

Minutes of the meeting of Wimblington Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th November 2020 by 'zoom' video conference call, at 7.00 pm.

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. P Clark; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Dent; Cllr Bowell; Cllr Wright (left meeting at 20.39)

Cllr J Gowing, CCC; Mrs Pat Hart; Mrs M Abbott; - left the meeting at 20.23

Number	Title		Action
0193/20	Apologies for Absence	Cllr Rose;	
0194/20	Absentees	None	
0195/20	Chairs Additional items	None	
0196/20	Declarations of interest	i)declaration: Cllr Dent reF0997 planning & re March Rd consultation. ii)written dispensation requests: There were none iii)dispensation grants: There are none	
0197/20	Public Participation	Mrs Abbot said regarding the consultation re planning for land adjacent to Bridge Lane: several Bridge Lane residents asked her to comment that: They are concerned re parking provision on layout, not enough space for every household most having only 1 space. Amount of additional traffic the development would bring to Bridge Lane/March Rd.; Green belt and children's play area is not nearly big enough and children's play likely to draw other than residents to the area; sewage problem where there is already a concern. Heavy duty pump believed to be under the field and dyke between 2 fields is higher now with water, than ever before since The Nurseries build which raises concerns should building go ahead.	
0198/20	Confirmation of minutes	RESOLVED – that the minutes of meeting held on 20 th October 2020 were correctly recorded and that they be signed as being a true record. Proposed: Cllr. Clark; Seconded: Cllr. Dent. All in favour.	
0199/20	Fenland District Council	Cllr Davis reported that little new to report other than there is an application form now on FDC web site for business support grant due to latest COVID lock down. Small businesses recently closed, can claim up to £1334. support.	
0200/20	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr Gowing's written report was forwarded to Cllrs on 16.11.2020. In short: COVID-19 Winter Grant- The government announced investment into the £170m COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme to support children, families and the most vulnerable over winter. The scheme includes – £63m for councils to provide emergency assistance to families, pensioners and the most vulnerable with food, essentials and meals; Extending free school meals support to those eligible when schools closed during lockdown; Holiday Activities and Food programme to be expanded, covering Easter, Summer and Christmas in 2021. Highways & Transport Committee report that as of 30th October 2020 1052 potholes have been repaired in Fenland. Network Rail Level Crossings TWAO The Secretary of State has now delivered his much-anticipated decision on the APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL (CAMBRIDGESHIRE LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION) ORDER. This was an application by NR via a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) to close (or amend) 25 level crossings within the county. The County Council objected to 11 of these proposals and 9 of these objections were upheld. Therefore 16 crossings will be amended or closed, with the remaining 9 being excluded from the order. Officers will be providing a more detailed briefing note to all interested parties. Highways officers will now work with NR and their contractors to ensure that the Authority's interests are protected throughout the implementation of the Order. As if COVID-19 isn't enough Avian Flu is now present in parts of the country. The Chief Veterinary Officer has declared a National Avian Influenza Prevention Zone country wide. This is a Defra responsibility, but our Trading Standards will be expected to help. The Zone is a preventative measure to try to prevent the further spread of Avian Influenza. What it means is: it is a legal requirement for all bird keepers to follow strict biosecurity measures; keepers with more than 500 birds will need to restrict access for non-essential people on their sites; workers will need to change clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures and site vehicles will need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly; bird gatherings are prohibited. COVID cases are up in Fenland during the last week. Cllr Bowell asked if there is a knock on re mortality and hospital admissions. He did not have that information to hand but will try to find out & will forward a link to GOV info. Cllr Bowell reported that Fenland is very low on the Gov list for COVID cases in this area.	JG

			Nov	181.94	9.55	191.49	
		Wrights Tools	Painting supplies	14.92	2.98	17.90	
0166/20b		Swift Fire & Safety	Fire alarm service	210.00	42.00	252.00	
		Fenland Ls're Play	WMPF footpath	2416.00	483.20	2899.20	
		All clear drains	WMPF drain jet and camera	324.00	64.80	388.80	
		Avantigas	Hall gas to 30 Sept				
		Avantigas	Hall gas to Oct 31st	94.95	4.75	99.70	
		Hygeinik Systems	Sealant hall toilets	15.00	3.00	18.00	
0189/20d		AAA	Xmas lights sand bags				
		CGM	Weed spray WMPF edges	18.75	3.75	22.50	
		CGM	Weed spray Cemetery edges	18.75	3.75	22.50	
		Tesco	Prize vouchers xmas light com			125.00	
		CGM	Grass cutting	156.67	31.33	188.00	
		CGM	Cemetery hedge cut	315.00	63.00	378.00	
		CGM	Cemetery topiary	40.00	8.00	48.00	
		Hygienik systems	Silicone sealant ladies toilets	12.00	3.00	18.00	
		CGM	Cemetery hedge cut 2	315.00	63.00	378.00	
		Generis Security	Hall CCTV & intruder alarm	2450.00	490.00	2940.00	
		N Fox Plumbing	Repair leaking radiator at hall	45.00	9.00	54.00	
		L Johnson	Gardening			70.00	
		AAA inflatables	Sand bags – xmas lights.	140.00	28.00	168.00	
		Invoices paid by Barclaycard					
		Richer Sounds	Projector screen for hall	391.63	78.32	469.95	
		Suttons seeds	Seeds			8.97	
		Amanda Olney	Xmas lights height measure			16.99	
		Christmas tree wrld	Xmas tree baubles	79.98	16.00	95.98	
		*See appendix a for salary breakdown					
		 = Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting					
		All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Clark Seconded: Cllr. Davis. all in favour.					
0205/20	Risk Management and Health & Safety	a) To review policies/procedures. Cllr J Clarke said that we should perhaps have a General reserves policy. Clerk to find and forward. Cllr Clark will look at CCTV policy and include intruder alarm.					PA

