Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at Wimblington Parish Hall, Addison Rd. Wimblington PE15 0QT, at 7.00 pm.

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

Number	Title & Agenda No		Action
176/26	**Apologies for Absence - 1**	Cllr Best – on leave; Cllr. Clark – on leave; Cllr Harding – family emergency.	
177/26	**Absentees**	None	
178/26	**Chairs Additional items - 1a**	*Any items for consideration, which the Chairman deems urgent by virtue of the special circumstances to be now specified*: Hallmaster: Our licence runs out at the end of this month, it will cost £232.50 net to renew – see payments – are Councillors in agreement to continue using Hallmaster for hall bookings? Resolved to continue using Hallmaster. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen; Seconded: Cllr. Campbell.	PA
178/26b	**Co-option of new Councillor – 1b**	All Councillors had received a copy of the formal written application before this meeting, there being just one application, with that applicant - Mrs Pat Hart attending this evening. Voting then took place by secret ballot. Clerk announced all in favour, Mrs Pat Hart was duly co-opted as our new Councillor.	
179/26	**Declarations of interest - 2**	i)declaration: Cllr Dent re 185/26a & 194/26a. ii)written dispensation requests: There were none. iii)dispensation grants: There are none.	
180/26	**Public Participation - 3**	None	
181/26	**Confirmation of minutes - 4**	RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2026 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell; Seconded: Cllr. Dent; All in favour.	
182/26	**Fenland District Council - 5**	Cllr Davis reported that a general announcement from Government has been made, that the separation into Unitary Councils is delayed. There will be normal District and Parish elections in May 2027.	
183/26	**Cambridgeshire County Council - 6**	Cllr Thornhill was not present.	
184/26	**Clerks report - 7**	£1.80 has been received from Mrs Moulton from the sale of books in the Parish Hall. Notification has been received that part of the sixteen-foot bank will be closed between 9th and 19th October. An application has been made to close Eastwood End from 30th November to 3rd December, to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Eastwood End, Wimblington between A141 and number 12d. Access will be maintained to properties affected by the order. The alternative route for vehicles is via A141. We have been advised by the FDC Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer that the affordable homes on Doddington Rd. will be available ahead of schedule. Therefore, anyone who is interested in renting one of the properties, particularly anyone connected to Wimblington, must register with Homelink as soon as possible - those linked to Wimblington who haven't registered before because they felt they wouldn't ever make it to the top of the short list, now have an advantage. 10 affordable rental units will be advertised on HomeLink in mid/late October. The HomeLink application is done online at www.home-link.org.uk The information has been posted on the Parish Council's FaceBook Page.	
185/26	**Other Matters - 8**	a) Application from Parkfield for funding: An application has been received for £500.00 from Parish Council towards general running costs/overheads. Resolved not to award, as £500 is being granted from the Burnthouse fund. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott; Seconded: Cllr. Campbell. b) Additional defib on Manea Rd.: A resident who lives nearby Skylark has asked whether we would provide a defibrillator, which they would house, as a man died at Skylark, week-end of 15/16th August from a heart attack. Clerk advised that we already have 10 defibs with the nearest ones to Skylark being at the Golden Lion Stonea and The Anchor Inn in the village. Skylark also has one themselves within the shop. Resolved not to take up offer as Skylark is a commercial business and has one of their own, as does the car boot sale management. c) Morley Way green: Weed and feed treatment – Further to the recent signing of land registry documents, the purchase is almost completed. Quote from our grass cutters to treat the green is £85.00. This is for the treatment only – no labour charge - as that is included	PA PA

within the Cemetery cost. Resolved to agree the treatment to improve the quality of the grass – Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr. Hart

d) Church clock service contract: our contract with Smiths of Derby has expired this year, quote for the next 3-year contract is £1094.00 net in advance or currently £384.00 p.a.net subject to increase year on year. Resolved to agree the above 3 -year contract quote with Smiths of Derby. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell. Seconded: Cllr. Hennen. Parish Councils Act 1957, S.2 — PA

e) Spare pads for defibrillators: Andrew Deptford contacted us to say that he has some spare pads and batteries for the 2 defib's not now produced, with expiry dates of October 2028 at a cost of £154.00 net, do Cllrs wish to buy a set or wait until we know whether the funding Chairman has applied for to purchase new defibrillators is successful? Resolved not to buy. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott. Seconded: Cllr. Dent — PA

f) Defib funding: Further to 164/26d chairman has applied for funding to replace the 2 outdated defibs, we will probably not know the outcome until November. Do Cllrs wish to take up the offer from Deptford defibs, of a reduced price for Physio control latest CR2 model at £945.00, dependent upon funding? Resolved to agree Proposed: Cllr. Dent Seconded: Cllr. Abbott — PA

186/26 **Payments - 9**

a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:

