

## Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held at Edmondthorpe Social Club Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Present:

Councillors: Christian Semmens as Chair, Trevor Mear, Howard Gresham, Pat Peters & Kevin Spiers

Clerk: Terry Brown

Members of the public: Robert Fionda

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### Public Time:

Robert Fionda outlined the recent history of his discussions with various public authorities to develop the footway at the Butt Lane/Main Road junction as a consequence of the new houses to be built in Butt Lane. He explained how it would be possible to meet the authorities' requirements without demolishing the existing wall which all agreed was an important and longstanding feature of the village.

He asked for the Parish Council's support of his plan and the Council agreed to take his views forward to item 024/4.

### 014 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Matthew Williams

District Councillors: Malise Graham

PC-4364 Sharon Roscoe

### 015 District and County Councillor Time

None.

### 016 Police Time

None but the Parish Council noted PC Sharon Roscoe emailed advice about recent burglaries in Edmondthorpe.

Cllr Gresham asked that the date future Police Beat meetings be added to the website.

Action Clerk

### 017 Members Declarations of Interests

None

### 018 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Council held 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The minutes were approved & signed by the Chairman.

### 019 Matters arising from previous meetings

#### /1 to review progress on allotment issues

The Clerk reported on recent communications received from Mrs Clark, Buckminster Estate and WAA.

Whilst the Parish Council was pleased that some movement had been made towards a sensible compromise it did not feel it could enforce any agreement since it was a tenant only of the property. However, it would continue to encourage all parties to conduct themselves reasonably and to this end the Clerk would circulate the current Allotment Holders regulations for Councillors to consider at the March meeting. After discussion and agreement with the WAA these would then be issued with the 2019/20 Allotment invoice.

Action Clerk

#### /2 reported sewage flooding on Butts Lane

The Clerk reported on a failure to involve Severn Trent to deal with the problem. Councillors considered the Environment Agency to be the next source for remedy of the problem.

**/3 to reconsider noticeboard siting**

Cllr Gresham reported on the problem of potential obstruction that had resulted from the first attempt at installing the new board.

The meeting then discussed alternative sites and finally agreed for it to be placed in a site near the bus shelter.

Action Cllr Gresham

**020 To receive Councillor reports**

None

**021 To receive & consider reports from representatives on outside bodies & meeting**

**/1 to discuss LCC Highways latest proposals**

Cllr Spiers confirmed that there had been no response from LCC since the last meeting but that he was chasing the matter.

Action Cllr Spiers

**022 Planning:**

**18/01494/NONMAT Land Adjacent 10 Spring Lane Wymondham**

Proposed non-material amendment to 16/00631: 1) re-drawing of the boundary line running along Craggs Walk (located to the south west of the site) to exclude the 2-metre strip of land previously shown, 2) extension of roof line for each garage to enable overhang and provide covered shelter to back door.

The Clerk reminded the Council of their previous comments on a planning application at this site (16/00631/FUL on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016) namely that the application failed to make adequate provision to cope with runoff in an area with a high propensity to flood.

Councillors expressed a continuing and similar concern since the new application increased the roof area that would require drainage for runoff. The Clerk is to write to MBC with these concerns.

Action Clerk

**Decision and Information Notices received:** Noted

**023 Correspondence**

**Letters:**

17/01/2019 Sally Clark re allotment parking – considered at item 019/1

**Emails:** Noted

The Clerk introduced a final copy of the **MBC Local Plan** to the Council

Cllr Semmens pointed to errors in the Wymondham section. The Clerk is to circulate copies of the relevant pages for Councillors' comments. The Clerk will then draft a letter of response to MBC for the Parish Council to consider and authorise at their March meeting.

Action Clerk

**024 Matters for Discussion**

**/1 to consider issues concerning the future of graveyard provision**

The meeting noted the Clerk's advice on the role of the Parish Council as the burial authority for the Parish.

Cllr Peters reviewed the history of the problem noting that the Parish Council had first commenced action in 2002. The meeting agreed that it was a matter of importance to be considered sensitively and widely.

The meeting agreed to take the matter forward to the March meeting when it was hoped that a member of the PCC would attend to offer their perspective.

Action Clerk

**/2 to consider progress on possible LED lights conversion**

The Clerk reported on meetings with Western Power to discuss the scope and timing of possible undergrounding of cables along Edmondthorpe Road.

The Clerk presented revised estimates of the possible costs and savings under three scenarios, no change, full change and part change with each allowing for a possible higher rate of increase in electricity prices than had previously been considered.

Councillors considered the costs and benefits at length noting a possible clear overall cost saving after ten or more years. However, some councillors urged caution on the basis of possible changes in technology in the future but as yet unknown.

The Council asked the Clerk to revalidate the spreadsheet for further deliberation and a possible final decision at the next (March) meeting.

Action Clerk

**/3 To consider the award of prizes for best kept allotment**

Deferred to the next meeting.

Cllr Spiers commented on the problems for allotment holders caused by the prohibition of sheds.

**/4 to discuss the Preservation of the old railway brick wall on Butt Lane**

Following on from Robert Fionda's advice on the topic in Public Time the Council unanimously voted to support the retention of the wall as an historic artefact if possible and instructed the Clerk to write in support of that aim.

Action Clerk

**025 Finance**

The submitted schedule of payments was approved.

Bank balances at 14/01/19 were confirmed as

TSB Current account	£18209.11
TSB Deposit account	£25089.50

**026 Date of next meeting: Monday 4th March 2019 at 7:30pm at Wymondham Village Hall.**

The meeting ended at 10.00pm