

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at Wimblington Parish Hall, Addison Rd. Wimblington PE15 0QT, at 7.00 pm.

**Present** M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Best; Cllr. Campbell; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Johnson  
Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Harding; Cllr. Thornhill; Cllr. ;  
7 members of the public.

| Number | Title & Agenda No                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action |
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| 166/25 | Apologies for Absence - 1         | Cllr. Abbott - holiday; Cllr. Clark - work commitment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |        |
| 167/25 | Absentees                         | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |
| 168/25 | Chairs<br>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |
| 169/25 | Declarations of interest - 2      | i)declarations: There were none<br>ii)written dispensation requests: There were none.<br>iii)dispensation grants: There are none.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |
| 170/25 | Public Participation - 3          | Mrs Vickers said that the Nurseries residents' group have some new information. Cllr Davis is still waiting for replies about the waste land - Mrs Vickers said it has now been cut. There is a little information about the path, which should be completed by January 2026. Anglian Water still have an issue, but highways are unaware of any.<br>Mrs Vickers said that the rear footpath has been damaged by the builders from the field behind. Public open spaces are still in progress, (\$106) but nothing appears to be happening. Anglian Water may take over responsibility for the SUDS basin at the back of the Nurseries. In the Summer straw bales were introduced by Anglian Water to allay any contamination. Cllr Davis asked for their contacts so that she can contact them too. There was an incident in the rear field with some young men - the Police were involved and posts have been installed to stop caravans being placed there. Roadmarsh Ltd. have asked for the posts to be removed. Clerk & Chair to check land registry for owners of the field. Mrs Vickers said that there is still an issue with land drainage, which they are told is the house holders responsibility. The TP1 shows that the drains are owned by Middle Level. Middle level says that they have an agreement with Mathew homes that the residents will maintain the ditches. | MD     |
| 171/25 | Confirmation of minutes - 4       | RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2025 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Harding Seconded: Cllr. Dent. All in favour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 172/25 | Fenland District Council - 5      | Cllr Davis reported that: there is to be an extraordinary meeting to discuss the Unitary re-organisation. Originally there were 3 options and now there are 4. There seems to have been a consensus towards option 3, but option 4 may be better for rural areas. Cllr Davis will forward the new information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | MD     |
| 173/25 | Cambridgeshire County Council - 6 | Cllr Thornhill has nothing new to report other than information regarding Stonea underpass. No one seems to want to take responsibility for it/the many bridge strikes. He has been challenging the Safety officer at CCC, who say that they have to prioritise on seriousness of incidents, but he advised that there have been many smaller incidents over at least 30 years. Many solutions have been considered/put forward by Parish Council, but all have been refused. There is a data log camera in place which may give fresh information. He has suggested reducing the speed limit near to the underpass to 30mph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| 174/25 | Clerks report - 7                 | Our hall cleaner is now on Maternity leave as from 1st October and luckily our hall caretaker will cover her duties until she returns.<br>It has been reported to the clerk that children on e-scooters have been seen riding over graves at our Cemetery. The lady who saw them did go and speak to the children. There is a Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977, which prohibits causing a disturbance or nuisance and playing games in a Cemetery. Violators can face a fine of up to £1,000. Clerk will look at replacing the sign which says that it is illegal for games to be played in a Cemetery.<br>New pads for the 5b March Rd defibrillator have been ordered as they expire in November - see payments.<br>Onlinepay, who repaired the zip line at the WMPF told our handyman that the right had side is moving - the concrete holding down the post is moving in the ground. They re-concreted the left had side a couple of years ago. Handyman can see that it has moved very slightly. Handyman will monitor it for the next few months and report.<br>The works computer has been upgraded to Windows 11, but Upwell computers advise that the keypad does not work correctly on the left hand side, which indicates that the battery                                                                                                                         | PA     |

