

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
7th August, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Pavilion, Tye Green, Wimbish

Present: Mike Young (Chair), Chris Belton, Edward Browne, Ian Porter, Lynne Ward-Booth and Lindy Scanlan

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk)

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1. **Apologies for Absence:** Matthew Smith, Cllr Simon Walsh and Major MacGill
2. **Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:** Chris Belton
3. **Public Participation (15 minutes):** None
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July, 2013:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **District Councillor and County Councillor Report:** Apologies were received from Cllr Simon Walsh.
6. **Matters arising**
 - a) **Lucy May field grants:** Hard copies of the forms have been sent off.
 - b) **Eco area Ravenscroft:** A resident has complained about the brambles and they have been reported to Hastoe.
 - c) **Community Project Grant:** The PC has been granted £ 712.50 to improve the storage and benches at the pavilion. A quote has been received for the work.
 - d) **Bins and freezer at the pavilion:** These have been removed.
7. **Roads, Highways and Footpaths**
 - a) **Village Speed limits:** Clerk to chase up a response to Highways.
 - b) **Tarmacing the pavement near St. Paul's:** Clerk to chase up a response from Highways.
 - c) **VAS at Howlett End:** Clerk to report again that the VAS sign is not working at the western end of Howlett End.
8. **Website:** Clerk to ask Judith Bonser what she would suggest for the updated version of the website.
9. **Planning**
 - a) **Planning Applications:**
 - UTT/13/1851/FUL Home Pasture Stud, Top Road
Continuation of use of land for stationing of a caravan for residential purposes in association with stud activities
PC Decision: The application should be to site a caravan on site, not to extend the temporary use of the caravan because the Stud Farm failed to prove commercial liability which was the reason the caravan was allowed initially.
 - UTT/13/1865/HHF Newfield, Thaxted Road
First floor side extension and new front porch
PC Decision: No objections

UTT/13/1890/HHF Holly Tree Cottage, Howlett End, Thaxted Road

Amendment to approved application UTT/1781/11/FUL changing roof layout

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions: None

c) Enforcement: Wimbish Hall Boarding kennels: The file has been closed as it is only low level boarding kennels.

10. Accounts

a) Approval of cheques:

Receipts	
Saffron Walden Youth Football Club	£ 510.00
H M Revenue & Customs	£ 8,512.30
Total Receipts	£ 9,022.30
Payments	
Tracy Coston	£ 186.17
E-On (Direct Debit)	£ 167.00
A & J Lighting Solutions (D/D)	£ 252.00
The Property Jungle	£ 120.00
Michelle Arnold	£ 195.00
Staples	£ 17.70
Farrowby Fencing & Garden Services	£ 2,972.62
Information Commissioners Office	£ 35.00
Total Payments	£ 3,945.49

b) Saffron Walden Youth Football: The cheque from Saffron Walden Youth Football Club has been returned by the bank. Clerk has spoken to the Club and requested that another payment is made.

11. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:

a) Pavilion cleaning: Edward Browne has spoken to the Nepalase at Carver Barracks and they are trying to find a cleaner.

b) Football Club payments: See 10b)

c) Allocation of football pitches 2013/14: Clerk to speak to Ray Searle to agree the allocation of football pitches for 2013/14.

12. General Correspondence:

a) Community Infrastructure levy: The Government is bringing in the rate based on the square metre of the house. 15% of the rate comes back to the Parish. The levy can be brought in at the same time as the Local Plan. The PC agreed to write to UDC to ask what stage they are at with the levy.

13. Area Report:

a) Vehicle at the Recreation Ground car park: The owner has agreed to remove the vehicle this week.

b) Changes in tenancy at Ravenscroft: There have been two changes of tenancy. The PC has asked to be notified of changes made.

c) Fence at Ravenscroft: The fence hasn't been mended ask Hastoe.

d) Request for funds to PCC: To be discussed next month, Clerk to look at the amounts given to the Church in past years.

e) Planning in Saffron Walden: Applications have been made at The Kilns, Thaxted Road for 52 houses and Kier Developers have made an application for up to 300 houses between The Recycling Centre and the Kilns. There is no guarantee of a link road. An application has also been made on the Wills and Gambier site for an extra care home and 50 houses.

PC to write about the Kier application.

f) Potholes: Mike Young will speak to the Steam Engine Yard about filling in the potholes in the drive.

g) Footpath down the side of Carver Barracks is impassible. Clerk to report to ECC PROW that footpath. No 95 from Thaxted Road to Newport Road needs to be cut back.

h) Drains in Maple Lane, The drains in Top Road and B184 have been marked with white and orange spray. Clerk to find out the reason for the different colours.

14. Date of the Parish Council meeting on : Wednesday 4th September, 2013

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

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