

WYMONDHAM & EDMONDTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council to be held on the Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7.30pm at Edmondthorpe Social Club.

A fifteen-minute period is set aside at the beginning of each meeting from 7.30pm to 7.45pm to receive questions and views from residents of the village on issues relevant to the villages of Wymondham and Edmondthorpe. Please note that the Parish Council meeting will commence at 7.30pm if no residents are present.

Terry Brown/Parish Clerk

Agenda

- 1 Public Time
- 2 To receive Apologies for absence
- 3 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations
- 4 Borough and County Councillor time
- 5 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 5th September 2022
- 6 To receive the Clerk's report.
- 7 Matters arising from previous meetings
 - /1 to review progress re overgrown foliage on Craggs Walk & Back Walk and Polka Walk
 - /2 to report progress made with possible Parish road improvements.
 - /3 to report progress made on a tree problem by Sedley Field
 - /4 to confirm minute 07/22/112/1 re 22/00814/MAT Wymondham Windmill Butt Lane Wymondham
- 8 To receive Councillors reports
 - /1 to receive a report for St Peters School
 - /2 to receive a report for W&E Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee
 - /3 to receive a report for W&E Traffic Group and on possible road improvements (Cllrs Spiers & Hobson)
- 9 To receive and consider reports from representatives on outside bodies & meetings
- 10 Planning
 - /1 See item 7/4
- 11 Correspondence received
Emails:

12/9/22	Leics Highways re roadworks to Main Street Wymondham	26/9/22
26/9/22	MBC/Toby Ebbs re planning application	22/00814
26/9/22	Leicestershire County Council Financial Update (see attached)	

- 12 Matters for Discussion
- /1 to consider both the purchase of Village Gateway infrastructure for the west and south entrance points to Wymondham
 - /2 to consider the commissioning of Leics Highways to supervise the change of speed limits by Washbrooke (cost approximately £7000)
 - /3 to discuss allotment issues
- 13 Finance
- /1 to approve the following payments:

T Brown	re September 2022 salary	£431.50
T Brown	re September 2022 HMRC paye	£108.00
T Brown	re August payroll processing 23-04486	£6.00
T Brown	re 123 domain renewal	£20.39
T Brown	re April -September Clerk's expenses	£217.72
Wymondham VH	re meeting hires	£80.00
T Brown	re website hosting renewal	£100.66
 - /2 to reconcile the following bank balances at 23/9/22

	TSB Current account	£16758.77
	TSB Deposit account	£20759.96
- 15 To receive items for the next agenda
- 16 Date of next meeting: Monday 7th November 2022 - Wymondham Village Hall

Terry Brown - Clerk to Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council
Tuesday 27th September 2022

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Decision notices received:

None

Information notices received

None

[URGENT COMMUNICATION – Leicestershire County Council Financial Update](#)

Dear colleague,

Today, a report has been released that I wanted to bring to your attention, as it details the unprecedented financial situation facing local government.

Our financial situation is frightening, worse than the years of austerity. We've lost £230m a year in spending power since 2010. We're very lean so it's not possible to balance the books without impacting front line services. We pride ourselves on doing the best we can with the money we have but we will have to make some tough decisions. Nothing is off the table.

The report sets out the budget gap, which is set to grow from £8m to £28m next year and could surpass £140m by 2026. We have been successful in the face of many budget challenges in recent years, but this is on a scale we have never seen before.

Global events (such as Covid and the war in Ukraine), rising inflation and cost of living, plus growing infrastructure costs, and an unrelenting service demand have all contributed to what is being described as a 'dire' financial challenge.

Inflation could add another £20-£30m every year, while service demand is expected to go up by £18m per year and infrastructure costs (for building roads and schools, for example) could grow by a further £45m. The nationally agreed pay offer alone required the council to find an extra £8m, whilst every 50p added to the National Living Wage costs over £10m.

While there are no proposals at this stage, the report illustrates the challenge ahead by providing an initial list of potential areas to investigate for possible service changes or reductions. This includes gritting, parks, bus subsidies, projects reducing smoking and boosting health, Beaumanor Hall and planned big road schemes.

As the lowest funded county council, Leicestershire will always be sensitive to financial shocks. But the challenge currently being faced will put even the best funded local authorities under pressure.

The budget update is due to be discussed by the council's cabinet this Friday (23 September), which you can watch online at: <http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/webcast> . You can also read a [report from think-tank Onward](#) about proposals to level up local government finances.

Through the autumn the council will engage with stakeholders and residents to help shape our plans. Please look out for further details in the coming weeks.

Nick Rushton

Leader, Leicestershire County Council