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|        |                   | may be swelling. Cost to supply and fit a Dell battery would be £150.00. Discussion decided that clerk should use her purchase power as per financial regs. Next agenda - yes to battery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | PA                            |
| 175/25 | Other Matters - 8 | <p>a) Volunteer souvenir: Clerk received a sample printed pen (showed round to Cllrs) and wondered whether, as 2026 will be the fifth year of our volunteer evenings, could we purchase 50 of these pens, on offer at £1.59 each for 50, with 50 then free so 0.80 each, total of £79.50, to give to volunteer representatives and Councillors at the evening? Internal auditor has suggested that we could use s.111 Local Government Act 1972 which gives parish councils the power to 'do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of their functions.' So, if the branded pens are to support the carrying out of an existing function (e.g. promoting community engagement, supporting volunteers in delivering council services, or raising awareness of council activities), then buying them can be justified as "incidental". It can be linked to an existing function ie. Promoting and encouraging community involvement as volunteers are helping with litter picking, events and parish initiatives, pens could be incidental to supporting that activity. After discussion resolved to buy the pens. Cost is 0.80p per pen. Proposed: Cllr. Johnson Seconded: Cllr. Campbell.</p> <p>b) Nature recovery - 'From the Ground Up' CCC project: An email received from Cambs CC, forwarded to Cllrs on 29.9.2025 says that they have included Wimblington &amp; Stonea Parish in their 'From the Ground Up' project, which 'aims to support and enhance local biodiversity, connect communities with nature, and celebrates the unique habitats and landscapes in our area.' We've been asked how we'd like to be involved and how this fits with our agenda, the aim being to create a Community Nature Plan. They can help with local engagement and habitat mapping. After discussion resolved to reply as follows: Cllr Johnson said that it will not be as simple as it may sound. We need to contact other stakeholders to find out their involvement, if any. There should now be 2 new Nature officers at CCC, but they have not yet contacted us. Cllr Davis asked for clerk to contact other involved clerks to find out what they intend to do. Reply saying we need to give this further consideration after contacting others. March, Elm, Whittlesey, Chatteris. c) Proposed Burnthouse Wind Farm Community Fund - draft agreement. Information forwarded to Cllrs 3.10.2025. Burnthouse Wind Farm Fund propose giving Wimblington Parish Council a £3000.00 fund from which we can give smaller grants to applicants, with an annual reporting form back to them showing each grant and what it was for. It would not affect applications for larger grants which would go direct to the Wind Farm Fund. Are Councillors happy to manage this as per their email? After discussion resolved to approve. Proposed: Cllr. Best. Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.</p> | <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> |

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| 176/25 | Payments - 9 | a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment: |                                                         |         |        |         |
|        |              | Payments                                                        |                                                         | NET     | VAT    | £       |
|        |              | Salaries                                                        | *Including tax & NI                                     |         |        | 3447.28 |
|        | 145/25b      | MAGPAS                                                          | Donation                                                |         |        | 500.00  |
|        |              | Hugh Crane Ltd                                                  | W'up liquid dispenser & liquid                          | 32.69   | 6.54   | 39.23   |
|        |              | D Biggs electrical                                              | Replace hall outside lights & investigate inside lights | 325.00  | 65.00  | 390.00  |
|        |              |                                                                 |                                                         |         |        |         |
|        |              | A Deptford                                                      | Defibrillator pads                                      | 67.95   |        |         |
|        |              | Online playgrounds                                              | WMPF play equipment repairs                             | 2182.10 | 436.42 | 2618.52 |
|        |              | Grahams bin clean                                               | Hall bin clean Sept                                     |         |        | 15.00   |
|        |              | Fendwinds                                                       | Replace foul drain                                      | 470.00  | 94.00  | 564.00  |
|        |              | Giff gaff                                                       | Pavilion data                                           | 8.34    | 1.66   | 10.00   |
|        |              | Huws Gray                                                       | Post mix for new defibrillator                          | 14.92   | 2.98   | 17.90   |
|        |              | Wimblington News                                                | Annual hall advert                                      |         |        | 50.00   |
|        |              | SSE                                                             | Hall electricity June-Aug                               | 44.70   | 2.24   | 46.94   |
|        |              | SSE - queried!                                                  | Pavilion electricity June-Aug                           | 193.73  | 9.69   | 203.42  |
|        |              | Idverde                                                         | Grass cutting Sept                                      | 584.47  | 116.89 | 701.36  |
|        | D Biggs      | Supply/fit cable to new defib                                   | 104.17                                                  | 20.83   | 125.00 |         |

