

Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council

MINUTES of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting at St John's Church Little Wilbraham at 4pm on Thursday 20th March 2025

Present: Cllr Cody, Cllr Gill, Cllr Lane, Cllr Rajendran, Clerk-Hayley Livermore

91/24-25: Open Forum:

92/24-25: Apologies for Absence- Cllr McCubbin, Cllr Daunton

93/24-25: Declarations of Interest- None

94/24-25: To discuss management of Wilbraham Fen unit 1

Following discussion at the recent Parish council meeting, the management of Unit 1 of Wilbraham Fen which is owned by the Parish council was discussed. It has been suggested that Quy estates carry out a trial 1 day cut of the fen to establish the likely costs for the whole site and support a stewardship application to fund regular cutting in the future. This will cost £950+VAT.

The Parish council acknowledged that they are the owners of the land and that the land is classed as declining and in need of maintenance. However, it was decided that we are unable to fund the trial cut as this is a high amount of precept money that cannot be justified without a clear understanding of:

1. what is causing the land to be classified as 'declining'
2. what needs to be done to rectify the above (specifically, is reed cutting going to rectify this?)
3. what the long-term costs would be

Clerk to follow up with DL to establish if there is any further information that would help us better understand and to make it known that we are we are happy to help come up with a longer-term plan for maintenance of the area. The Parish council would also be happy to help with grant applications and provide seed/match funding.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8th May 2025

The meeting closed at 16:45pm

Signed _____ (Chair)

Date _____ **LITTLE WILBRAHAM & SIX MILE BOTTOM PARISH COUNCIL**