

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th May 2024

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

Number	Title & Agenda item no.		Action
061/24	Election - 1	There is no election this year.	
062/24	Election of chairman and vice-chairman - 2	The election took place for chairman: Cllr. Maureen Davis would like to continue as chairman and was unopposed. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell; Seconded: Cllr. Dent. M Davis was elected as chairman unanimously. All in favour by show of hands. The election took place for vice-chairman: Cllr Paul Clark would like to continue as Vice-chairman and was unopposed. Proposed: Cllr. Best ; Seconded: Cllr. Campbell . Cllr Clark was elected as vice-chairman unanimously. All in favour by show of hands.	
063/24	Apologies - 3	Cllr. Harding; Cllr. Abbott. After discussion resolved to approve all absences. Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr. Johnson	
064/24	Chairs Additional items - 3a	Any items for consideration, which the Chairman deems urgent by virtue of the special circumstances to be now specified: <i>F/YR23/0791/F Erect 3no dwellings (1 x 2-storey 4-bed and 2 x single-storey 3-bed) and associated works with access from Willow Gardens Land North West Of 41 King Street Wimblington Cambridgeshire.</i> There appears to have been some breakdown of communication as several documents are not being shown on the FDC portal. However, as we were asked by an officer for a response to something we don't appear to have received, the following reply was made: Thank you for asking for Wimblington Parish Council's comments on the re-consultation. 'We still hold to our objection submitted on 17 October: Further to our recent Parish Council meeting, Councillors wish to object to the above consultation/application as follows: F/YR23/0791/F Erect 3no dwellings (1 x 2-storey 4-bed and 2 x single-storey 3-bed) and associated works with access from Willow Gardens Land North West Of 41 King Street Wimblington Cambridgeshire LP3 - identifies Wimblington as a 'Growth Village' and Wimblington is and has grown exceptionally in the last decade or more. This proposed erection of these three large scale dwellings is not in keeping with the surrounding area of both new developments and pre-existing historic dwellings along Kings Street. It does not consider the local context that it will integrate into, the intention (Design and Access Statement) states that this proposal intends to create a themed development of its own. This themed design of dwellings will impact on the street scene when viewed from Kings Street and Willow Gardens, they will also impact on the visual and amenities to the rear of 37 - 39c Kings Street. Noise from vehicles accessing the single road into the site will impact on newly developed homes to the north in Willow Gardens. The erection of a 1.8m high closed board fence to the northern side of the boundary will enclose and effect natural light on the new dwellings in Willow Gardens, plus the 1.8m close boarded fencing to the southern boundary will effect natural light into the properties on Kings Street. This proposal is not in keeping with the surrounding area, will have an adverse impact on the local area and impact on surrounding developments. NPPF - 12- Achieving well-designed places 15 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment 16 - conserving and enhancing the historic environment - 190 - (b) (c) FDC LPP - LP3 - LP16 National Design Code We are pleased to note the CCC Highways confirmation that revision (H) addresses all comments and that therefore there should be no reason for Willow Gardens not to be adopted at some time in the future and for the confirmation from the agent that surface water will run onto a private drive, away from the carriageway, plus block paving hatching will be removed from footway zone. Although one might ask where will the surface water drain from the private driveway! After discussion resolved to send as above. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Clark.	