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|        |                                                   | BT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Hall phone/B'band Sep-Nov    | 230.71 | 46.14 | 276.85 |
|        |                                                   | British Legion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Poppy wreath                 |        |       | 28.50  |
|        |                                                   | FDC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Church waste Sept-Dec        |        |       | 145.86 |
|        |                                                   | FDC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Hall waste Sept-Dec          |        |       | 145.86 |
|        |                                                   | Upwell computers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Fix chairs email sync issues |        |       | 40.00  |
|        | 10/25h                                            | Upwell computers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Clerks Windows 11 upgrade    |        |       | 90.00  |
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|        | 152/25a                                           | Invoices paid by Barclaycard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |        |       |        |
|        |                                                   | Solarenergylighting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Cemetery solar light         |        |       | 79.95  |
|        |                                                   | D&J Transport                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | WMPF top soil for repair     | 42.50  | 8.50  | 51.00  |
|        |                                                   | Amazon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Dymo machine                 | 16.66  | 3.33  | 19.99  |
|        |                                                   | MSDS solutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Plastic bags for warm hub    |        |       | 11.76  |
|        |                                                   | Barrington                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Hand held speedwatch eqpt    | 295.49 | 15.50 | 354.59 |
|        |                                                   | Amazon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Batteries for above          | 17.99  | 3.60  | 21.59  |
|        |                                                   | *See appendix a for salary breakdown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              |        |       |        |
|        |                                                   | <div></div> = Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              |        |       |        |
|        |                                                   | All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Best: Cllr. Campbell; all in favour.                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |        |       |        |
| 177/25 | Risk Management/<br>Policies &<br>Procedures - 10 | a) To review policies/procedures: Dignity at work; Lone working; Home working Policies, Risk register amendment forwarded to Cllrs on 3.10.2025. After discussion resolved to accept all as read. Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Dent. All in favour by show of hands. |                              |        |       |        |

