

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
2nd March, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Pavilion, Tye Green, Wimbish

Present: Mike Young, Edward Brown and Lindy Scanlan.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk) and Cllr Tina Knight

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1. **Apologies for Absence:** Ian Porter, Lynne Ward-Booth, Mark Westbrooke, Phil Northern and Simon Walsh
2. **Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:** None
3. **Public Participation (15 minutes):**
Charflo Barn application: The planning application to develop the barn to a house has gone to appeal hearing after being refused twice by UDC.
A member of the public attended the meeting and is concerned that the owners claim that the barn has been used for keeping animals and turkeys, which haven't been seen by the local resident. The barn is next to Pepples Farm which is Grade 2 listed.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February, 2016:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **District Councillor and County Councillor Report.**
District Council: The athletic stadium at Carver Barracks is being discussed at the next UDC Planning committee. Mike Young to attend and speak in favour of the project.
County Councillor: Report sent.
6. **Matters arising**
 - a) **Defibrillator training:** Phil Donohoe is willing to provide training of no more than 8 people. Clerk to contact Phil Donohoe.
 - b) **Bulb planting update:** All bulbs have been planted thank you to Philip Northern.
 - c) **Commonland – Update from Open Spaces Society:** Mike Young will draft a response and further questions to be sent to the Open Spaces Society.
 - d) **Moving of pump in school:** The pump is being stored at Edward Browne's and it will be installed opposite the school.
 - e) **Oak trees in Maple Lane:** Ben Smeeden is looking into the issues.
 - f) **Hedge at Hastoe Housing:** The hedge has been cut but not very well.
 - g) **School Parking:** Clerk to chase up with Chris Stoneham.
 - h) **Newsletter:** The newsletter drafted by Mike Young will be delivered with the Church magazine.
 - i) **Trees at school:** Clerk to ask Phil Northern for an update.
7. **Planning**
 - a) **Applications:**
UTT/16/0338/HHF Three Chimneys, Lower Green, Wimbish
Proposed demolition of lean-to, outbuildings and part of existing dwelling. Erection of one and a half storey extension, insertion of 3.no. new rear dormer windows and construction of new two bay cart shed and potting shed.
PC Decision: No objections

UTT/16/0474/FUL Radwinter Mushroom Farm, Bent Road, Radwinter

Application to vary condition 2 of UTT/13/1678/FUL to allow the addition of a window to Plot 1

PC Decision: The PC objects to the window due to the overlooking of the neighbours property.

b) Decisions:

UTT/15/3512/FUL Midden, Top Road

UDC *refused* a new dwelling, garage, drive and vehicular crossover

c) **UDC Call for sites:** All the sites for Wimbish have been deemed as unsuitable.

8. Roads, Highways and Footpaths: Nothing to report

9. Accounts

a) Approval of cheques:

Receipts	
Thaxted Rangers	£ 70.00
Total Receipts	£ 70.00
Payments	
Tracy Coston (February)	£ 185.97
E-On (Direct Debit) (Feb)	£ 53.00
Tracy Coston (Expenses)	£ 406.40
Staples	£ 32.82
Wimbish PCC	£ 50.00
Total Payments	£ 728.19

10. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:

a) Drainage at recreation ground: Clerk to contact Affinity Water again as the stop cock near the meter cannot be turned off.

b) Grasscutting contract renewal: The PC agreed to appoint the contractor Ben Hornby from BH Grounds Maintenance to take over the grasscutting contract because Phil Northern has retired. The PC thanked Phil Northern for all his hardwork.

c) Vehicles parked at car park for long length of time: Some of the vehicles have been removed. The other vehicles can be reported to UDC Enforcement if they are deemed as abandoned.

d) Quotes for picnic tables: Clerk to find out quotes and give to Tina Knight.

e) Height restriction barrier at Recreation Ground: Edward Browne to ask costings from a fabrication company in Wimbish.

11. General Correspondence:

a) Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations: The PC agreed to a request from the Wimbish PCC who would like to organise a tea party outside the bungalows on June 14th.

12. Area Report:

a) Litter pick: The litter pickers will be delivered to anyone wanting to take part and the rubbish will be collected from the pavilion by UDC.

b) School Buses: The ombudsman has had 64 complaints regarding ECC and has issued reports detailing the cases.

c) Piglets: New buildings to be applied for via planning permission.

d) Potholes at the Steam Engine Yard: Lindy Scanlan reported that there are two potholes which need to be filled in by the Steam Engine Yard.

13. Date of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 6th April, 2016 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 8.55 pm.

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