

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 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. Campbell; Cllr. Best; Cllr. Johnson; Cllr. Harding; Cllr. Dent;
11 members of the public.

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
001/26	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Abbott - illness; Cllr Hennen - no transport	
002/26	Absentees	None	
003/26	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	
004/26	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: Cllr Harding Agenda Item 019/26 Parish Hall – 17	
005/26	Public Participation - 3	A member of the public asked what the revised plan changes are re the shop application - there is still no report about ventilation. Cllr Davis believes that Council will maintain their original objections - see planning F/YR25/0132/F below. A lady said that when there are deliveries, she cannot access the footpath and as she lives behind the shop she does not want the smell of cooking directly behind her, also the noise pollution is already bad, should this be approved this would be even greater. The extractor vent has not been explained. Carbon monoxide and other gasses could be expelled, some of which can be carcinogenic. The house next door is only 1 metre away from the proposal and most of the vented smells would come directly into the house, also car exhaust will be increased greatly. The application does not mention the ventilation despite questions about it after the first application. Fullers Lane is single track and is constantly blocked already, this would create extra traffic, also there are rats in the gardens and a lot on the waste ground now, a takeaway food shop would encourage even more rats. On the junction there has been a reported accident. Delivery lorries knock over bins, this will also be exacerbated A lot of residents in Fullers Lane and Norfolk Street did not receive notification, a house 1 metre away did not receive notification. A resident asked why - see Neighbourhood plan - she found that some of her land has been submitted to be a local green space. She had no notification of this. She said surely there is a duty to notify the owner of the intention. She also noticed that the size of the plot shown is 1.89 acres which she presumed includes her garden. She is not happy about this. Cllr Johnson explained exactly what 'green space' means, whilst the resident does not want to build on her land now, in the future she may want to be able to build on it if she decides to. Cllr Johnson said that just because it may be designated as a green space, does not mean that it cannot be built on in the future. Cllr. Johnson said that FDC shows this area as a green space, it's not a housing estate or a building environment or expected to be a building plot, which is why it was included in Wimblington's NHP as a green space. Cllr. Johnson said that FDC normally contact resident to advise if a plot is to be included as a green space, this does not give any restriction to it in the future. The resident asked how can this be taken off the Wimblington NHP - please remove it - Cllr Davis suggested that the lady contact Gareth Martin at FDC to have it removed from their plan which would then enable us to do the same.	
006/26	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2025 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Harding. All in favour.	
007/26	Fenland-based Communities Team - 5	Introduction to Cambridgeshire County Council's (Fenland-based) Communities Team: Not able to attend - will come to the February meeting.	
008/26	Fenland District Council - 6	Cllr Davis reported that: the main item for FDC is that it has abandoned the Emerging Local Plan which had been started and will be starting on a new local plan which is deemed to be a better option than trying to amend the current work. It will be entitled Fenland 50 focussing on issues to local people and supporting major investment locally.	
009/26	Cambridgeshire County Council - 7	Cllr Thornhill did not attend, but Cllr Davis said the he has already done quite a lot of work regarding Stonea Bridge and Hook Rd. which we are grateful for.	

010/26	Clerks report - 8	An email forwarded to Cllrs. on 22.12.2025, informs us that the Salvation Army are going to remove their clothing bin from all settings, so the one in our car park will be removed at some point. This is due to reduced income from them. Lloyds bank are withdrawing the option to pay in cheques at the Post office. The only 2 options are to use their app on a smart phone or travel to a Lloyds bank, therefore the clerk has downloaded the app to her mobile phone.					
011/26	Other Matters - 9	None					
012/26	Payments - 10	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:					
		Payments		NET	VAT	£	
		Salaries	*Including tax & NI			3180.49	
		Southern electric	Hall electricity Sept - Nov	78.32	3.92	82.24	
		Southern electric	Street light electric Nov	374.35	74.87	449.22	
		Wave	Pavilion water			15.77	
		Fenland Fire app.	Extinguishers service	140.00	28.00	168.00	
		BT	Hall phone & b'band Dec - Feb	179.80	35.96	215.76	
		Giff gaff	Pavilion data	8.34	1.66	10.00	
		Idverde	Grass cutting Dec	584.47	116.89	701.36	
		Coolflow Air con	Annual air con service	105.00	21.00	126.00	
		Deptford defibs.	Defib pads & battery	144.00	28.80	172.80	
		Yu energy	Hall gas Dec	363.89	72.78	436.67	
		*See appendix a for salary breakdown					
		= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting					
		All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Dent: Cllr. Best; all in favour.					
	143/25b						
	212/25d						

