

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 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. Dent; Cllr. Johnson; Cllr. Hennen;

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
147/24	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Campbell: Cllr Abbott; Cllr Harding;	
148/24	Absentees		
149/24	Chairs Additional items - 1a	None	
150/24	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: Cllr Clark re F/YR24/0590/PIP. ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
151/24	Public Participation - 3	Public asked whether the enforcement office has visited Eastwood End re the pavement. Cllr Johnson will chase again	
152/24	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 13 th August 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr. Johnson; All in favour.	
153/24	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis said that FDC do not have an enforcement officer at the moment and have vacancies for 3 more officers. A bonus is being offered to planning officers who stay for more than 3 years, planning officers are in short supply.	
154/24	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Gowing said that there is a new local highways officer, but unknown which area she will cover. Manea Fire Station - the member led review - he heads recruitment and retention. They have several pilot schemes in March, which may help this area.	
155/24	Clerks report - 7	Clerk asked the LHI team the position regarding our application. It has gone to the officers as a non-complex application. It's then submitted for final approval to the H&T Committee in October. Once this has been carried out, we will be made aware of the finalised scoring lists which should be shared shortly after the H&T Committee. Photo's of the village sign were sent to the one person clerk found who might restore it, but she will not take it on as she feels it's too risky and would not repair well. As you will see in payments 2 of our defibs batteries come to the end of their life on 17th October, so new ones have been ordered. The 3 headstones which need to be straightened, should be collected next week, contractors have been waiting for the slabs before they remove the headstones. Clerk has heard back today that if we go ahead with the wild flower/wild area at the WMPF it will cost £655.00 for the first cut and £550.00 for the second this includes removing the waste after a week to allow seeds to drop. To be discussed at next meeting	
156/24	Other Matters - 8	a) Parish Nature recovery plan: To be addressed when volunteers come forward and the County wide strategy has been announced. b) Banking: Further to minute number 136/24e, clerk found difficulty in finding other banks which allow Councils to open an account. To date other than Unity Trust, Lloyds and Nat West (with whom we already bank) only Cambridge Building Society have a long term yearly paid interest at 2.9% and possibly the Post Office (comes under the Bank of Ireland) 4.10% for 1 year then goes down to 1.55%, appear at first look to allow Councils to open an account. Virgin money want all details before you can see what they offer. Halifax you have to go to branch. After discussion resolved not to bother moving the remainder of the money in Nat West. Proposed: Cllr. Johnson Seconded: Cllr. Best. c) Marie Curie: Further to an email received and forwarded on 2.9.2024, would Council like to make a donation to the charity. We do have 3 hospices in our area - Wisbech, Peterborough and a children specific hospice just North of Cambridge. After discussion, resolved to donate £500.00. Proposed: Cllr Dent; Seconded: Cllr. Clark d) Internal audit: Further to our previous internal auditor's retirement, clerk has managed to find a lady to take us on - her email forwarded to Cllrs on 4.9.2024. Annual fee to include an interim audit would be £300.00, plus mileage if she needs to visit. As both Doddington and Christchurch will probably also go with this lady, (and Warboys already do) any mileage or	PA