0206/20	Planning	<p>Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: F/YR20/0933/VOC- Variation of condition 3 (list of approved plans) relating to planning permission F/YR14/0565/F (Insertion of roof lights in north eastern and south eastern roof planes of existing dwelling) change to number of roof lights at 23-25 Doddington Rd – <i>no objections</i>.</p> <p>F/YR20/0934/VOC - Variation of conditions 2, 3, 4, 7 (pre-commencement conditions - works already commenced) and 8 (list of approved plans). Removal of conditions 5 and 6 (not applicable as works not proceeding). Relating to listed building consent – <i>no objections</i></p> <p>F/YR14/0566/LB (Internal and external restoration and repairs to a Listed Building) at 23-25 Doddington Rd. – <i>no objections</i></p> <p>F/YR19/1015/F- Erect 1no dwelling (1 x 3-bed 2-storey) involving the demolition of existing dwelling and raising of site levels by 0.75m (max), including the temporary siting of a prefabricated building at The Cottages Nixhill Farm Nixhill Road – <i>no objections</i></p> <p>F/YR20/0950/F-Erect a single storey side extension to existing dwelling at 3 Chapel Lane – <i>no objections</i></p> <p>F/YR20/0997/F - Erect a storage building at West Wood Farm Westfield Road Manea – <i>no objections</i></p> <p>F/YR20/1006/F - Conversion of former Methodist Chapel to 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 3-bed) involving demolition of single-storey extension at Wimblington Methodist Church Norfolk Street – <i>no objections</i></p> <p>F/YR20/1050/TRTPO - Works to 5 no Tilia and Fell 5 no Tilia covered by TPO M/2/465/17 at 1 Chapel Lane –agree to remedial works, but object to felling as they are covered by TRPO and felling seems only to be in order to facilitate F/YR20/0950/F. Ask for specialist tree report.</p>	
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0207/20	Highway matters/Street lighting/Transport	<p>a) Street lights reported: Clerk had received and forwarded to Cllrs on 12.11.2020, the quote to replace the knock down street light at Boots Bridge - £1550.44 net. after discussion resolved to have the light replaced. Clerk to claim insurance for it.</p> <p>b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Hennen had reported to CCC highways, an obstruction by lorries at the entrance to Eastwood End from the A141. This has caused one lorry to almost reverse into his vehicle and several cars to be backed up onto the A141. Cllr Davis has also reported this to the local Police and asked for their help. Cllr Hennen asked the Parish Council if there is anything which they can do to help alleviate this problem. Cllr Davis had contacted the local Police regarding lorries parking very close to the bend leading into Eastwood End who say that unless they catch them causing an obstruction thereby causing back up of cars on the A141 trying to enter Eastwood End there is nothing they can do. If this does not happen the only recourse would be to liaise with Cambs. CC and try to have double yellow lines painted at that junction. If Cllr Hennen can get photographic evidence Cllr Davis will take it to Police leaders Group to see if the Police will at least speak to the adjacent business for help.</p> <p>Clerk had been contacted by the new Rights of Way officer at Cambs. CC to let us know that the Bridge Lane end of footpath 5 (from Eaton Est to Bridge Lane) has been cleared now at the Bridge Lane end, which should afford much better access for their grass cutters. A local landowner has been given permission to move the ROW post and sign to the west of the entrance to his land; the occupants of 2a Bridge Lane have been asked to cut back the significantly encroaching leylandii trees to their fence line. CCC will then ensure there is a</p>	PA

