

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 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. Abbott; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Harding; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Johnson;
7 members of the public.

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
146/25	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Campbell - holiday; Cllr Best - holiday delay; Cllr Thornhill.	
147/25	Absentees	None	
148/25	Chairs Additional items - 1a	<i>Any items for consideration, which the Chairman deems urgent by virtue of the special circumstances to be now specified:</i> There were none	
149/25	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
150/25	Public Participation - 3	Mrs Kahan said that the planning committee meeting re the proposed 5 bungalows off Morley Way was disappointing and she was cross, as the committee just waved it through. She also said that there is a 1 meter gap between the plot and the green, will that be included in the bungalow plot or the green? We will check with Land registry. Cllr Davis said that the legal officer was present and offered her full advice, which the committee took on board but did not change their decision. The one committee member who objected has now resigned.	
151/25	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2025 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Johnson; Seconded: Cllr. Abbott. All in favour.	
152/25	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis said that: there is nothing new to report.	
153/25	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	In a written report Cllr Thornhill said: 'There is nothing much to report from a CC perspective, although there was a recent update from the Cambridgeshire Leadership Team regarding the Local Government Re-organization and the move to Unitary councils, and the salient points I took away were: They are still on target for 2028. Option A is still the front runner (Peterborough, Huntingdon, North East Cambridgeshire). The harmonization of the staff contracts may take up to 6 years to complete due to the level of differences e.g. some staff on 4 day-weeks, hybrid working, other benefits Further update due later in the year.'	
154/25	Clerks report - 7	Clerk has received notification from Nat West and Lloyds that interest rates are being reduced. An email and telephone call thanking us for the donation to EACH was received, email forwarded to Cllrs 21.8.2025. Please see payment to Swift Fire below - handyman identified a fault with one of the call points - a long delay before the alarm worked, this has had to be replaced. LGA 1972, S.133 Also in payments is a replacement battery for the Parish hall defibrillator, which failed a few months before its expiry date so had to be replaced. Confirmation has been received that the apprentices from Stainless metalcraft who made the new village sign will be able to attend the unveiling on Saturday 11th October at 12.00 . Clerk reported that a washing up liquid dispenser has been fitted (in consultation with the cleaner/caretaker/chairman) in the kitchen, as bottles of washing up liquid have still been 'disappearing'.	
155/25	Other Matters - 8	a) Classic Pocket Radar for speedwatch: Cllr Abbott who leads the village speedwatch group asked whether we would purchase a 'pocket' radar, which would save time and vehicular use to run a session. The cost is £279.00 net, information link forwarded to Cllrs 11.8.2025. After discussion resolved to purchase. Proposed: Cllr. Clark. Seconded: Cllr. Dent b) MAGPAS air ambulance donation request: A letter has been received applying for a donation to Magpas Air Ambulance. No donation was given to them during the last financial year. After discussion resolved to donate £500.00 Proposed: Cllr. Harding. Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.	PA PA