		accommodation costs would be split between the participating Councils. After discussion resolved to accept the lady's offer. Proposed: Cllr Best; Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.	PA
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157/24	Payments - 9	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:					
		Payments		NET	VAT	£	
		Salaries	*Including tax & NI			2697.07	
		Huws Grayson	Allotment fence goods	138.09	27.62	165.71	
		Wrights Tools	Hardware for bench install	55.54	11.11	66.65	
		Upwell computers	Email recovery for chair			250.00	
	139/24c	Surveymonkey	Neighbourhood plan survey	350.00	70.00	420.00	
		Giff gaff	Pavilion data Aug-Sept	8.34	1.66	10.00	
	136/24c	Etch and cut laser	Stainless steel bench plaque			40.00	
		Wrights Tools	Cutting discs for new benches	9.18	1.84	11.02	
		Huws Grayson	Allotment fence hardware etc	64.98	13.00	77.98	
		Wrights tools	S.Steel screw for bench plaque	0.88	0.18	1.06	
		PFK Littlejohn	External audit 2023/24	420.00	84.00	504.00	
		Idverde	Grass cutting August	584.47	116.89	701.36	
		Swift Fire	Annual monitoring charge	365.00	73.00	438.00	
		Hallmaster	Annual fee	154.17	30.83	185.00	
		Southern electric	Street light electricity July	318.46	17.74	336.20	
		Southern electric	Hall gas May-Aug (incl £463.77 credit)	100.70	5.04	105.74	
		March stationary	NHP booklets			385.00	
		Wave	Pavilion water June-Sept			19.50	
		Wave	Cemetery water June-Sept			102.63	
		Wave	Hall water June-Sept			96.92	
		Deptford Defibs	2 x replacement batteries	490.00	98.00	588.00	
			Invoices paid by Barclaycard				
			Mill stainless	SS angle to fit benches	91.00	18.20	109.20
			D&J	Ballast cement for new benches	285.83	57.17	343.00
		*See appendix a for salary breakdown					
		= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting					
		All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Johnson; Seconded: Cllr. Davis; all in favour.					
158/24	Risk Management/ Policies & Procedures - 10	a) To review policies/procedures: Code of Conduct policy forwarded to Cllrs. on 20.8.2024. After discussion resolved to approve as read. Proposed: Cllr. Best ; Seconded: Cllr. Dent					PA

159/24	Planning - 11	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) F/YR24/0684/F - Erect 8 x dwellings (single-storey 2-bed) and a 1.2m high boundary post and rail fence, and the formation of a new access and a 2.5m high bund at Land North Of Hill View Eastwood End - Parish Council still objects: Amount of Development in Eastwood End, Flooding issues in the area, and are in agreement with Highways comments F/YR24/0590/PIP, revised plans - Permission in Principle for 7 x dwellings at Land South West Of Woodbury Manea Road - revised plans - object as before. It was noted that F/YR24/0458 Land East of Hill View, Eastwood End, Wimblington, Cambridgeshire Permission in principle to erect up to 7 x dwellings will be before FDC Planning Committee for the meeting on 18 September. Officer recommendation: Refuse. Reason for Committee: Number of representations received contrary to Officer recommendation. It was agreed that a presentation be given at the meeting by either The Chairman or Cllr. Johnson against the application.	AJ AJ MD
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		b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson reported : Questionnaires have been printed and shortly to be delivered. We are trying to push this to be completed asap. There is to be a forum in the Parish Hall on 21st September. The questionnaire and proposed plan are on the web site and will be in various venues for the public to read. The 6 week consultation period may have to be put back to the end of September as FDC do not have everything in place. We are awaiting certain information to be able to start the consultation.	
160/24	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport – 12	a) Street lights reported: None. b) Footpaths and highways issues: None	
161/24	War Memorial playing field – 13	Clerk reported that the new surfaces, in front of the MUGA and replace the path to the pavilion, should start to be installed next week. Handymen are starting to install the benches. Cllr. Johnson had the quote to paint the benches at £150.00 - Chairman to approve this spend.	
162/24	Parkfield - 14	A live music/band event was held at Parkfield which was very popular. Carvery starts at the end of September. Cllr Davis awarded trophies to County junior archers last week-end. Next month the Archery club is holding a Pop Jolley Memorial trophy event.	
163/24	Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15	Clerk to chase contractors to cut hedges as soon as possible.	PA
164/24	Parish Hall - 16	a) Hallmaster: We have 8 days left of our annual licence with hallmaster, do Councillors wish to continue using it. Cost for the coming year would be £ 154.17 net - see payments above. After discussion resolved to continue. Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Davis.	PA
165/24	Correspondence /other business -17	Cllr Hennen said that at the corner of Horsemoor Rd people are dumping materials on a private land/corner. Also there are now bonfires again opposite the track. Cllr Davis will speak to the traveller officer regarding the bonfires.	
166/24	Date of next meeting - 18	Next meeting: Tuesday 8 th October 2024 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 19.55.	

Appendix a*

	September 2024	NET	VAT	£
Handyman 1	Handyman duties			543.86
Handyman 2	Handyman duties			89.34
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			437.53
Total				2697.07