065/24	Absentees	None	

066/24	Declarations of interest - 4	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none iii)dispensation grants: There are none	
067/24	Public participation - 5	Mr Palmer, the developer spoke to F/YR23/0791/F. Thanked Council for the benefit of discussing the application. The road width access has now been changed to abide by highways requests. He has been to several nearby neighbours to apologise for the mistake. Plots 1 and 2 have been reduced in size. Golden brick exterior has now been introduced to be more inkeeping and he realises that these are family homes with those around being more for couples/retired residents. The current hedging etc will be untouched. Roofs are lower and overall the properties would be about 15% smaller than the original application. The height of the fences at the Southern boundary is standard size. Some of the current fences are over 20 years old and are not well made, the new fences should be better for neighbours. As local builders we just want to develop a family opportunity. He has liaised with neighbours to try to make the new houses acceptable.' Cllr Davis explained that Council were not aware of the changes and we will look at new documents which may or may not change our reply. Cllr Johnson said that we will need to see the new application before we can change our comments. We already have a lot of very large houses being built and we need to know that the new proposals will sit within our design code. Mr Palmer said that they will try to fall within Councils requirements. Cllr Davis said she will speak to the planning officer and ask for all of the current documents. Cllr Gowing commented that March Town Council have had similar problems with the FDC planning portal. A resident spoke about planning application F/ YR24/0051/F. He had attended the last Parish Council meeting and referred to that meeting and Parish Council's objections then. Since then the Conservation Officer has visited and raised their objections. Then the planning officer recommended that the application be withdrawn on heritage and technical grounds. However plans were re-submitted with very minor adjustments. Some boundary treatment alterations, but nothing fundamental has been changed. The heritage officers report made it clear that larger changes should be made. Drainage board also object. There is nothing fundamentally different between the first and the latest submission. He asks that we object again as the grounds upon which we objected the first time have not been addressed. A second member of the public was also in support Cllr Davis believes that we will also object as previously and it's interesting that other agencies also object, making the case against the application even stronger. Another resident said that on one of the application forms it stated that Morely way is not as strong as the main road, he wants to know if his property would be damaged by the heavy vehicles. He also spoke about the public footpath which runs across the proposed access to the site which is heavily used by children. Another resident said that he has objected to the application particularly as most of the nearby resident are elderly and would be very much disrupted by development site traffic. Other residents were concerned about where construction vehicles would be parked and were very concerned that they would park in the turn round hammer and on the green space heavily frequented by children and dog walkers. Cllr. Davis said that there would be conditions attached to ensure that construction vehicles and workers vehicles cannot be parked on the roadway. A resident said that the green off Morley Way is the only piece of green space in the centre of the village and is the only space for dog walkers to run their dogs. Cllr Davis advised that we are in the middle of trying to secure the green space there, firstly as an Asset of Community value and further we are trying to obtain Government funding to buy the green, to be held in perpetuity for residents leisure – see planning 077/24 below.	
068/24	Contact roles - 6	Councillor contact roles were agreed as: Michele Abbott – Finance committee, Speedwatch, Neighbourhood plan, Anglian Water Reservoir Representative John Best – Parish Hall, Flag marshal; Street Lighting. Glen Campbell – Finance Committee, Policies, Street Lighting. Paul Clark – Vice Chairman, Defibrillators, Finance Committee, Security. Maureen Davis – Chairman, Planning, Finance Committee, Burnthouse Windmill Panel, Police Councillors Representative, Neighbourhood Plan, Anglian Water Reservoir Representative Julie Dent – Parkfield, War Memorial Playing Field, Cemetery.	

		Judith Harding – Stonea, Finance committee, Anglian Water Reservoir Representative Chris Hennen - Hook, Finance committee, Web site, Ransonmoor Windmill Panel. Angela Johnson – Planning, Neighbourhood Plan, Local Nature Restoration Scheme, Parish Paths/ROW	
069/24	Confirmation of minutes - 7	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 9 th April 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Dent. All in favour.	
070/24	Fenland District Council - 8	Cllr Davis said there is nothing new to report.	
071/24	Cambridgeshire County Council 9	Cllr. Gowing said that he has just been given information about the Manea Fire station: as there will be a new head of the Fire Authority soon, the decision regarding its closure will not be made until later this year. At Friday Bridge the Government is giving money to change heat pumps. If 5% of residents agree to it. There were less than 15%, but the 3 interested residents wanted to go ahead. If anyone is interested, Government is giving help towards changing from Gas to heat pumps.	
072/24	Clerks report - 10	Idverde have contacted us informing of a 4% increase in prices as from April due to the increase in wages. Clerk has queried this as we have a 3 year agreement – yet to hear back. Peter Humphreys have contacted us to explain about consultation regarding the rerouting of footpath 263/8: 'The footpath has been constructed approximately 4m wide using 70mm clean granite on non-woven terram. This will need to be covered with 2 to 3 inches of compacted aggregate (for example by recycled road plainings). With regard to the main car park once the earth has been removed they will install drainage pipes directly into an oil interceptor and then into the dyke under the proposed new footpath .They will then be able to regulate the flow of the surface water into the dyke by installing a head wall with a hydrobrake fitted . The block paving will be Marshall's driveline priora permeable block paving.' CCC advise that Blue Lane will be closed for drainage works at some point in August. Re our 2025 LHI bid, thanks to the chairman intervention our LHI bid will go forward as a non-complex installation, with the details yet to be decided by CCC. As such it will go to the highway officers for scoring, not the panel, to consider a no-stopping traffic order, road markings, or warning signage. Our contribution is expected to be £1000.00.	MD AJ
073/24	Other Matters - 12	a) Parish Nature recovery plan: To be addressed when volunteers come forward. Leaflet has been designed and will be printed to attract volunteers. Cllr Johnson has checked and other Councils are still creating their strategy. The direction is still very vague. We will approach farmers and landowners for their help. Cllr Davis said there is a March Town Councillor who is a farmer who would help and is chairman of the Rural & Farming Executive Advisory Committee b) CAPALC membership – see payments below. Do Councillors wish to re-join? If so do they want to add £50 for Data protection officer membership scheme? After discussion resolved to re-join without data protection scheme. Proposed: Cllr. Dent Seconded: Cllr. Hennen. c) Direct Debits: Councillors were asked whether they agree to continue to pay all utility bills by Direct Debit. After discussion resolved to continue with DD payments for utilities. Proposed: Cllr Clark. Seconded: Cllr. Dent d) CCC offer for EV infrastructure: Further to an email forwarded to us by Cllr Gowing and sent to Cllrs on 17.4.2024. CCC are offering to install and own 7kw EV car charging points (minimum of 15 years). There would be no cost or income from the installation of 3 charging points. As they are slow chargers it is presumed that charging would take place over night. After discussion resolved find out whether we have to have 3, can we restrict it to hall users only, will we have to pay all legal charges and what are they. e) Dog waste signage: Further to an email received by the chairman, we have been asked whether we could put up more signage encouraging dog owners to pick up after their dogs. After discussion resolved to put more signage out – contact FDC Proposed: Cllr. Dent Seconded: Cllr. Davis f) SLCC: Annual membership fee is due at the end of June, do Cllrs still wish for me to join? See payments below: After discussion resolved to join the clerk. Proposed: Cllr Clark. Seconded: Cllr Johnson. g) D day remembrance: Chair asked Cllrs whether they wish to light a beacon on 6th June and or purchase a D-day flag to fly – cost for a 3ft x2ft is £18.00. 5x3 £24.00 or RBLI 5x3 is £19.99 but black and white. After discussion resolved to buy a flag – purchase flag £18.00 Proposed: Cllr. Hennen Seconded: Cllr. Johnson.	PA PA PA PA PA

074/24	Payments – 13		a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:		
		203/23d			
		183/23c			
		128/23a			
		050/24d			

	and Health & Safety - 15	a) To review Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Cemetery Fees : e-mailed to Cllrs on 19.4.2024. Cemetery fees to be discussed at 081/24. New Financial regulations have finally been completed, but only available on 9.5.2024. As there are quite large changes, clerk asked for help going through both the old and new documents to adapt as necessary for our Council. After discussion resolved to adopt Standing Orders as read. Arrange for Cllrs. Davis and Campbell and the clerk to meet to adapt the new model Financial regulations in readiness for the June meeting. Proposed Cllr. Dent: Seconded: Cllr. Best. b) To review other policies/procedures – None	
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077/24	Planning - 16	Planning: The clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) F/YR23/0206/F - Erect 45 dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings at Land North Of Stoneleigh 22A Eaton Estate – revised plans – <i>object as before</i> add – Revised Planning Application F/YR23/0206/F Please note the Parish Council’s continued objection and recommended refusal of this planning application. Our previous response still applies and further comments are: The initial outline planning application was for 30 affordable family homes to which local residents had less objection but the new revised 45/46 dwellings, an increase of 50%, with only 9 affordable homes is far from acceptable. Flooding is an ever increasing, constant concern for many local residents properties and surrounding areas. Anglian Water are insistent that the system can cope yet council were informed that Anglian Water were present in Eaton Estate on Sunday 12th and Tuesday 14th May 2024, this compacts concerns. It is obvious that the system isn’t functioning properly especially with the recent sewerage overflow problems on the Lily