

Present: M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Clark; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Abbott; Cllr. Best; Cllr. Campbell; Cllr. Harding

Number	Title		Action
0080/24	Apologies for Absence	Cllr Johnson;	
0081/24	Absentees	None	
0082/24	Declarations of interest	None	
0083/24	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 11 th April 2023 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr Best ; Seconded: Cllr. Dent	
0084/24	Finance report	The clerk reported that: At 31st March 2024, unaudited income of £121,901.00, and expenditure of £104,594.00 are recorded, which does not include any payments still to be made for the 2023/24 financial year. The income includes grant receipts of £6607.00 towards Neighbourhood Plan; £4,000 towards the hall heating from Burnthouse Windmill Farm; £2500.00 towards the community living room through Cambs ACRE and £1400.00 for the art work at the War Memorial playing field from the heritage fund. Overall we are still in a healthy financial position, despite the huge increase in all utility bills, which are somewhat offset by the full programme of use, of the Parish hall.	
0085/24	Chairman's report	Welcome to the Annual Assembly. I know I say this every year but I can't believe how fast each Annual Assembly comes round. Since the Annual Assembly in 2023 Parish Council has continued to carefully manage its funding. Despite the current economic climate we have still managed to do some much-needed work in the village. We are still on a full maintenance programme which sees, Paul Kendall, our handy man taking on all sorts of repairs. We are indebted to Paul and his skills in taking on tasks that would be very costly if we had to employ contractors. Quite simply he saves Parish a huge amount each year. Our Streetpride group continue to keep the village tidy. We have added new equipment at the War Memorial Playing Field and in the coming months will see the installation of a full Ninja Trail suitable for both adults and children. Wimblington remains a great village in which to live. There really is so much on offer in community and club events. If you look around Fenland you can appreciate that Wimblington is thriving and has more events on its calendar than some of the market towns. We are extremely lucky to have a band of volunteers who help across most of the events in the village and my heartfelt thanks goes out to you all. Just look amongst yourselves now and you can see all the familiar faces who keep everything going. Wimblington is extremely fortunate to have Pat Amos as clerk to the parish Council. We are indebted to her for her knowledge and guidance on many issues. Our thanks are also due to Margaret our hall steward, Charlotte our cleaner, Les our gardener and Paul our handyman. I take this opportunity to extend my thanks to my fellow Councillors for their care and diligence in working to ensure that Wimblington continues to thrive.	
0086/24	Open forum	The Chairman invited questions. There were none. Welcomed guests and invited them to take their refreshments	
0087/24	Date of next meeting	The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 14 th May 2024. The next Annual Assembly will be held on the second Tuesday in April 2025. Meeting closed at: 19. 19.40	