had leylandii planted on it. He has reported to FDC, as previous leylandii planting has lifted the road.	
146/24	Date of next meeting - 18	Next meeting: Tuesday 10 th September 2024 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 20.20	

Appendix a*

	August 2024	NET	VAT	£
Handyman 1	Handyman duties			543.86
Handyman 2	Handyman duties			27.52
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			1191.30
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			137.20
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			297.44
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			422.53
Total				2619.85