156/25	Payments - 9	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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158/25	Planning - 11	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) <u>F/YR25/0617/F</u> - Change of use of land for the use siting of 2 x mobile homes, install a water treatment plant and erect 1 x utility/day room and a 1.5m high post and rail boundary fence at Land To The South Of The Spinney Horsemoor Road - Object - This planning application is incorrect, the site is already under construction, caravans are already located there (Has the infrastructure, already installed on the proposed site, been inspected?) and the site address on the application is incorrect. Parish council are aware that every application has to be viewed independently but as previously stated: there is no 'tilted balance' here, the village has contributed towards achieving the required supply of sites for this area. Wimblington village has accommodated a number of Gypsy/Travellers sites over the recent decade along the Hook and Horsemoor, and more recently received applications: F/YR25/0527/F - 6 Static Caravans and 6 Touring Caravans - Change of Use of Stables F/YR25/0515/F - 2 Mobile Homes with Utility Rooms	AJ MD AJ MD
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		Wimblington village has strongly contributed to ensuring that travellers and their families can live and work from the same location but this is now about to be extended to families that are not already located in the area. The various settlements along Hook Road/Horsemoor have gradually increased in size and the numbers of siting's of different types of accommodation, varying from touring caravans, static caravans, twin unit mobiles, lodges and brick built 'utility/day rooms'. Allowing the continued increase is having an effect on the local infrastructure impacting on the surface of the lanes, damage being incurred during the transportation of these various types of accommodation to the sites. The roads surfacing has deteriorated extensively, with deep gauges, deterioration of the edges and potholes. Increasingly, residents' vehicles are subjected to damage whilst travelling along them. The further narrowing of the lanes, due to the grass verges along Hook Lane having had obstructions placed along them, is causing a hazard for pedestrians, road users, horse riders, local farmer's equipment and maintenance workers. The visibility along the lane has been reduced due to high, wide hedgerows and the open countryside has been closed off by lengths of solid, high wooden fencing. This planning application will contribute towards closing off of open views and enclosure of the lane. There are three established traveller sites, which were granted planning after putting in retrospective applications yet, they have still not complied with the relevant conditions. These sites have expanded the built/dwelling contents of individual plots, at times without prior planning permission, the brick-built utility/day rooms being more in line with small bungalows. This planning application is also 'retrospective'! Although, at present, the three traveller sites would not be out of scale with Wimblington village the accumulation of more sites, this application and the two above, along Hook Lane and Horsemoor is now becoming overbearing. The village has continued to accommodate more and more sites in comparison to other areas, to the detriment of the country lanes and visual countryside environment. Along the lane the public verges have been eroded by the placement of unauthorised boundaries that have encroached onto the public lane. The vitality of our rural community is no longer being maintained, as promoted by the NPPF, due to overdevelopment. Reference to Policy LP5 criterion (b), PPTS and paragraph 29 of NPPF regarding accessibility by cars to sites, these sites accessed, off of a narrow country lane and are constantly accessed by large vans, trailers, touring caravans and, when installed or removed, excessively large static units. There have been issues during the transportation of the 'mobile units' when being transported onto or off of site, the lane is blocked for long periods of time during these manoeuvres, restricting the movement of all local residents, emergency vehicles and farm equipment. The planning department is asked to refuse this application. <u>F/YR25/0619/PIP</u> - Permission in principle to erect up to 2 x self-build dwellings at Land North Of The Farmhouse Nixhill Road - Object PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE - this is to establish whether the site is suitable for development. Stage 1 PIP assesses the location, amount of development and use. Location: the proposed site sits in Flood Zones 1, 2, and 3, it is situated in the countryside outside the village settlement area. There are already major concerns within this location regarding pluvial flooding in residential homes and fields. Also planning application F/YR23/0208/F and F/YR25/0563/VOC have raised serious concerns regarding the ditches and drainage within that area and along the boundaries of the proposed site. This has involved IDB, MLC and LLFA. Drawings submitted with the application show the two dwellings situated to the front of the plots which sits predominantly in flood zone 3 and adjacent to the ditches in question. Highlighting the regular flooding of the residential properties located across from this site further dwellings would only increase the problem. Development: Wimblington village has no requirement for further housing, there are already a number of developments under construction, many of these are not yet finished or sold. 88 off March Road, 21 off of Willow Gardens, 2 lots of 3 in Eastwood End all under construction, 2 lots of 9 also in Eastwood End and 48 off of Eaton Estate have planning permission but yet to start. There is no justification for further development at present in the village, plus, this development is considered to be fundamentally unacceptable on the basis that it would result in encroachment into the countryside' outside the village settlement area. This application has no relevance to LP3 that advises that, where development in the open countryside is permitted following demonstration of an essential need, an occupancy condition will be imposed - there is no essential need for this development.	
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		Use: the proposed site is a large open field that offers views out across the open fenland countryside, situated in an agricultural environment characteristic of the area. The proposed dwellings would mean changing the use and character of the land and closure of any open views. b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson: FDC as are still waiting to complete the maps, we cannot progress until we have them.	
159/25	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport – 12	a) Street lights reported: Clerk advised that the knock down light on March Rd. is now connected. Also, after discussion with the chairman, clerk has requested costs to upgrade our original lights to units with a better splay. Our contractor already uses a better splay unit when replacing any faulty units, the cost would be £338.00 per unit. Our earmarked reserve is currently £32,612.66, with the above repair yet to come out of that. We have 95 street lights. After discussion replace 5 lights on Chapel Lane to test them. Proposed: Cllr Johnson Seconded: Cllr. Dent. Clerk also asked for information about solar powered street lights, but his recommendation is that the current solar powered lights are just not effective during the Winter months, having installed 21 for St Albans Town Council last year in areas where there was no electricity, they have not proved efficient. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Chase payback team for Woodman's Way.	PA
160/25	War Memorial playing field – 13	a) Quote to adjust gates: Further to the request to service the main gates, the tilt has been rectified, but the hand gates also would benefit from adjustment, also the main gates need retainer hooks. Quote to complete this is £640.00 net - quote forwarded to Cllrs on 26.8.2025. After discussion resolved to proceed with the suggested work. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen. Seconded: Cllr. Abbott. Clerk advised that the new children's rocker is scheduled to be fitted on 4th October.	PA
161/25	Parkfield - 14	Cllr Davis is working with the committee to try to get some funding towards solar panels. We are through the first round.	
162/25	Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15	a) Possible motion sensor floodlight: Further to discussion at the last meeting clerk found several solutions - document/links emailed to Cllrs 3.9.2025. Further information from our street light maintenance does not suggest the use of a solar street light. After discussion resolved to purchase option 1. Ask handyman to arrange a pole (last one purchased was approximately £80.00) and fit the light. Proposed: Cllr. Clark Seconded: Cllr. Hennen. Cllrs asked for the handyman to make a shade if possible to stop penetrating light going backwards to the surrounding houses.	PA
163/25	Parish Hall - 16	a) Hallmaster licence renewal: Our annual licence expires on 30th September, do Councillors wish to r the facility - cost will be £220.84 net? After discussion resolved to continue with the booking system - see payments. Proposed: Cllr. Harding. Seconded: Cllr. Dent. Cllr Davis thanked clerk, handyman and caretaker for arranging the kitchen.	PA
164/25	Correspondence /other business -17	Cllr Johnson said that we will soon start to do some work on the nature recovery plan. Cllr Hennen attended the recent Ransonmoor meeting, there were 3 applications, none of which were awarded. They will write to each applicant asking for more information. Cllr Abbott has been asked about the benches renewal on Meadow Way. Clerk has also had 2 communications, the land and benches are owned/maintained by FDC.	
165/25	Date of next meeting - 19	Next meeting: Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 20.24	

Appendix a*

	September 2025	NET	VAT	£
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			
Handyman 1	Handyman duties			
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			
Caretaker and Handyman 2	Caretaker and Handyman duties			
Total				3188.10