

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th November 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. Campbell; Cllr. Best. Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Dent;

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
187/24	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr. Johnson; Cllr Abbott; Cllr Harding;	
188/24	Absentees	None	
189/24	Chairs Additional items - 1a	F/YR23/0811/F: Further to an amendment to this application and that it was missed off the agenda as not showing in clerks in box, this will have to be discussed here. Drawings and Anglian Water report given to all attending Cllrs. The amendment appears to change the type of housing to more houses than bungalows, the dwellings applied for are now 4 bungalows, 4 x 1 bed semi-detached houses, 4 x 2 bed semi-detached houses, 2 x 3 bed detached houses. Ask for the removed leylandii hedge to be replaced with either native hedging or closed board fence. After discussion resolved not to object, but express concerns regarding fencing and wish for any trees or hedges removed be replaced with native planting hedges. Proposed: Cllr. Dent Seconded: Cllr. Clark.	PA
190/24	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
191/24	Public Participation - 3	None	
192/24	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 8th October 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Dent; All in favour.	
193/24	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis said that there is nothing concerning Wimblington to report	
194/24	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Gowing said that he has requested highways to extend the reduced speed limit area on Manea Rd. to allow for lorries exiting and entering Knowles yard. Cllr Gowing has asked for the speed limit to be less than 50 at the bend and highways are looking into this. There are several items raised which highways are looking at.	
195/24	Clerks report - 7	Hall neighbour advised handyman that ivy growing from our carpark was pushing his wall over, which on inspections it was - see payments for removal. Lloyds bank with whom we have our day to day banking accounts are changing our account to a 'community' account. There will be a £4.25 per month fee, 100 free electronic payments after which there would be a charge; a charge of £0.75p for every £100.00 paid in, in cash at the post office or £0.42p for every £100.00 paid in using an immediate deposit machine. There will be a £0.50 or £0.42p charge for every cheque paid in and a charge of £0.42p for every credit received via a branch, cash machine or deposit point, paid in via post office or deposit machine. Other methods of receiving credits are free. There will be a £0.07p charge for every Bank transfer payment made by us. Consensus was to continue to accept cash.	
196/24	Other Matters - 8	a) Parish Nature recovery plan: To be addressed when volunteers come forward and the County wide strategy has been announced. b) East Anglian Air Ambulance: Further to an email received and forwarded to Cllrs on 9.10.2024; East Anglian Air Ambulance ask whether we can support them again? Last donation to them was £200.00 in November 2023. After discussion resolved to donate £500.00 Proposed: Cllr. Campbell Seconded: Cllr. Dent. c) Village Sign: Further to minute number 176/24b Cllr Davis approached metalcraft who have not yet responded. Once the small request panel has met they will come back to us. d) Remote meeting attendance: The Government has a consultation open regarding Councillors being able to attend meetings remotely and vote by proxy. A link to the consultation was forwarded to Cllrs on 31.10.2024. The chairman wished for us to reply as a whole. After discussion resolved not to reply as a whole.	PA

197/24	Payments - 9	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:					
	176/24e	Salaries		*Including tax & NI	NET	VAT	£
	182/24a	Wimblington News		Donation			500.00
	176/24j	London Hearts		2 x defibs			1500.00
		CamSAR		Donation			500.00
		Strictly chairs		Sample hall chair	53.95	10.79	64.74
		Swift Fire & Safety		6 month alarm service	235.00	47.00	282.00
		Worby tree service		Remove ivy at hall car park			350.00
		TKH PAT testing		Annual hall PAT testing	67.00	13.40	80.40
		Huws Gray		New hall cupboard supplies	110.21	22.04	132.25
		R Nicholas Plumb'g		Hall boiler annual service/rep			238.50
		Giff gaff		Pavilion data Oct	8.34	1.66	10.00
		FDC		Church waste July-Sept			142.61
		FDC		Hall waste July-Sept			142.61
		Coolflow		Air con annual service	105.00	21.00	126.00
		Steven Crowe		WMPF graffiti bench			150.00
		Fenwinds		Part payment ramp invoice	1000.00	200.00	1200.00
		Fenwinds		Balance of ramp replacement	100.00	20.00	120.00
		Generis Security		6 monthly CCTV clean	120.00	24.00	144.00
		Toolstation		Hall drain rods/1 rack bolt	37.01	7.41	44.42
		Grahams bin clean		Sept Oct hall bin cleans			30.00
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200/24	Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport – 12	a) Street lights reported: None. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Hennen said that the footpath from Horsemoor Rd. corner is being used for dumping rubbish and burning of building materials, causing a hazard - email ROW officer. Grit bin near Lily Ave in wrong place and turned over. - report to highways Clerk reported that Sisco road markings are ongoing. c) MVAS ongoing maintenance offer: further to minute number 190/24c and the offer from Elan City, it turns out that the offer is per year for each MVAS so total cost of £1182.60, not £398.00 as we thought. After discussion resolved that on the basis that we received mis-information, not to take up the offer. Proposed: Cllr Best Seconded: Cllr. Hennen d) Dog waste bin Orchard Way: Further to a complaint received by the chairman, she asked whether Cllrs would consider installing a dog waste bin on Orchard Way. FDC confirm the price as £166.40 net. Clerk is meeting the FDC officer there on Friday regarding a possible site. After discussion resolved to Proposed: Cllr. Hennen. Seconded: Cllr. Best. e) Capitally Funded Highway Maintenance Schemes: Further to an email received and forwarded to Cllrs on 6.11.2024. Do Cllrs. know of any area which need this capital investment from CCC highways. Woodman's Way; Hook Rd. - road is always flooded; Passing places on Hook Rd. After discussion resolved to propose these 2 places. Proposed: Cllr. Clark Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.	MD PA PA PA MD
201/24	War Memorial playing field – 13	Nothing to report -chase hedge cutting. The insert bench has been painted to match the background painting.	PA
202/24	Parkfield - 14	We're waiting for the defib cabinet to be fitted.	
203/24	Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15	a) Area for spreading of ashes: Not yet found - for January agenda Cllr Dent said topiary trees have not been finished and we need another grass cut there.	PA PA
204/24	Parish Hall - 16	a) New chairs: Further to minute number 184/24b, when trying to buy a sample chair from the chosen company, they now say that the ones selected do not weigh 4.3k as originally advised, but 5.6k, so they are no use to us. Upon further research clerk found some lighter chairs from another company who have supplied a sample - shown to Cllrs. The quote (2) for 80 of these is £2741.00 net or £3320.00 for 100, as opposed to the original companies quote (1) of £5688.00 net for 80. After discussion resolved to purchase quote 2. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell Seconded: Cllr. Davis. (Local Government Act 1972 s 133 refers) b) Use of old chairs: Further to the proposed purchase of new chairs for the hall, Chapel cottage plants had asked the events group whether the PC hired out our chairs, which we do not. However, clerk asked whether, if Chapel cottage plants would store the old chairs and be able to use them for an occasional event, on the understanding that they still belong to the Parish Council and that we could borrow them back for an event if ever needed. Chapel Cottage plants would rather buy them, but allow PC and events group to borrow them if needed, would Cllrs consider this as an option? After discussion resolved to sell the old chairs to Chapel Cottage plants at £200 total Proposed: Cllr. Clark. Seconded: Cllr. Dent. c) Tables: Handyman has said that the small grey table are starting to come apart. The screws are getting loose and as they are screwed into plastic it's difficult to tighten them for any length of time. Also the tops are rough and therefore retain dirt. Clerk forwarded information to Cllrs on 7.11.2024. After discussion resolved to buy new square tables as we have now in Grey at a cost of £39.95 each. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Campbell. d) Caretaker: Further to volunteers at community living room struggling with both chairs and tables and the 2 men who normally arrive early and stay till the end to set up and clear away, getting a bit fed up with it. Cllrs were asked whether we could employ a caretaker, whose job it would be to both set up and pack away tables and chairs for most hall bookings. It would initially be for 4 hours a week to gauge if that is enough. Clerk estimated the help would be needed for Photo group; Computer club; Craft club; community living room; Parish Council meetings. After discussion resolved to invite handyman 2 to extend his remit to include this job in a fixed hours contract plus variable hours to assist the handyman. Proposed: Cllr Best. Seconded: Cllr. Campbell.	PA PA PA PA
205/24	Correspondence /other business -17	Cllr Davis reported that Burnthouse Windmill have granted us £2000.00 towards energy costs at the hall. Cllr Dent reminded that the Christmas Lights switch on is on the 23rd November.	
206/24	Date of next meeting - 18	Next meeting: Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 20.45	

Appendix a*

		November 2024	NET	VAT	£
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