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| 178/25 | Planning - 11 | <p><b>Planning:</b> the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment:</p> <p>a) <u>F/YR25/0644/LB</u> - External works to a listed building involving replacement of 2 x windows at The Farm House Stonea Farm Sixteen Foot Bank Stonea - No objections</p> <p><u>F/YR25/0699/F</u> - Erect front and rear single-storey extensions and detached triple garage and external render to all elevations including demolition of existing conservatory and shed at 10 Eastwood End - Councillors have no objection to the application for the single storey extension, but are concerned about the height of the triple garage roof, which seems to be excessive at 4.4 meters. The plans show that it would be approximately 1.5 meters higher than the hedge next to which it's proposed it is built. The hedge currently provides seclusion for the next door neighbours, but will not be sufficient to block the view of this very tall garage building. Therefore, Councillors ask that the building either be reduced in height to maintain the current privacy or moved to the back of the plot away from the neighbours boundary.</p> <p><u>F/YR25/0698/F</u> - Erect 1 x self-build/custom build dwelling and garage, change use of land, erection of an industrial shed and formation of an access, in association with existing business at Land West Of Burnlea House Wimblington Road Manea - no objections</p> <p><u>F/YR25/0694/VOC</u> - Variation of condition 9 (list of approved drawings) of planning permission F/YR24/1000/F (Erect 5 dwellings with associated garages and the formation of an attenuation pond) to enable changes to design of Plot 5 only at Land West Of 27 Norfolk Street - no objections</p> <p>Clerk advised that the following have been referred to FDC planning committee:</p> <p><u>F/YR25/0084/F</u> Change of use of land to domestic land, erection of a shed and formation of hardstanding involving the demolition of existing garage (retrospective) at 6 Bridge Lane; <u>F/YR25/0058/O</u> Erect up to 9 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land South Of 2B And 2C Bridge Lane</p> <p>Additions have been added to our objection re F/YR25/0084/F</p> <p>b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson: said that we have now received some maps (green spaces), with others still to come -settlement, coalescence,. Once all maps have been received, there is 1 piece of documentation to be completed, then back to FDC, then to the inspector.</p> | <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> |
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| <b>179/25</b> | <b>Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport – 12</b> | <p>a) Street lights reported: CCC lights have been reported and repaired.</p> <p>b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Hennen said that the Hook Rd detour has no signage on the A141 or at the other end - Coalseed Rd., therefore vehicles enter Eastwood End or try to access from March, they have to turn round as there is no access. Cllr Davis will contact Anglian Water to improve the road signage.</p> <p>c) application for planting at Eastwood End on highways verge: Further to an email received and forwarded to Cllrs on 8.10.2025 there has been an application to plant heathers, alpiners and low level conifers on the verge adjacent to 3 Eastwood End. Do Cllrs. Have any objections. After discussion resolved to approve with a height restriction of 600mm<br/>Proposed: Cllr. Johnson; Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.</p> <p>Clerk reported that the Chapel Lane street lights will be upgraded in the next couple of weeks and the contractor will look at the Eastwood End site (1st corner opposite King St) to enable him to quote to install a new light, at the same time.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>MD</b></p> <p><b>PA</b></p> |
| <b>180/25</b> | <b>War Memorial playing field – 13</b>                 | <p>a) replacement equipment: The worn teen shelter has been removed, various replacement option links were forwarded to Cllrs. on 9.10.2025. Prices found will need approximately £1800.00 added for installation costs. After discussion resolved to purchase the train with tender. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell. Seconded: Cllr. Hennen. Clerk to find safety flooring if needed to surround - get prices.</p> <p>b) zip wire concrete: Further to the contractors report that they feel the concrete holding down the right hand side of the wire, is moving - photo's forwarded to Cllrs on 8.10.2025 clerk has asked for a quote to re-concrete that end. The other end was re-concreted several years ago.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>PA</b>                         |
| <b>181/25</b> | <b>Parkfield - 14</b>                                  | Cllr Dent said that the carvery will start again this month. Cllr Davis completed a lot of work to gain funding for solar panels, to be let down as the required documents were not forwarded in time. Parkfield chairman was not in the Country so could not help. The other committee members were not able to get the documents in time. This has now missed the deadline.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| <b>182/25</b> | <b>Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15</b>                    | There is a small issue with the hedge cutting, but it is being dealt with                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |
| <b>183/25</b> | <b>Parish Hall - 16</b>                                | Clerk chasing for cabinet to be moved so that the worktop can be cut down to accommodate a new cooker.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>JH</b>                         |
| <b>184/25</b> | <b>Correspondence /other business -17</b>              | <p>Cllr Davis thanked everyone who attended the recent village sign unveiling. There were at least 30 people attending including one of the apprentices who designed and made the sign. Photo's have been taken by Peter James. There may be a local newspaper piece shortly. The events group have offered to put a light to show up the sign during the Christmas period.</p> <p>Cllr Johnson said that she has received a letter from G Smith who asked that the information be passed on to the Parish Council, saying that he has had a reply from FDC, CCC and the ombudsman, regarding the face that the enforcement has not been pushed through regarding the Knowles planning application.</p> <p>Cllr Campbell has been contacted by a Police officer regarding noisy motor bikes in the village. Also, the footpath leading to Blue Lane, seems to have a problem with dog waste recently. He will put signs up asking for owners to pick up after their dog's.</p> <p>Cllr Hennen asked whether he should complete the hall PAT testing . Advised to do the PAT testing..</p> <p>Cllr Best asked where we are regarding the green spaces. The Chairman said now that we have an account with Land Registry we will find out who owns the pieces we would like to attain. The purchase of the Morley Way green is in hand. Our next step is to appoint a Solicitor to complete the purchase.</p> <p>Next agenda - Will Cllr Dent check with FDC Street Pride if we buy a hedge trimmer would street pride member be covered to use it in the village.</p> | <b>PA</b>                         |
| <b>185/25</b> | <b>Date of next meeting - 19</b>                       | Next meeting: Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 20.47                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                   |

Appendix a\*

|                          | October 2025                                   | NET | VAT | £       |
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| 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 and temp cleaner |     |     |         |
| Total                    |                                                |     |     | 3447.28 |