

# Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Meeting of the Parish Council

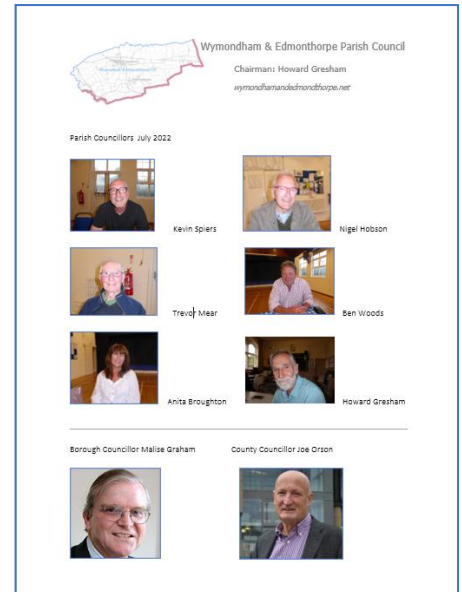
Monday 5th September 2022 – Wymondham Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham, Nigel Hobson, Ben Woods ,  
Trevor Mear, Anita Broughton  
Borough Councillor Malise Graham

Clerk: Terry Brown

One member of the public

Michael Walker and Christine Teasdale for the Wymondham  
Allotments Association



## 118 Public Time

A parishioner (as an allotment holder) raised concerns about the lack of control of the growth of weeds on neighbouring underused plots.

A wide-ranging discussion covered (at least) the following points:

- The current existence, function and membership of the WAA.
- The relationship between the WAA and Parish Council.
- How to enforce the rules concerning allotment holders not maintaining their plots to a suitable standard.
- How to solve the current weed problem and the need to take measures earlier in the next growing season to prevent a recurrence of the problem.
- The review of current WAA rules for the 2023 season
- 2023 Allotment fees.
- The potential to arrange a meeting of all allotment holders hosted by the Parish Council.

## 119 To receive apologies for absence

Parish Cllr Kevin Spiers

## 120 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

The Parish Council noted Cllr Woods' new relationship with the Buckminster Estate.

## 121 Borough and County Councillor time

Cllr Malise Graham gave details of his work in both promoting the response of Melton Borough Council to constituents in need of help and to increase knowledge of the facilities available to youngsters.

## 122 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022

These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

## 123 To receive the Clerk's report.

None

## 124 Matters arising from previous meetings

### /1 to review progress re overgrown foliage on Craggs Walk & Back Walk and Polka Walk

Cllr Mear had reported the successful response to the problem hedges causing obstruction to the pathways at two points on Polka Walk and Chapel Lane. The Council instructed the Clerk to write to the relevant householders to thank them for their prompt action and response. Action Clerk

## 125 To receive Councillors reports

### /1 to receive a report for St Peters School

Councillor Broughton will contact the primary school once the new term is under way.

### /2 to receive a report for W&E Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

The meeting agreed that this should no longer be an agenda item but that the members of that Committee would be available to assist in future Plan developments and changes.

**/3 to receive a report for W&E Traffic Group and on possible road improvements (Cllrs Spiers & Hobson)**

Cllrs Hobson and Spiers reported that the downloading of data from the VAS signs was ongoing.

Cllr Broughton reported on progress made with promoting awareness in the Parish of the speeding problems at the east entrance to Main Street.

The meeting agreed at the next meeting to consider both the purchase of Village Gateway infrastructure for the west and south entrance points to Wymondham and to consider the commissioning of Leics Highways to supervise the change of speed limits by Washbrooke (cost approximately £7000)

Cllrs Spiers and Hobson are to seek a meeting with Leics Highways officers to discuss this.

Action Cllrs Spiers and Hobson and Clerk

**126 To receive and consider reports from representatives on outside bodies & meetings**

/1 Pat Peters as the PC representative to John Sedley Foundation reported that at the Sedley Field Phase 1 play equipment installed in May on the Sedley Recreation Field is being well used and enjoyed and that Phase 2 is scheduled to be installed during the first week of October.

Also that The Trust continues to award financial help for anyone under the age of 25 in the parish and surrounding villages for educational purposes. Applications can be submitted to the Trust throughout the year for consideration.

The Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation assists young people, up to the age of 25, with financial support to help with educational development. We help both individuals and groups by providing a bursary to help with a wide range of costs, including, Sport, Travel, The Arts, Apprenticeships, Music

Bursary Awards are also available, which provide funding for 3 years to a course or project of special merit.

**127 Planning**

**/1 Amended Plans & Description re: 21/00344/OUT - Land OS 484871 318952, Main Street, Wymondham**

The meeting resolved to object. The application plan of 24 house is not consistent with the made W&E Neighbourhood Plan.

The application does nothing to address the Parish Council's long held concerns about surface water flooding and sewerage in this location.

There are concerns with regard to the design. An important element of the made Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Neighbourhood Plan:

- *New development should enhance and reinforce the local distinctiveness and character of the area in which it is situated..... and proposals should clearly show how the general character, scale, mass, density and layout of the site, of the building or extension fits in with the aspect of the surrounding area*
- *New buildings should follow a consistent design approach in the use of materials, fenestration, and the roofline to the building. Materials should be chosen to complement the design of the development and add to the quality or character of the surrounding environment and of the Conservation Areas.*

*(Policy H7: Building Design Principles)*

Action Clerk

/2 In addition:

The Parish Council noted the recent appointment of Peter Baguley as Assistant Director of Planning at MBC.

**128 Correspondence received**

Emails:

23/8/22

Toby Ebbs/MBC re planning app 22/00814

24/8/22

Nottingham Community Housing Association re letting

Noted

**129 Matters for Discussion****/1 to discuss allotment issues**

See item 118

**/2 to discuss a tree problem by Sedley Field (Cllr Mear)**

The meeting agreed that a further investigation of its current condition was necessary and Cllr Graham provided the MBC officer to contact.

Action Clerk**/3 to consider a quote for tree work on Polka Walk**

The Council considered the quote that had been received and asked the Clerk to arrange for a second quote for comparison. Cllr Graham suggested a possible contractor.

Action Clerk**/4 to consider legal action against HMRC re no payment of VAT rebate**

The Clerk confirmed the receipt of the HMRC payment of £1237.22 on 1/9/22 and that the Current account balance at 5/9/22 now stood at £17628.60

**/5 to consider support for a plaque to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee**

The Council approved support for this item to a limit of £50

Action Cllr Broughton**130 Finance****/1 the following payments were approved:**

|         |  |         |
|---------|--|---------|
| T Brown | re August 2022 salary                  | £431.70 |
| T Brown | re August 2022 HMRC paye               | £107.80 |
| T Brown | re July payroll processing inv 23-3540 | £6.00   |
| T Brown | re Waterplus allotments                | £58.19  |
| Glasdon | re new litter bin                      | £266.14 |

**/2 bank balances at 26/8/22 were reconciled to:**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| TSB Current account | £16391.38 |
| TSB Deposit account | £20750.29 |

**131 To receive items for the next agenda**

/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)

**132 Date of next meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at Edmondthorpe Social Club**

To be followed by

November 7<sup>th</sup> WymondhamDecember 5<sup>th</sup> Edmondthorpe

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

