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**Wimbish Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**  
**5<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**in the Pavilion, Tye Green, Wimbish**

**Present:** Mike Young, Edward Browne, Phil Northern, Ian Porter, Lynne Ward-Booth, Mark Westbrooke and Lindy Scanlan.

**In attendance:** Tracy Coston (Clerk)

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1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Simon Walsh and Cllr Knight.
2. **Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:** None
3. **Public Participation (15 minutes):**  
**Website:** The website was discussed and it was agreed that it needed to be kept up to date and changed more frequently.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **District Councillor and County Councillor Report:** Simon Walsh sent a report which was circulated.
6. **Matters arising**
  - a) **Commonland:** The Clerk has chased up the Open Spaces Society and a reply hasn't been received.
  - b) **Report about the litterpick:** The litter pick was well attended and the cakes, that were made by the Clerk were enjoyed by all.
  - c) **Bus report:** Nothing to report.
  - d) **Postcode issues in Wimbish Green:** Linda Bullough has not provided more information to the PC yet.
  - e) **Pigs kept on Conservation field at Wimbish Primary School:** A complaint has been received about the pigs being kept on the conservation field.
  - f) **No Parking sign for Commonland at Wimbish Primary School:** Edward Browne will order the sign.
  - g) **Website:** Mike Young, Edward Browne, Tracy Coston will meet with Judith Bonser to discuss the website and regular updates.
7. **Planning**
  - a) **Applications:**  
UTT/17/0143/FUL Cherry Lea, Lower Green Lane, Wimbish  
Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of two detached dwellings.  
**PC Decision:**  
The Parish Council wishes to express its concerns about this application. The existing property is one of three bungalows situated at the end of a narrow unmade lane. The proposal to replace one bungalow with two very large three storey detached houses would seem to be totally inappropriate in this rural area. The proposed dwellings are neither in scale nor in character with the neighbouring bungalows and would do nothing to enhance or protect the character of the surrounding countryside. The application would therefore appear to be contrary to Policies H7 and S7.

UTT/17/0616/FUL Andy's Aviaries, Elder Street, Wimbish

Change of Use for A1 (retail) to dog day care (sui generis)

**PC Decision:** No objections

UTT/17/0340/HHF Joyces Farm, Top Road, Wimbish

Conversion of adjacent barn and granary to form habitable accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling. In addition, rebuild existing extension to form floristry workshop.

**PC Decision:** No objections

UTT/17/0191/HHF Thunderley Hall, Thaxted Road, Wimbish

Proposed single storey link extension to ancillary accommodation and extension to existing garage building.

**PC Decision:** No objections

UTT/17/0755/HHF – UTT/17/0756/LB 48, Elder Street, Wimbish

Demolition of garage and erection of replacement garage incorporating bedroom and utility room.

**PC Decision:** No objections

**b) Decisions:** None

**8. Roads, Highways and Footpaths**

**a) Elder Street signage / B184 signage:** No progress has been made with ECC.

**b) VAS signs:** ECC will not fix the signs until the finances are available.

**c) Barriers at Lower Green:** Public Rights of Way at ECC to be contacted as they should have keys to the barriers. The water board has made ruts to mend a pothole and the surface needs replacing.

**9. Accounts**

**a) Approval of cheques:**

Payments	
Tracy Coston (April)	£ 200.03
E-On (Direct Debit) (April)	£ 53.00
Sarah Diggons	£ 52.00
Tracy Coston (Litterpick expenses)	£ 95.00
B H Grounds Maintenance	£ 168.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 568.03</b>

**b) Reserves Policy discussion:** The replacement values of the assets need to be listed and the number of street lights to be checked.

**10. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:**

**a) Quote for installation of gym equipment:** The PC agreed a quote of £ 745.80 to install the gym equipment.

**b) Goal wall:** The PC discussed installing a goal wall but it probably wouldn't stop the damage to the pavilion.

**c) Replacement of window:** A window has been shattered in the pavilion and the Clerk has arranged for it to be replaced. If it can be proved who broke the window the PC may ask for the cost of the damage to be covered.

**11. General Correspondence:** None.

**12. Area Report:** None.

**13. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017 at The Pavilion at 7.30 pm.**

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....