		safe route for the footpath with a stable surface running between the telegraph pole and the fence of 2a Bridge Lane, which appears to follow the historic line Doddington Rd/March Rd speed limit. Cllr Gowing reported that he has not yet heard back from the officer concerned. He will chase.	JG
0208/20	War Memorial playing field	<p>a) WMPF – Cllr Dent reported that all is well at the moment. Small rocking horse is still awaiting repair, this will be done when zip line is repaired/moved. Tree work has been completed to dangerous tree.</p> <p>b) Drainage: Is ongoing. Clarion have finally responded today after Camb. Times had contacted us, Clarion and CCC for comments about the works needed after being contacted by the son of one of the residents. Cllr. Davis read out our response and clerk has asked for further comment from Clarion. Although they have now accepted their part of the responsibility for the drain's replacement, but have not yet accepted responsibility in the future, should the new drain be re-sited in the playing field. Clerk will continue to chase.</p> <p>c) New play/adult exercise eqpt. information/costings had been sent to Cllrs on 25.6.2020 & 3.11.2020. Clerk to ask other SLCC clerks for their feedback on adult exercise eqpt. After discussion resolved to buy the basketball hoop with football net at cost of £3793.45 net. from Wicksteed eqpt. but delay adult eqpt for future discussion/ survey of residents. Proposed: Cllr Dent; Seconded: Cllr Davis. All in favour by show of hands.</p> <p>d) Trees: Clerk asked for tree survey to be done this year as a large branch had broken off one tree on 9.11.2020. With chairman's permission this had been conducted and at recommendation of tree surgeon broken tree has been completely removed.</p>	PA
0209/20	Parkfield	a) Cllr Dent reported: that business is closed due to COVID-19	
0210/20	New Cemetery/ Churchyard	Clerk reported that a repair to Mr Harnett's fence of the damage caused by the mowers, was completed on 21.10.2020 by CGM who had caused the damage.	
0211/20	Parish Hall	<p>a) re-opening date. As Government guidelines have changed again recently to a maximum of 6 people meeting, the hall will remain closed, unless the local Doctor's surgery needs a larger area for mass vaccinations. This reliant upon Structural engineer's report about the front gable wall. Review monthly.</p> <p>b) New intruder alarm: A Quote to supply and fit an intruder alarm had been received at a cost of £1260.00 plus £80.00pa maintenance, with the option to have an app based remote access at £40.00pa. After discussion resolved to approve the installation, with a fob system. Cllr Clark volunteered to be classed as 1st key holder. Cllr Howell volunteered to be 2nd key holder. After discussion resolved to approve. Proposed: Cllr Davis; Seconded: Cllr Clark. Cllr Clark had also asked if a dedicated mobile phone could be purchased for emergency calls from neighbours, particularly during the night, should the alarm be heard. Clerk will investigate and forward costs to Cllrs but asked that the purchase of a phone in principal, which should be no more than £15.00 plus initial top up of £10.00 could be approved. After discussion agreed in principal. Proposed: Cllr Judith Seconded: Cllr Julie Dent. All in favour by show of hands. Clerk will give the new number to the neighbours who have already been alerted to the installation of the alarm.</p> <p>CCTV – now working</p> <p>Chairman advised that the grant through Mick George of £25,000 for works to the Parish Hall has now been received.</p> <p>Clerk reported that, further to minute 0189/20a – the new internal fire door and connection has been ordered; projector screen has arrived and is soon to be fitted pending decoration.</p>	
0212/20	Fun Day/Christmas Lights	<p>a) Fun Day: Events proposed: Nothing to report</p> <p>b) Christmas Lights: Events proposed: Cllr Dent reported that the village Christmas lights had been installed during the week-end of 14/15 November adhering strictly to Govt. COVID-19 guidelines. Group had also arranged a crowd funding page to increase donations, as cash could not be donated/collected this year. To date a total of £215 has been gifted. Chairman thanked the group for their hard work, particularly as the weekend had been cold and seen lots of rain. The Anchor pub had donated lunch as the usual food arrangements could not be met due to COVID-19 restrictions. Both the group and the Parish Council would like to thank Paul Clark and the Anchor management for this very welcome gift. Also, thanks to the Green family for their huge input, particularly with the high work, also Tony & Julie Chapman who</p>	

		every year use their van to move the large poles which carry the string lights. Sleigh tour will be decided upon after 2 nd December dependent upon COVID-19 situation at that time. Clerk had forwarded info received that a number of villages were going to have a 'happy bell ringing' at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Chairman had put info. on our facebook page and hopefully many will join in.	
0213/20	Correspondence	Cllr Bowell has been approached by a resident who asked whether a large shed on side of house on Norfolk St. is permissible. Cllr Paul Clark will speak to the owners.	
0214/20	Date of next meeting	Next meeting: Tuesday 15 th December 2020 at 19.00 Meeting closed at:21.51	

Appendix a*

Payments	October 2020	NET	VAT	£
Booking clerk	Hall steward duties			104.60
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			174.40
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			784.30
Handyman	Handyman duties + project			360.00 600.00
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			262.90
LGSS	Clerks pension			261.50
			Total	2547.77