	Payments		NET	VAT	£
	Salaries	*Including tax & NI			3524.41
	Southern electric	Street light electricity July	231.76	46.35	278.11
038/25a	Fenwinds	Facia etc invoice	1625.00	325.00	1950.00
	FDC/Fraser D'barns	Purchase Parish Hall car par			21864.40
	FDC/Fraser D'barns	Purchase Morley Way green			32,355.92
	Hallmaster	Annual licence fee	232.50	46.50	279.00
	Morton & Hall	Engineer extra site visits hall flat roof	300.00	60.00	360.00
	Giff gaff	Pavilion data	8.34	1.66	10.00
	FDC	Church waste July			57.60
	FDC	Hall waste July			57.60
	Hugh Crane Ltd	Hall cleaning supplies	62.06	12.41	74.47
	Toolstation	Shed paint brushes	4.75	0.95	5.70
	Huws Gray	Hall vents for gravel edges	7.50	1.50	9.00
038/25a	Fenwinds	Final and lintel additions	1000.00	200.00	1200.00
	Idverde	August grass cutting	672.08	134.42	806.50
	Yu energy	Hall electric Aug	66.16	3.31	69.47
	Yu energy	Hall gas August	5.02	0.25	5.27
	D Biggs	Move 2 sockets for flat roof	75.00	15.00	90.00
	Lloyds bank	July bank charges			4.25

Invoices paid by Barclaycard				
D&J Transport	WMPF Top soil and hall gravel	61.66	12.33	73.99

*See appendix a for salary breakdown

= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting

All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Campbell: Cllr. Hennen; all in favour.
All invoices checked and initialled against payments list by Councillors on a rotating basis, having been checked by the clerk, then countersigned by bank signatories.
Bank reconciliation presented, agreed and countersigned by a different Councillor each month.

187/26 **Risk Management/**

a) To review policies/procedures: Code of Conduct; Investment policy forwarded to Cllrs on 12.8.2026. After discussion resolved to accept all as read, with the omission of the LGA etc — PA

	Policies & Procedures - 12	paragraphs on page 5, last 2 paragraphs and page 18 change paragraph. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott; Seconded: Cllr. Hennen. All in favour by show of hands.	
188/26	**Planning - 11**	**Planning:** the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: F/YR26/0598/F -Change of use of land to 2 x traveller's pitches including the siting of 2 x mobile homes, 2 x touring caravans, erection of a day room and 1.5m high boundary fencing and the formation of an access (part retrospective) at Land West of Long Acre Lodge Horsemoor Road – object F/YR26/0622/TRTPO - Works to 1 x Black Pine tree (Pinus nigra) covered by TPO M/2/465/17 at 6 Church Street – due to time constraints no objections via round robin email and hereby ratified by Council. F/YR26/0644/F - Change of use of land for siting of 1 x caravan, 4 x storage containers and 1 x store(retrospective) at Land East of 66 March Road – no objections b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Davis said that the inspector has visited the village and he has made suggestions for a few alterations which are being completed by the consultant, it will then go back to FDC to check and then on to public referendum.	PA
189/26	**Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport – 12**	a) Street lights reported: None b) Footpaths and highways issues: None c) ROW survey: Cllr Davis has completed a survey from the ROW office. d) LHI bid 2025/6: Further to the proposed design being received and forwarded to Cllrs on 7.8.2026, are Cllrs. happy with the design of the proposed footpath improvement adjacent to the WMPF Doddington Rd? Resolved to approve. Proposed: Cllr. Campbell; Seconded: Cllr. Hennen.	PA
190/26	**War Memorial playing field – 13**	Nothing to report.	
191/26	**Parkfield - 14**		
192/26	**Doddington Rd. Cemetery - 15**	a) Weed & Feed treatment: Quote received from our grass cut contractors to supply and apply a Weed and Feed treatment to the grass at our Cemetery is £450.00 net. (Also includes labour cost for Morley Way green treatment) Resolved to agree the quote and arrange for October/November or whenever rain is expected/appropriate. Proposed: Cllr. Hennen; Seconded: Cllr. Campbell	PA
193/26	**Parish Hall - 16**	a) Fire Risk Assessment: Our next Fire risk assessment is due next month and is arranged for 7th October, the cost will be £325.00 net the same as last year. Resolved to go ahead with a new Fire risk assessment as above. Proposed: Cllr. Abbott; Seconded: Cllr. Campbell.	PA
194/26	**Burnthouse Wind Farm Community Fund - 17**	a) Application from Parkfield: for £500.00 to pay towards a huge electricity bill. b) Application from Outdoor bowls club: for £1000.00 to go towards replacing rotting edge boards to the bowling green and to be able to give a wood treatment to the exterior fencing. These 2 applications now use up the full amount of funding received for the year from the Burnthouse fund.	PA
195/26	**Correspondence /other business -18**	Cllr Abbot is awaiting another speedwatch site approval. Clerk has received a warranty offer from Elan City for our 2 newest solar MVAS – cost is £199 per unit for 3 years – total cost would be £1194.00 – Councillors are not in favour.	
196/26	**Date of next meeting - 19**	Next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 20.08	

Appendix a *

	Sept 2026	NET	VAT	£
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			[redacted]
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	3524.41