

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th December 2025 at Wimblington Parish Hall, Addison Rd. Wimblington PE15 0QT, at 7.00 pm.

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

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
208/25	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Clark - holiday; Cllr Johnson - holiday;	
209/25	Absentees	None	
210/25	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.	
211/25	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: Cllr Dent re F/YR25/0889/LB ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
212/25	Public Participation - 3	None	
213/25	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2025 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Abbott. All in favour.	
214/25	Cambs CC Nature engagement 4a	Talk about 'Nature Recovery: From the ground up from Stephanie Barret who is the nature engagement officer. This is a 4 year project to work with community groups and Parish Council's to create a community nature plan. To help with things like mapping, habitat and to create a pipeline of projects which may need funding. To help us with pipelines to activities, saving evidence needed. At the moment there are working group meetings for Fenland - January meeting - mapping exercise - for each parish can include flooding, trees, park trees reed beds etc. They offer workshops to help find/share expertise an collate information to gather helpers in each area. Collaboration is needed. Suggestions for additional habitats for nature and how to make needs of each area to work. Cllr Best suggested a meetings to suggest suitable areas and ideas for green spaces. Cllr Hennen asked whether they are working with Anglian Water - not at the moment. SUDS are not owned by us therefore we cannot touch them. Some farms will be lost due to the upcoming reservoir.	
215/25	Fenland District Council - 5	Cllr Davis reported that: she has nothing major to report although Cllr Davis is to second an upcoming motion at Fenland District Council against ID cards.	
216/25	Cambridgeshire County Council - 6	Cllr Thornhill said that he has raised a query about pot holes, also, there is a road closure to repair roads locally. He has asked for spot checking for road damage in the area as well. He has met with Police and CCC re Stonea bridge. CCC are focussing on 42 hot spots, none of which include Stonea bridge. A 30mph speed limit could not be enforced. Have we completed the capital maintenance programme forms? - yes we have and requested major repairs to Hook Rd. Manea Rd. Blue Lane and Sixteen Foot bank.	
217/25	Clerks report - 7	The air conditioning units will be serviced on 12th December as our contractor was injured when he was originally scheduled to complete it. Graham Chappell has brought to the attention of our County Councillor, some very large pot holes on Sixteen foot bank, in the hope that they will be repaired to avoid a serious accident. At least one has now been filled in. The working/top part of our flagpole broke - see payments for replacement part The Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) has confirmed that from 1 December 2025 the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) will cover up to £120,000 of a depositor's money should their bank, building society, or credit union fail. This marks an increase from the current £85,000 limit which was set in 2017. P Kendall has been asked whether we could install a defibrillator on Manea Rd. - we cannot. Notice has been received that part of Sixteen foot bank will be closed to through traffic between 21st and 24th December	
218/25	Other Matters - 8	a) Grass cutting 2026/8: Further to invitations to tender for our grass cutting contract over 3 years - Quote 1: 8065.00 - 8555.00; Quote 2: decided not to quote; Quote 3: did not respond. Resolved to retain current supplier - quote 1. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell: Seconded: Cllr. Best.	PA

		b) Cambs ACRE membership 2025/6: Our membership falls due on 1st December, do Cllrs wish to re-subscribe at £86.40. After discussion resolved to continue with membership. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen Seconded : Cllr. Best c) Land purchase: Cllr Davis has been able arrange with FDC to purchase the half of the car park which we currently have on a peppercorn rent. They have offered it to us at a cost of £20,000.00. As there will be a Unitary Council in the near future, do Councillor's wish to purchase the land? After discussion resolved to purchase. Proposed: Cllr Abbott; Seconded Cllr. Dent. All in favour by show of hands. d) Marie Curie donation request: We have received an email asking whether we can offer a donation. After discussion resolved to donate £500.00. Proposed Cllr Abbott; Seconded: Cllr Campbell.	PA PA PA
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219/25	Payments - 9	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:																																																																																						
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222/25	Planning - 11	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: F/YR25/0889/LB - External works to a listed building involving replacement of 4 x windows at 6 Norfolk Street - no objections b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson: in a written report said: The amendments have been done to the LGS maps but FDC and consultant are unsure what needs to be done with the coalescence boundary so they want a meeting to discuss. Meeting arranged to discuss.	PA
223/25	Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport – 12	a) Street lights reported: None b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Campbell has found that at the exit to Addison Rd. onto Doddington Rd. Someone was seen dumping rubbish from a car. Number plate recorded - Details to be sent to FDC street scene. c) LHI bid 2026/27: Proposals put forward by Cllrs are: Graham Chappell has asked whether we would be prepared to complete a joint proposal for average speed cameras on Sixteen Foot bank. For the next agenda. Cllr Hennen asked for passing places on Hook Rd, these have been included in the Capital Maintenance request. d) New MVAS location: We still have a spare MVAS waiting to be used, where would Councillors suggest it be placed? After discussion to go on next meeting agenda - Cllr Hennen will drive March Rd. To find a gap. e) ROW footpath number 8: Consultation: no comments	GC CH
224/25	War Memorial playing field – 13	a) replacement equipment: Further to the decision at the November meeting, the costings given were the wrong way round. Do Councillors wish to change their choice, or stay with the same equipment at a cost of £7295.00. Calloo have now said that both pieces will not fit in the space. After discussion resolved to start again next month.	PA
225/25	Parkfield - 14	A report was received last month, but too late to be read out at the November meeting - forwarded to Cllrs when received.	
226/25	Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15	Nothing to report	
227/25	Parish Hall - 16	a) Electricity contract renewal: Our current contract with SSE ends on 31.1.2026. Quotes have been requested/gathered are: due to the low usage there are 24 and 36 month offers from Yorkshire Gas and Power and SSE. YGP 24 month – 26.24ppkwh day 20.61ppkwh night 110p pence per day standing charge YGP 36 month – 26.29ppkwh day 20.65ppkwh night 110 pence per days standing charge SSE 24 month – 29.4ppkwh day 23.5 ppkwh night 140 pence per day standing charge SSE 36 month – 30.8ppkwh day 25.4 ppkwh night 140 pence per day standing charge YU Energy : 24 month – 75 .188 ppkwh day 67.753 ppkwh night Ask for 1 year price. Look for full year usage. 36 month - 76.211 ppkwh day 68.686 ppkwh night Yu energy offers 0% standing charge, but the unit rate is 0.75-0.76p per unit for 2/3 year contract. Over our last 2 quarterly bills we would have saved around £38 for one quarter and £24 for the second quarter using unit rate only with no standing charge. However, should usage increase then we might be better to have a lower unit rate and standing charge. After discussion previous invoices to be searched - for next agenda b) hall decoration/painting: A quote from a recommended company has been sought - quote 1 - and has come in at £6760.00 net. Awaiting a further quote - next agenda	
228/25	Burnthouse Wind Farm Community Fund - 17	1 form has been requested.	
229/25	Correspondence /other business -18	None	
230/25	Date of next meeting - 19	Next meeting: Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 20.00	

Appendix a*

	December 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				3180.49