

**Wimbish Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**  
**in the Pavilion, Tye Green, Wimbish**

**Present:** Mike Young, Mark Westbrooke, Lindy Scanlan, Lynne Ward-Booth, Ian Porter and Phil Northern.

**In attendance:** Tracy Coston (Clerk), Simon Walsh and Tina Knight.

**Public:** 0

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Edward Browne, Major McGrath.
2. **Councillors to declare pecuniary interests:** None
3. **Public Participation (15 minutes):** None
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015:**
5. **District Councillor and County Councillor Report.**

**County Councillor:** Report sent and school places discussed.  
**District Councillor:** Cllr Knight has received a number of complaints about how the school bus issue has been dealt with by ECC.  
Rachel Price coming to speak about the public bus service on 30<sup>th</sup> September at Wimbish Village Hall.
6. **Matters arising**
  - a) **Defibrillator training and fitting of the unit:** Mike Young is going to meet with the new Head of Wimbish Primary School, Mandy Copper. The defibrillator box has been ordered and training will be arranged.
  - b) **By-laws update:** Unfortunately no further progress has been made.
  - c) **Community Project Grant Scheme:** A grant of £ 487.00 has been received to purchase bulbs for the village. A small group of Councillors will meet up to discuss the bulb purchase and planting locations.  
Clerk to chase up John Haigh about the drainage at the recreation ground.
  - d) **Commonland:** The land in front of Joyce's Cottage and the cottage next door is 'ownerless commonland'. Joyce's Cottage parks cars on the land and recently some stone chippings has been laid on the entrance. The law is if anything is obstructing access to the commonland then permission has to be granted. Clerk to speak to the Open Spaces Society.
  - e) **Quiet lanes:** An application has been made to ECC for Cole End Lane to be designated as a Quiet Lane.
  - f) **School buses:** Cllr Knight and Keith Artus (Chair of UDC last year) have been discussing school transport to Debden and Wimbish School. A meeting was held with Ray Gooding (Cabinet Member for School Transport) and a letter was written agreeing with the Officers. ECC will not grant permission for free transport for any Barracks child attending the school of their choice.
7. **Planning**
  - a) **Applications:** None
  - b) **Decisions:**

**UTT/15/1737/HHF 40 Tye Green**  
UDC *approved* the erection of rear conservatory
  - c) **Barn at Pepples Farm, Pepples Lane**  
Appeal for prior notification of change of use of agricultural building to 3 dwelling

## 8. Roads, Highways and Footpaths

a) **Speed limit – Howlett End:** The Clerk has informed ECC that the PC is in favour of the speed limit suggested by ECC.

## 9. Accounts

### a) Approval of cheques:

Payments	
Tracy Coston (August) – D/Payment	£ 185.97
Tracy Coston (September)	£ 185.97
E-On (Direct Debit) (August/Sept)	£ 90.00
A & J Lighting Solutions (D/D)	£ 252.00
Farrowby Fencing and Gardening Services	£ 276.74
Tracy Coston (3 months expenses)	£ 393.60
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 1,384.28</b>

## 10. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Maintenance:

a) **Drainage at recreation ground:** Clerk to speak to John Haigh about the drainage and ask what outlet he plans to use.

b) **Bin emptying at recreation ground:** The cleaner will empty the bins but cannot remove the lids.

c) **Hedgecutting:** Phil Farrowby will cut the hedge around the recreation ground which is overhanging the football pitch.

d) **Meter readings:** A smart meter will be installed at the pavilion.

e) **Shed at bottom of Recreation Ground:** Thanks to Phil Farrowby for repairing the shed door. Keys to be given to Edward Browne.

f) **Windows at the pavilion:** The windows have been vandalised at the pavilion. A quote from a glazier to be organised by the Clerk.

## 11. General Correspondence:

a) **Land at Howlett End:** No further news has been received.

b) **Speed Watch:** Mike Young to draft a response to a letter received from Deryck Johnson regarding speed watch and the 50mph limit.

c) **Dissenters Burial Land:** Phil Farrowby to look at the old elm tree on the boundary hedge.

## 12. Area Report:

a) **Steam Engine Yard:** Clerk to inform the Steam Engine Yard that the PC insurance covers public liability at the yard

b) New Government plans for starter homes was discussed.

c) **Debden Air Field Memorial** has been completed and is going to be unveiled on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

d) Clerk to chase Hastoe to cut the hedge as it is now September.

e) **Affordable Housing:** The housing should be completed around May 2016. The verge outside the older affordable houses is not in a good state but it is going to be a footway to join up with the new housing. 8 affordable. 3 open market.

f) **Lucy May Field:** Lindy Scanlan has complained that the grass is overgrown and ruts are dangerous.

The land was gifted to the PC and doesn't have designated footpaths.

g) **Pigeons on the swings:** Clerk to order some pigeon spikes.

h) **Bench:** The picnic bench is very uncomfortable. Mike Young agreed to take a look.

**i) Village Bus:** Ideas for a village bus with a direct link to the railway station were discussed.

**13. Date of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

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