

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held at Edmondthorpe Social Club Monday 3rd June 2019

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear, Pat Peters, Matthew Williams & Kevin Spiers
Clerk: Terry Brown
Members of the public: 3 parishioners and the Revd David Cowie

Public Time

Three parishioners raised their concerns about the possible effects of the Brick Lane development on matters such as the extra traffic, parking, the speed of traffic and drainage problems that might result.

Cllrs Gresham and Williams reassured the parishioners that the Parish Council had not received a formal planning application and that the issue as previously reported in the minutes represented a scoping exercise between the agent for the potential applicant and the Parish Council.

Also, that the W&E Neighbourhood Plan represented a very effective control mechanism on a plan to be submitted. Further that the initial outline plans presented would not meet many provisions of the Plan.

Cllr Williams agreed that there was a potential confusion to be found between the number of houses allocated to the Parish according to the Local Plan(63) and yet those that would also result from additional infill which was not to be included in that Local Plan allocation.

David Cowie gave an extensive insight into the historical development of the parish cemetery and the problems that had resulted.

But he concluded that currently some 20 burial spaces were still available and that at an average rate of 2 burials per year (because of the preference for cremation) that there was no immediate problem.

087 To consider Election of Vice Chair

Matthew Williams was proposed and seconded as Vice Chair.

088 To receive the Vice Chair's declaration of acceptance of office

He accepted and signed for acceptance

089 To receive remaining acceptance of office

Kevin Spiers signed for acceptance of office of Councillor.

090 Apologies for absence

Cllr Nigel Hobson & Borough Councillor Malise Graham

091 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None

092 To confirm remaining appointment of representatives to Committees

Matthew Williams was proposed and seconded as a Parish Council member with responsibility for allotments.

093 Police Time

None.

094 Borough and County Councillor Time

None.

095 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 7th May 2019

The minutes were unanimously approved and then signed by the Chair.

096 Matters outstanding from previous meetings

/1 to review progress on allotment issues

No report.

/2 to review progress on reported sewage flooding on Butts Lane

No report.

/3 to consider progress on the LED lights conversion

The Clerk reported that further progress waited for confirmation that the loan request had been granted.

/4 to review progress on siting of notice board

Several new proposals were tabled by Councillors. These would be investigated and discussed the next meeting.

/5 to review progress on enhancements to Village entrance

In view of the ongoing changes to speed limits in Wymondham, the potential effect on traffic of the Brick Lane development and the planned VAS purchase, the Council agreed that this agenda item is best seen as an integral part of the Parish Council plan to reduce traffic problems. Therefore it would be prudent to wait for development in the other parallel items before progress was to be made in this particular area.

/6 to review progress on St Peters Primary School/Community Play Equipment

Councillors had an extensive and robust discussion on the topic which had the benefit of clarifying the position of the Parish Council with respect to contribution of all parties to the further development of a solution.

It was agreed that Cllr Peters would seek to set up a community led working party to make progress.

097 To receive Councillors reports

The Clerk reported on progress on previously tabled footpath problems in Wymondham and Edmondthorpe and he is continuing to chase with LeicsCC.

Action Clerk

Cllr Gresham reported on complaints about the Edmondthorpe bus shelter and that he would follow up on them.

Action Cllr Gresham

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

To consider the reply 16/05/19 from Hussein Lambat Technician, Traffic & Signals

Following an extensive discussion Councillors agreed that the reply received was quite inadequate. It failed to give advice to the Council in many areas; for example, a detailed breakdown of upfront capital cost and longer-term maintenance costs, the recommended positioning of the device, the recommended design, probably based on the experiences of their installation in other parishes etc.

The Clerk was asked to write an urgent and robust letter in reply to elicit this required detail.

The Clerk would also use LRALC to investigate alternative courses of action and possibly suppliers that had been followed by other Leics parish councils.

Action Clerk

099 Planning

18/01280/FUL - Workshop, Edmondthorpe Road, Wymondham

AMENDED AND ADDITIONAL PLANS - 10.05.19

Demolition of garage/workshop building. New dwelling.

No comment.

19/00459/VAC - Land Off Butt Lane, Butt Lane, Wymondham**Variation of Condition 2: Site Layout. Application Reference Number: 17/01575/FUL**

No comment.

19/00498/FULHH - September Cottage, 9 West End, Wymondham**To replace existing conservatory roof with a tiled roof; replace some existing conservatory windows with masonry walls**

No comment.

To note Decision and Information Notices received.

Noted.

100 Correspondence received**Emails:****03/05/2019 NCHA re West Well Gate letting**

Cllr Peters reported that the letting had now been allocated to a family meeting the required local criteria.

11/05/2019 Faye Le Blanc re 28 Main Street Wymondham

The Clerk reported on his investigation of the matter together with Cllr Peters. In view of the time elapsed, the absence of complete documentation and the NALC advice received by the Council in 1987, the Council agreed that the Clerk should respond to the parishioner to the effect that the Council could not provide any further help in the matter.

20/05/2019 Gaynor Ratcliffe re grass cutting

The Clerk reported on a recently received link to grass cutting services provided by Leics CC which the Council agreed should be reported to the parishioner (and published in the next Journal).
The Parish Council asked that they be kept informed of any future developments of the situation.

23/05/2019 MBC re Armed Forces Day

Two Councillors would consider attending.

101 Matters for Discussion**/1 to discuss St Peter's cemetery**

Following the extensive Public Time discussion the Council agreed that the matter was no longer of any immediate concern.

/2 to discuss outcomes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting agreed that the 2020 APM meeting date should be discussed with parish organisations to avoid any obvious clashes of date such as Half term. Also, it was suggested that Wymondham Village Hall as a venue might attract a larger audience.

/3 to review Parish Council communications

The meeting approved that the Clerk investigate the setting up an email group in an attempt to improve the flow of information to parishioners. Details of such would be published in the next Journal.

102 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved.

Community Heartbeat	re Defib supplies	£57.60
St Peters Church	re Churchyard maintenance	£750
T Brown	re May salary	£370.03
T Brown	re May HMRC tax	£92.60

In addition, the following late received payments were also approved:

G Musson	re Flowers for VG trough	£19.90
K Gresham	re AMP expenses	£7.00
Edmondthorpe S Club	re Hire hall fees	£150.00

/2 Bank balances at 14/05/19 were confirmed as:

TSB Current account	£19598.11
TSB Deposit account	£25171.73

The Council agreed the transfer of £10000 from the current account to the deposit account.

103 To receive items for the next agenda:

To discuss a training session for defibrillators

104 Date of next meeting:

Monday 1st July 2019 – Wymondham Village Hall