

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
1st March, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Pavilion, Tye Green, Wimbish

Present: Mike Young, Edward Browne, Phil Northern, Ian Porter and Mark Westbrooke.

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk)

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1. **Apologies for Absence:** Lynne Ward-Booth, Tina Knight and Simon Walsh (County Councillor)
2. **Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:** No interests declared.
3. **Public Participation (15 minutes):**
Carver Barracks: With the sale proposed a member of the public asked the PC if they had any plans to try and preserve the sporting facilities at Carver Barracks. The PC said they did not have plans to do so but will discuss it at a future meeting.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February, 2017:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **District Councillor and County Councillor Report:** Not represent.
6. **Matters arising**
 - a) **Commonland:** The Clerk will contact The Open Spaces Society for further advice.
 - b) **Moving of pump at school:** Thanks to Edward Browne for moving the pump to the grassed area outside The Leys Bungalows.
 - c) **Litterpick:** The litterpick will take place on Sunday 2nd April at 2 pm.
 - d) **Bus report:** Mike Young attended the meeting with David Corke. There were good reports about the DART service. The problem is that the services are not getting enough use, even with allowing a £ 5.00 loss per passenger.
 - e) **Postcode issues in Wimbish Green:** Linda Bullough was going to speak to local residents and report back to the PC.
7. **Planning**
 - a) **Applications:**
UTT/16/3624/FUL Bungalow, Abbots Manor, Thaxted Road (Revised Plans)
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling
PC Decision: No objections

UTT/17/0118/HHF Swallows Farm, Thaxted Road
Erection of single storey extension
PC Decision: No objections

UTT/17/0514/HHF The Drove, Lower Green
Proposed first floor rear extension, front porch and side covered veranda
PC Decision: No objections

UTT/17/0484/HHF Mission Hall, Thaxted Road
Erection of 2 no. single storey extensions
PC Decision: No objections

UTT/17/0261/FUL Barn at New House Farm, Thaxted Road, Wimbish

Conversion of barn to dwelling with associated landscaping and parking and including the removal of a tank and outbuilding

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions: None

8. Roads, Highways and Footpaths

a) Elder Street signage / B184 signage: The lack of signage and white lines were reported to Highways and the response was that the signs and lines do not need to be replaced.

Clerk to contact John Cargill to inform him and ask Cllr Simon Walsh for more information.

9. Accounts

a) Approval of cheques:

Receipts	
ECC (Vergecutting)	£ 3,187.03
Payments	
Tracy Coston (March)	£ 200.03
E-On (Direct Debit) (March)	£ 53.00
Definitive Structures (D/Payment)	£ 65.00
Tracy Coston (Expenses)	£ 309.16
Acer Tree Surgery	£ 1,500.00
Stonys Forestry	£ 1,080.00
Suffolk Acre (Pavilion Insurance)	£ 234.71
Sarah Diggons (Cleaning Pavilion)	£ 100.00
Total Payments	£ 3,541.19

b) Approve quotation for pond clearance: The PC approved a quote for £ 1,000.00 for pond clearance outside Joyce's Farm.

c) Reserves Policy: It is good practice for the PC to have a reserves policy. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:

a) Adult gym equipment at recreation ground: The equipment has been ordered and a quote from Nick Tunstill will be obtained for installation.

b) Grasscutting contract: The slightly increased prices were approved for the 2017 contract.

11. General Correspondence: All emailed.

12. Area Report:

a) Water leak in Lower Green: The ground was cut up by the water company going through the barriers and has ruined the surface.

b) Pigs kept at Conservation Meadow at Wimbish School: The PC questioned the pigs being kept on the conservation area at the school and pigs are not in line with conservation.

c) No Parking sign: The PC agreed to take the sign down and replace it. Edward Browne to order a new sign.

13. Date of the Parish Meeting on 5th April, 2017 at The Pavilion at 7.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

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