Avenue estate also adjacent to the proposed site. The applicant’s revised drainage plans now show piping leading to the northern boundary of the proposed site, the fields to the north of this site are already highlighted by LLFA as a flood risk and a recent planning application was refused because of this fact. This planning application can be refused because it does not comply with a number of FDC Local Planning Policies and NPPF policies, also it is not supported by the local community or local Parish Council. As previously stated, Wimblington has far exceeded its ‘village threshold’ for LP12 Part A. LPPolicy 2 - Facilitating Health and Wellbeing of Fenland Residents creating sufficient and the right mix of homes to meet people’s needs, and in the right location (LP3, LP4 and LP5) building homes which are safe from flooding (LP14B) avoiding adverse impacts (LP16) LP3 - 3.4.3 - Distribution - the distribution of housing development will comply Policy LP3 which aims to ensure that development takes place in the most sustainable locations in the district, whilst addressing local needs. - <i>Wimblington is no longer a sustainable location and struggles to address local needs, there is no validated need for more housing at present.</i> LP4 - Housing - total target need - 11,000 in 20 years Other locations - 1,200 - Wimblington*, Doddington*, Manea and Wisbech St Mary. 300 per ‘growth village’! *Note: Development at Wimblington and Doddington will be appropriate provided that capacity at, or in the sewerage network leading to, the Waste Water Treatment Work in Doddington can be addressed. <i>At present there are major problems with flooding within areas of the village and this development will exacerbate this. Anglian Water cannot manage the present water and sewerage problems and there are a further 88 dwellings off March Road and 21 dwellings off of Willow Gardens that have still to be added to the existing system WHICH ISN’T COPING.</i> LP5 - this application is not meeting ‘housing needs’ for the village. A recent Housing Need Assessment, now adopted by the Parish Council, was undertaken by the proposed Neighbourhood Planning steering group and it states that the housing need in the village is for smaller, affordable housing. NPPF Delivering a sufficient supply of homes 61 To determine the minimum number of homes needed, strategic policies should be informed by a local housing need assessment 64 Provision of affordable housing should be sought for residential developments that are not major developments 159 inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk (whether existing or in the future)	MD AJ PA AJ MD
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		160 strategic policies should be informed by a strategic flood risk assessment and should manage flood risk from all sources. They should consider cumulative impacts in, or effecting, local areas susceptible to flooding, and take account of advice from the Environmental Agency and other relevant flood risk management authorities, such as lead local flood authorities and internal drainage boards. 161 all plans should apply a sequential, risk-based approach to the location of development - taking into account all sources of flood risk and the current and future impacts of climate change - so as to avoid, where possible, flood risk to people and property. They should do this, and manage any residual risk, by: b) safeguarding land from development that is required, or likely to be required, for current and future flood management 1. when determining any planning applications, local planning authorities should ensure that flood risk is not increased elsewhere LPPolicy 12 - Rural Areas Development Policy It would not put people or property in danger from identified risks and - <i>it will increase vehicle movement around a residential play area. It will increase the risk of flooding of peoples properties.</i> It can be served by sustainable infrastructure provision, such as surface water and waste water drainage and highways - <i>the infrastructure within the village is already struggling.</i> Please also note that in the event this application is approved, despite our objection, that we would ask for S106 to include for play equipment on either the Clarion play area in the middle of Eaton Estate (badly in need of upgrading) if this is permitted or contribution to our recently installed Ninja Trail at the War Memorial Playing Field on Doddington Road. Cost of Ninja Trail £33,000 (Parish Council paying £27,000 and a grant from Burnthouse Windmill Farm of £6,000) CCC/24/039/VAR -Completion of construction of two agricultural irrigation reservoirs following the extraction of sand and gravel Informative: S73 planning application to vary conditions 2 (Compliance with Submitted Details) and 3 (Cessation of Development) – no objection F/YR24/0051/F -Erect 8 dwellings (2 x single storey, 2 bed and 6 x single storey, 3 bed) with associated garages and the formation of an attenuation pond at Land West Of 27 Norfolk Street Accessed From Morley Way – object – Revised Planning Details F/ YR24/0051/F Please note the Parish Council's continued objection to the above revised planning application. Our previous objections still apply. There is still grave concern with regard to possible flooding of the adjacent properties, one of which is a historic Grade 2 dwelling and the other is the village hall, the surrounding land slopes southeast of the site towards Norfolk Street. LLFA also raise objections with regard to the siting of the attenuation pond and drainage. The drainage report refers to permeable paving and roads with soak-a-ways, although these are not shown on the site