

**Present:** M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Best; Cllr. Johnson; Cllr. Campbell;

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| 0088/25 | Apologies for Absence    | Cllr Hennen; Cllr Abbott; Cllr Harding; Cllr Clark                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |
| 0089/25 | Absentees                | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |        |
| 0090/25 | Declarations of interest | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |
| 0091/25 | Confirmation of minutes  | RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr Best ; Seconded: Cllr. Campbell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 0092/25 | Finance report           | The clerk reported that: At 31st March 2025, unaudited income of £137,773.00, and expenditure of £133,105.00 are recorded, which does not include any payments still to be made for the 2024/25 financial year. The income includes the annual precept, concurrent grant, income from Parish Hall bookings, burials and an insurance claim. The chairman will give more detailed information about purchased items which make up some of our expenditure, but overall over the year, we appear to be on budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |
| 0093/25 | Chairman's report        | <p>Well, here we go again folks another Annual Assembly Chairman's report. This new format of the meeting followed by cheese and wine volunteers evening seems to be working and thank you all for coming along this evening. The Chairman's report is a bit of formality really as most of you here are already very much aware of what Parish Council does but it is good sometimes to stop and think of the things we have achieved in recent years.</p> <p>During 2023 and 2024 Parish Council continued to carefully manage its funding. Times are hard for a lot of people and businesses and just like everyone else we have had to tighten our belts and deal with less income and more outgoings. Despite all this we have still managed to do some much-needed work in the village. We are still only part way through refurbishing all the benches in the village, but we keep finding other jobs for our handy man, Paul, to do.</p> <p>We have added new a Ninja Trail and we have some benches and picnic tables still to be put in at the War Memorial Playing Field and we hope to be able to introduce another new piece for the children later this year.</p> <p>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. If you look amongst yourselves you can see all the familiar faces who keep everything going. The latest additions to our groups are all thriving, the craft club and the computer club all really well supported. The Community Hub and Community Fridge is continuing to be well supported and a team of 18 volunteers means that each team member only has to attend every couple of weeks or so. This is a two or even three-fold service where visitors to the hub can sit and have a coffee and a chat and go home with a bag of free food whilst helping to stop putting so much waste food to landfill.</p> <p>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 Charlotte our cleaner, Les our gardener and Paul and Del our handymen. I cannot let this list of thank you's go by without a special thank you to Margaret Moulton who retired as our Hall Steward on 31<sup>st</sup> March after over 25 years' service. I will also take this opportunity to say that we are fortunate to have Roy Nicholas join our team as the new Hall Steward.</p> <p>I must also 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.</p> <p>Amongst our many volunteers there is one stalwart volunteer who has run so many groups over the years that Councillors wanted to find a really special way to express their thanks and we have therefore agreed to award Pat Hart the Freedom of the Parish. This is only the</p> |        |

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|         |                      | second time this honour has been awarded in Wimblington and Stonea Parish. Pat would you please come forward and accept this scroll with our grateful thanks in appreciation of the eminent and valuable service rendered by you to the Parish in volunteering and fund raising and for the high esteem in which you are held. (present scroll so that Pat's back is to the screen) Pat if you turn around and look at the screen you might see someone very special who also wants to congratulate you on your achievement - (A zoom meeting with Pat's son who lives in South Africa has been arranged.) |  |
| 0094/25 | Open forum           | The Chairman invited questions. There were none.<br>The chairman then welcomed guests and advised the meeting that there was to be a very special presentation - see above - she proceeded to explain that we have a resident who has volunteered in many different capacities over many, many years and Councillors had decided to grant the Freedom of the Parish to Mrs Pat Hart. The presentation was made she then invited everyone to take their refreshments.                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 0095/25 | Date of next meeting | The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual (General) Meeting of the Parish Council and will be held on Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 19.00. The next Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026. Meeting closed at: 19.40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |