

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at Wimblington Parish Hall, Addison Rd. Wimblington PE15 0QT, at 6.30 pm.

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

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
067/26	Apologies for Absence - 1	Cllr Johnson; Cllr Clark; Cllr Harding	
068/26	Absentees	None	
069/26	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	
070/26	Declarations of interest - 2	i)declaration: None ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
071/26	Public Participation - 3		
072/26	Confirmation of minutes - 4	RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2026 and 16th March 2026 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell; Seconded: Cllr. Abbott. All in favour.	
073/26	Fenland District Council - 6	Cllr Davis reported that she is awaiting an answer regarding the new food waste bins, which have not yet arrived. Cllr Dent said that at the last Street Pride networking an officer offered information saying that they would be available 'as soon as possible'. It appears to be a supply of hardware issue.	
074/26	Cambridgeshire County Council - 7	Cllr Thornhill reported that the Stonea Bridge article has now been issued (copy available for Councillors to read) An onsite meeting has been arranged for the 14th May.	
075/26	Clerks report - 8	Notice has been received that Bridge Lane will be closed except for access to properties, for telecoms work. Expected works to be between 18th May and 1st June 2026 Notification also that Hook Rd will be closed from 14th April to 15th May for road works 08.00 - 17.00 Clerk and Chairman looked at Land Registry details for 2 parcels of land in the village, but several title details had to be investigated, ownership is now noted for 1. Representation has been made to FDC about 1 parcel of land as the owners business is now ceased. We await the result of their investigation. Both pieces of land would make excellent contribution to the village as Green Spaces and if acquired could be safeguarded for the future. Notification had been received that there will be no extra cost for permits to install the MVAS posts and work would also to include the Eastwood End street lights. Clerk attended an online webinar regarding the accounts software. They have introduced a completely online/cloud based version, which is optional, but has some new additions and advantages, but not necessary. Most new modules relate to Councils who use every section of the software, i.e. Cemeteries, invoicing etc., which we do not - and are for the web based version. One module is of interest being for minutes which could link through to powers to spend and invoices, but the cost is not yet known. Our biennial tree inspection has found that there is no work required on the trees at the WMPF or on the Morley Way green trees. Manea Rd is to be closed starting May 26th for telecoms works, possibly for 2 days. FDC have confirmed that they have heads of terms docs ready for our purchase of the hall car park and will forward to our Solicitor. Alzheimer's Society have offered support and/or a talk to any local group interested - forwarded to the Anchor retirement club and the Church.	
076/26	Other Matters - 9	a) Ely food bank - donation request Following an email received and circulated to Councillors on 17.03.2026, Councillors were asked to consider making a monetary donation to Ely Foodbank, which reported supporting 302 Wimblington residents in 2025. During discussion, it was noted that the exact number of Wimblington residents assisted could not be verified. Councillors also raised concerns about the current process, whereby locally collected food is taken to March Foodbank, transported to Ely for packing, and then returned to March for distribution or collection. This was considered inefficient and potentially contributing	PA

		negatively in terms of carbon impact. It was therefore resolved not to make a donation. Proposed: Cllr Dent, Seconded: Cllr Abbott																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																											
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080/26	Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport – 13	a) Street lights reported: None b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Hennen said that there are signs saying 'no through road' on the ROW next Chapel Cottage Plants- this should not be closed. Cllr Davis will make enquiries. Subsequent to the meeting the Chairman confirmed that the signs were not in fact “no Through” but “No Access” signs. They were put in place by CCC Highways as the last diversion put in place for Hook Road earlier in the year caused confusion because the route included the ROW next to Chapel Cottage Plants which was not suitable for most traffic.	MD
081/26	War Memorial playing field – 14	Cllr Dent had nothing to report	PA
082/26	Parkfield - 15	No report	Chase
083/26	Doddington Rd. Cemetery - 16	Nothing to report	
084/26	Parish Hall - 17	The new flat roof work should start in June/July	
085/26	Burnthouse Wind Farm Community Fund - 18		
086/26	Correspondence /other business -19	Cllr Best said that either grass seed or plants will be needed in the Autumn on the mound, as a lot of work has been done to cut back the dead and dying planting - he will continue with this - but we need to plan for Autumn. Thanks were offered to Cllr Best for his work.	
087/26	Date of next meeting - 20	Next meeting: Annual meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 19.05	

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