plan. The applicant has not explained sufficiently as to how surface/run off water will be drained away. With 8 dwellings constructed on this area of green land there is going to be an increase in run-off water and surface water. Highways states that they do not 'adopt' permeable roads and pavements so who will manage the private access to these properties. Below are the relevant NPPF policies regarding this application. NPPF - Planning and flood Risk 159 - Inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk (whether existing or in the future) 160 - Strategic policies should be informed by a strategic flood risk assessment and should manage flood risk from all sources. They should consider cumulative impacts in, or effecting, local areas susceptible to flooding, and take account of advice from the Environmental Agency and other relevant flood risk management authorities, such as lead local flood authorities and internal drainage boards. 161 - All plans should apply a sequential, risk-based approach to the location of development - taking into account all sources of flood risk and the current and future impacts of climate change - so as to avoid, where possible, flood risk to people and property. They should do this, and manage any residual risk, by: b) safeguarding land from development that is required, or likely to be required, for current and future flood management 167 - when determining any planning applications, local planning authorities should ensure that flood risk is not increased elsewhere	
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		"The Conservation Officer has raised valid objections concerning the historic and heritage assets of the village and the impact of this proposed development. The Parish Council support his objections". NPPF policies representing these objections: Proposals affecting heritage assets 194 - In determining applications, local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance' and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. 195 - Local planning authorities should identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset that may be affected by the proposal (including by development affecting the setting of a heritage asset) taking account of the available evidence and any necessary expertise. They should take this into account when considering the impact of a proposal on a heritage asset, to avoid or minimise any conflict between heritage assets' conservation and any aspect of the proposal. 197 - In determining applications, local planning authorities should take account of: a) the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of the heritage assets and putting them to viable use constant with their conservation b) the positive contribution that conservation of heritage assets can make to sustainable communities including their economic vitality and c) the desirability of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness 208 local planning authorities should assess whether the benefits of a proposal for enabling development, which would otherwise conflict with planning policies but which would secure the conservation of a heritage asset, outweigh the disbenefit of departing from those policies. At present there is no 'need' for further housing within the Wimblington area and the infrastructure is already struggling to maintain the present growth of development. FDC's LPP have not been updated within the past five years and as such do not reflect the present requirements for the village, the Housing Need Assessment done for the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan does highlight what is needed. As to sustainability, it is not just the infrastructure that is struggling it is the other elements of a village life, facilities and services. The site of this proposal is one of the few open spaces still visible in the village centre and could possibly house a number of wildlife species. Below are Local Planning Policies relevant to this objection: LPPolicy 3 - Spatial Strategy, the Settlement Hierarchy and the Countryside In growth villages new development should be commensurate with the size of the settlement whilst at the same time retaining the open character of the wider countryside. LPPolicy 12 - Rural Areas Development Policy The proposal is of a scale and in a location that is in keeping with the core shape and form of the settlement and will not adversely harm its character and appearance It would not result in the loss of important spaces within the village It would not put people or property in danger from identified risks and It can be served by sustainable infrastructure provision, such as surface water and waste water drainage and highways If a proposal within or on the edge of a village would, in combination with other development built since April 2011 and committed to be built increase the number of dwellings in the village by 10% or more (15% for growth villages) then the proposal should have demonstrable evidence of clear local community support LPPolicy 13 - Supporting and Managing the Impact of a Growing District a) Infrastructure - Planning permission will only be granted if it can be demonstrated that there is, or will be, sufficient infrastructure capacity to support and meet all requirements arising from the proposed development Development proposals must consider all of the infrastructure implications of a scheme, not just those on the site or its immediate vicinity Waggoners Way and Morley Way roads were not constructed to take heavy plant machinery and vehicles, (some parts of the road are block paved) who will be responsible for the possible deterioration of the road surface and pathways?	
