

Wimbish Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
7th October, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Pavilion, Tye Green, Wimbish

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

In attendance: Tracy Coston (Clerk)

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1. **Apologies for Absence:** Lynne Ward-Booth, Simon Walsh and Tina Knight.
2. **Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:** None
3. **Public Participation (15 minutes):** None
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd September, 2015:** The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
5. **District Councillor and County Councillor Report:** Absent
6. **Matters arising**
 - a) **Defibrillator training and fitting of the unit:** The defibrillator box has been delivered to the school
 - b) **By-laws update:** No more correspondence has been received.
 - c) **Bulb planting update from meeting:** Phil Northern has received the bulbs and planters. Some to be planted in the school and near the signs. The school children will be involved as well.
 - d) **Commonland:** The Open Spaces Society has been contacted and the PC has forwarded some questions to ask them about the gravel on the surface and vehicles parked on the land.
 - e) **Quiet lanes:** An application has been made to ECC for Cole End Lane.
 - f) **School buses:** Edward Browne, Mike Young and Tina Knight went to a meeting with Keith Artus and the army to discuss the problems with school transport. A letter from Alan Haselhurst MP was discussed.
 - g) **Report from Public Bus meeting:** Mike Young and Edward Browne attended the meeting and reported that it was a well arranged meeting with ECC. The new structure that was discussed was that a bus taxi service is provided between 6am to 8pm with 2 hours' notice to organise the journey. A small minibus will be run. There is a limit of £ 5 subsidy per customer and when the service exceeds this it will have to be stopped. If the new structure is agreed it will commence from April 2016.
7. **Planning**
 - a) **Applications:**
UTT/15/2739/FUL Thunderley Hall, Thaxted Road
Proposed hay store
PC Decision: No objections
 - b) **Decisions:** None
8. **Roads, Highways and Footpaths:** Nothing to discuss.

9. Accounts

a) Approval of cheques:

Payments	
Tracy Coston (September)	£ 185.97
E-On (Direct Debit) (Oct)	£ 80.00
Broadmead Leisure	£ 114.00
Farrowby Fencing & Garden Services	£ 3,463.83
Open Spaces Society (D/D)	£ 45.00
Wel Medical	£ 708.00
Total Payments	£ 4,596.80

10. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:

a) Drainage at recreation ground: Edward Browne has had a site meeting with John Haigh and have agreed to dig and find a drain or dig a soakaway.

b) Bin emptying at recreation ground / Litter at Recreation Ground: The bins are not very easy to open and empty. The PC has received complaints that grasscuttings are being left on the recreation ground. A letter will be sent to Tye Green residents. Phil Northern to remove the rusting goal posts which are in the hedge at the recreation ground.

c) Pigeon spikes on the swings: The spikes have been ordered from Broadmead Leisure.

d) Picnic bench at the Recreation Ground: Edward Browne to look at the bench.

e) Windows at the pavilion: A quote has been received for £ 532.00 and an insurance claim will be made.

f) Smart Meter at Pavilion: The meter will be fitted this Friday.

g) Dog poo bin: Clerk to make some laminated notices to put up in the play area with the wording Dog bin is situated by the recreation ground entrance.

11. General Correspondence:

a) School fence: The PC have given permission for the school to replace the fence. The PC agreed to replace the No Parking signs at the school.

b) Hastoe Fence: A complaint has been received about rubbish being thrown in the field belonging to the Hare's from the affordable houses. Clerk to forward the complaint to Hastoe. Clerk to chase up Hastoe again about cutting the hedge at Ravenscroft.

c) Dunmow Police Station: The station is being closed down. Saffron Walden Police Station will remain open.

12. Area Report:

a) Chestnut Trees at school: The trees need cutting back on the commonland. The Clerk will ask Ben Smeeden if they can be cut back along the footpath and raise the crown.

b) The new Head at Wimbish School: Mike Young has met with Mrs Cooper and she is very interested in involving the school with the village.

13. Date of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 4th November, 2015 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm.

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