		there's an accident on the A141, March Rd will be used as a diversion, with up to 1000 extra vehicles a day expected. The Chairman suggested a working group be formed to monitor the Reservoir and to report back to Council with findings/recommendations. Volunteers were Cllrs Harding, Johnson, Dent and Davis (subsequent to the meeting Cllr Campbell volunteered to join the Group) The consultant is waiting for a few additional documents and hopefully our NHP will be ready for FDC by February.	
015/26	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport – 13	a) Street lights reported: None b) Footpaths and highways issues: Ask when Eastwood end light will be installed c) LHI bid 2026/27: After discussion, no application this time as PC is already committed to a considerable spend on other items already agreed. d) New MVAS location: defer to next meeting	PA
016/26	War Memorial playing field – 14	a) replacement equipment: Quote 1 forwarded to Cllrs 24.12.2025 £8395.00 Cube; Various equipment without installation forwarded to Cllrs. 29.12.2025 After discussion resolved to purchase - Cube Proposed: Cllr. Campbell Seconded: Cllr. Dent b) Cableway concrete & sign: A quote has been received from our preferred maintenance Company to replace the concrete on the right-hand side of the cableway, as it appears to be lifting slightly. Quote is £516.20 net. To supply and install an advisory sign as the weight limit is 11 stone, as well as the concreting - £873.20 forwarded to Cllrs 12.12.2025 and 16.12.2025 respectively. After discussion resolved to approve the work/quote for concrete only. Councillors agreed that the Clerk and Chairman arrange a sign. Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Campbell.	PA PA PA
017/26	Parkfield - 15	No report	
018/26	Doddington Rd. Cemetery - 16	Nothing to report	
019/26	Parish Hall - 17	a) Electricity contract renewal: Further to a complete year invoicing for hall electricity forwarded to Cllrs on 11.12.2025. Our current contract with SSE ends on 31.1.2026. Current quotes are: Quote 1 - Smartestenergy, 24 month , 42.77 per day standing charge, 28.63 per unit; Yu energy 24 month zero s/c 77.86pkwh; Smartesenergy 36 month , 45.71 s/c, 27.77 pkwh; Yu energy 36 month zero s/c 79.193pkwh Quote 2 - YGP – 24 months , 110 p/day s/c 25.96 p/kWh day 20.55 p/kWh night YU Energy – 24 months , 88.368 p/kWh day 79.69 p/kWh night Yorkshire Gas and Power – 36 months . 110 p/day s/c 26.13 p/kWh day 20.68 p/kWh night YU Energy – 36 months . 0 s/c 90.79 p/kWh day 81.827 p/kWh night. Cllr. Best had calculated that the Yu energy offer for 24 months at 77.86pkwh is the best option. After discussion resolved to go with this option. Proposed: Cllr. Best: Seconded: Cllr. Clark b) Hall decorating: Quotes received - 1: £6760.00 net; Quote 2 - £5320.00 net After discussion resolved to go with Quote 2. Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Johnson	PA PA PA
020/19	Burnthouse Wind Farm Community Fund - 18	No funding applications received.	
021/26	Correspondence /other business -19	Clerk forwarded an email regarding street naming of a new close, on 5.1.2026. Does anyone have any objections to the proposed name of Wyatt Close? No objections. Clerk also asked that if FDC licencing agree to an extension of time for New Year's Eve 2026, are Councillors happy for the hall to be let out until 01.30? All in agreement.	PA PA
022/26	Date of next meeting - 20	Next meeting: Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 19.00. Meeting closed at:20.30	

Appendix a *

	January 2026	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