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078/24	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport - 17	a) Street lights reported: None b) Footpaths and highways issues: Regarding the removal of the hedge on Eastwood End, FDC have replied as follows: 'Further to your recent email regarding the removal of hedging and placement of Heras fencing on Eastwood End. I have visited the site and investigations have revealed that the hedge/tree was removed as part of the s278 to enable the new footpath to be constructed. It does not appear from the plans and highway boundary posts in situ that any encroachment has occurred. The temporary siting of the mobile is for security purposes but will need planning permission as will the temporary siting of steel storage containers and temporary storage of building materials associated with the current development. No other works are taking place on this parcel of land.' Cllr Hennen said that on the West side the fencing is against the tarmac – Cllr Johnson has already reported this and the reply is that it has to be there at the moment for safety reasons for utilities work. Stonea crossing/underpass: Cllr Davis met with highways, MP's office and CCC and there is no plan to close the underpass. Highways will put up cameras to monitor the road/collisions. An extension to the 50mph has been applied for at the traffic lights on Manea Rd./A141	
079/24	War Memorial playing field - 18	a) RoSPA report: work needed & litter bin - Handyman has suggested that one of the seats in the children's fenced area, which needs to be moved and painted, be powder coated rather than painted, as it is longer lasting and gives a better finish. He suggests that both seats be done at the same time. Quote for powder coating alone is 1.£526.30 net. Or 2. £340.00 net. Handyman would have to complete this as a project and would need help. To purchase a new recycled plastic bench would cost between £300 - £800 dependent upon which seat was chosen. Also it seems that we now need another litter bin by the ninja trail - After discussion resolved to investigate funding and purchasing of new recycled plastic benches plus another picnic bench and litter bin. Proposed: Cllr. Johnson. Seconded: Cllr. Campbell. b) Zip line repair: quote forwarded to Cllrs on 19.4.2024 to attend and service/re-tension the zip wire at £496.60 net without any additional needed parts. After discussion resolved to agree the service as above. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Johnson. The new Ninja trail was handed over to us on 22.4.2024. One piece of eqpt was incorrectly sent and they will return with the taller posts once they have been made. Signage with instructions as how to use the equipment has been approved by the chairman at £500.00. c) Tree work: A quote has been received from our usual contractor of £3850.00, the Willows and 2 poplars being the main trees in need of work. after discussion resolved to agree the work. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen Seconded: Cllr. Best.	PA PA

		d) CCTV: Our CCTV provider has looked at whether the current cameras will reach the new equipment and they won't. A quote to provide and install a new zoom camera with a larger hard drive recorder has been received - cost of £1532.44 net. Forwarded to Cllrs on 7.5.2024. After discussion resolved to order the new camera and recorder as per the quote. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Johnson.	PA
080/24	Parkfield - 19	No report	
081/24	New Cemetery/ Churchyard - 20	a) Fees. FDC fees (with whom WPC have always aligned their fees) have increased again this year by between 12 and 20%. In one case by 68%. Main increases by FDC are: Full burial increased from £1100.00 to £1250.00; Exclusive rights of burial increased from £900.00 to £990.00 for full burial with an increase from £235 to £395 for cremated remains. Interment of ashes increased from £315 to £380; the right to place a headstone increased from £235 to £260; right to place a flat tablet increased from £390 to £430. Expenditure for the Cemetery over the last year was a little over £3,000 which does not include the painting of gates at £1641.00. Income is recorded at £11,402.00 but this includes an unusually high plot purchase of £6034.00 as the purchaser does not live in the village. Without that, income would be approximately £5,000.00. Clerk had forwarded FDC fees document showing increases and above information on 17.4.2024. After discussion resolved not to increase prices this year. Proposed: Cllr. Johnson ; Seconded: Cllr. Dent	
082/24	Parish Hall - 21	a) McMillians coffee morning: Request to use the Parish Hall again this year for a McMillan's coffee morning on 28 th September had been received and forwarded to Cllrs on 22.4.2024. After discussion resolved to donate the use of the hall to this very worthy and well supported cause. Proposed: Cllr. Clark; Seconded: Cllr. Campbell.	
083/24	Correspondence - 22	Cllr Hennen asked for photos of new councillors for the web site. Mirror needed for gents toilet. Cllr Best asked - can the heating go off now? – Councillors agreed to keep the heating on for a bit longer especially as NHS are one of the hirers using it to see patients with lung conditions. Cllr Dent asked whether we can have a cut and collect the week before Fun day – yes clerk to arrange. Can the event group use the bar at the Fun day – yes with their own TEN licence. Can the donated oak tree be planted in the WMPF – yes ask the tree man where to plant it.	PA PA
84/24	Confidential item -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. Johnson: Seconded: Cllr. Dent. Further to a letter received from Liz Wright regarding the Allotments – read out to the meeting: Cllr Davis asked members whether they felt that as landlords of the allotments we should interfere with the devolved managements running of the association? After discussion resolved to ask for a copy of accounts in August each year, but not have a Councillor liaison. Proposed: Cllr. Best. Seconded: Cllr. Clark	
084/24	Date of next meeting - 24	Next meeting: Tuesday 11 th June 2024 19.00 at Wimblington Parish Hall. Meeting closed at: 21.59	

Appendix a

Payments	May 2024	NET	VAT	£
Booking clerk	Booking clerk duties			171.60
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			297.44
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			1191.50
Handyman	Handyman duties			543.86
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			415.53
Total				2619.93