

**Wimbish Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**  
**6<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**in the Pavilion, Tye Green, Wimbish**

**Present:** Mike Young (Chair), Edward Browne, Ian Porter, Matthew Smith and Chris Belton.

**In attendance:** Tracy Coston (Clerk), Cllr Tina Knight, Major Mac MacGill

**Public:** 0

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Lindy Scanlan and Lynne Ward-Booth
2. **Councillors to declare personal/prejudicial interest.**  
Chris Belton declared an personal and prejudicial interest in the Stud Farm.
3. **Public Participation (15 minutes):**  
Mark Westbrooke: Parent governor at Wimbish School  
Mark Westbrooke is investigating making more use of the land next to the school. The school has low pupil numbers which affects the finances. The school is secure at the moment but they would like to improve the numbers.  
ECC purchased the ground from the Hembry's on the premise that it was going to be set up as a nature reserve. The school only uses part of the area at the moment. The original covenant said it should be set up as a nature reserve. The PC explained that work to the play area, bulbs, drainage etc was carried out by local residents and groups and then the area was locked by the school which caused upset in the village.  
The idea is for the land to be used to make the school more attractive and appealing to attract pupils. An idea of a community garden was also discussed.  
Mark Westbrooke has the lease between ECC and the Hembry's but one page was missing. An agreement is mentioned but there isn't a copy with the lease didn't have a copy. Mark will try and locate the missing copies.  
The PC agreed that in principle they would be very keen, subject to the complete lease and agreement being located.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **District Councillor and County Councillor Report:**  
District Councillor: Tina Knight discussed the Stud Farm application with the PC, and the PC expressed concern that they were not able to see the accounts of the Stud Farm to prove that it is a viable business.  
County Councillor Report: Report sent.
6. **Matters arising**
  - a) **Lucy May field grants:** Edward Browne is still working on the grants.
  - b) **Resurfacing of the car park and approach road:** The quote has increased slightly due to an increase in the cost of materials. A meeting will be arranged with Peter Knight to clarify the details.
  - c) **Telephone box removal:** The PC can purchase for £ 1.00 and given to a neighbor who has to fund the cost of removal. Ian Porter to speak to the local resident who was interested in having the telephone box.
  - d) **Eco area Ravenscroft:** Mike Young to speak to concerned resident.
  - e) **RCCE Housing Needs Survey and letter:** The housing letter will to be sent/delivered to all housing in Wimbish next week. Carver Barracks to have copies and distribution to be organised

by Major MacGill.

**7. Roads, Highways and Footpaths**

**a) Village Speed limits:** A reply has been received, but it was very unsatisfactory. Mike Young to draft a letter of response.

**b) Tarmacing the pavement near St. Paul's:** No response has been received from ECC. Clerk to chase up.

**c) Verge damage in Lower Green:** No reply received. Clerk to chase up with UDC.

**d) Verge damage in Mill Road:** Robert Wiseman has cut the hedges and damaged the verge.

**8. Accounts**

**a) Approval of cheques:**

Payments	
Tracy Coston	£ 185.97
G & A Caton	£ 48.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 233.97</b>

**9. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:** The PC was very upset that the pavilion was left with mud over the floors and chairs and the heaters left on. The Clerk will contact the teams to inform them that they should be leaving the pavilion clean and tidy.

**10. General Correspondence:**

**a) Wimbish School:** A letter has been received about widening the footpath.

**11. Area Report:**

**a) Litter Pick:** It was agreed that the litter pick will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk to make cakes and the equipment will be sorted out.

**b) Carver Barracks:** Major MacGill reported that there is one squadron in Afghanistan and they are due back 1<sup>st</sup> April. They are planning a Wimbish weekend on 26-28<sup>th</sup> July. A disbanding parade will take place on the Friday (one unit is leaving and one is joining Carver Barracks), Friday evening a cocktail party is planned and on 27<sup>th</sup> July an Open Day is being organised. The weekend will finish with a Church parade in SW and local churches on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

5<sup>th</sup> November bonfire night at the Barracks.

Building work is planned to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

There is a Redwing publication every 4 months which the PC can put information into.

**12. Planning:**

(Chris Belton left the meeting)

**a) Planning Applications:**

UTT/13/0209/FUL Home Pasture Stud. Top Road

Proposed erection of 1 No. dwelling and extension of time limit for use of caravan as temporary accommodation while dwelling is being constructed.

PC Decision:

The PC will strongly object to the application for the following reasons: building in the countryside, the applicants have to prove that they are running a viable business, which the PC cannot comment on as the accounts are not publicly available. There is plenty of alternative accommodation available in close proximity of the Stud Farm.

**b) Decisions:** None

**13. Date of the Parish Council meeting on : Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March , 2013**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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