

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held at Edmondthorpe Social Club Monday 4th November 2019

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear, Pat Peters, Kevin Spiers, Nigel Hobson & Matthew Williams

Clerk: Terry Brown

Members of the public: 6 parishioners

Public Time

The Chair apologised for the late notice of the cancellation of the scheduled Q&A session with Diane Gilbert from Biffa for MBC waste recycling operations. The Clerk is to reschedule for a later Parish Council meeting.

Action Clerk

Robert Fionda explained at length the reasons for the planning application that proposed changed access for 17/01575/FUL Butt Lane. Extensive discussions with Leicestershire Highways and Melton Mowbray Council Planning had led to this application as the best compromise with the retention of the wall as an important objective. Most of the difficulty lay with Highways insistence on a strict conformity to current regulatory requirements of the minimum widths of pavements.

The meeting recognised that this would not permit the longstanding aim to implement a continuous footpath from the corner of Butt Lane to The Windmill. But Robert Fionda pointed out that the width of roadway over the railway bridge would probably have precluded this anyway.

Cllr Peters reminded the meeting of the implications of this development for the Glebe Road planning application.

164 Apologies for absence

None

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

None

166 Police Time

PC Sharon Roscoe sent apologies with no incidents to report.

167 District and County Councillor Time

None

168 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 7th October 2019

These were approved by resolution and the Chair signed as a true record.

169 Matters outstanding from previous meetings

/1 to review progress with Highway maintenance issues

The Clerk reported that the damage to a road sign at the junction of Edmondthorpe Rd and Main St Wymondham in Wymondham was being chased.

Action Clerk

/2 to review progress on siting of notice board

The Clerk reported that the installation was being chased.

Action Clerk

/3 to receive an update on the Wymondham telephone box initiative

Cllr Hobson reported on progress made that included repainting and shelving with the probability that it would be operational in November. Also, he confirmed that the box was currently in the ownership of Community Heartbeat Trust but that they had confirmed their agreement to transfer ownership to the Parish Council once the defibrillator was in place.

170 To receive Councillors reports**/1 to receive an update re VAS installation**

Cllr Spiers introduced a draft letter to be sent to LCCH detailing the Parish Council's concerns over the delay in receiving firm advice on the project. The meeting agreed that there was no merit in seeking alternative solutions and that the intention remained that LCCH clearly and quickly specify the capital and revenue costs of the proposed mains powered VAS at the sites that had been chosen.

Action Cllr Spiers

Cllr Spiers reported on discussions to reform a Wymondham Traffic Group and the meeting agreed that the Group's Terms of Reference be agreed at the December meeting so that it could begin its work as soon as possible.

Action Clerk

/2 Cllr Peters gave a School report that Phase 1 of the play area has been completed with some Trim Trail equipment but currently only for use by the children during school hours. She waits to hear when the equipment will be open for community use.

Cllr Peters gave a Sedley report that the Trustees are having some adult Trim Trail pieces of equipment installed on the Recreation Field. Also, that WASSP have plans to plant a wildflower area and a small orchard on the field.

Given the absence now of a formal link between the Parish Council and the School the meeting agreed that a Councillor report on School developments should be a standing agenda item in all future agenda.

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

Cllr Peters confirmed a reply to Somerby Parish Council to their recent enquiry re the Hill Trust.

172 Planning**/1 19/01029/GDOCOU Manns Farm 66 Main Street Wymondham Conversion of single storey barn to a bungalow and creation of parking spaces, conversion of 2 storey barn to a house and creation of parking spaces.**

Once again the meeting agreed that the Clerk should comment on the need for this application to conform to W&E NP H7, namely that "alterations should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form" and that the application gave inadequate information on the materials to be used.

Following on from this the meeting agreed that the Clerk should write to seek a meeting with the Conservation Officer at Melton Mowbray Planning to discuss their concerns on the lack of importance given to the preservation of the vernacular characteristics of the area in the developments now submitted.

Action Clerk

172 Correspondence received**Emails:**

| | |
|------------|--|
| 16/10/2019 | LCC re unitary authority proposal |
| 21/10/2019 | MBC re changes access for 17/01575/FUL Butt Lane |
| 22/10/2019 | MBC re review of Health provision |
| 23/10/2019 | PWLB re interest change |

Noted

173 Matters for Discussion**/1 to discuss the formation of W&E Traffic Committee**

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference for a Wymondham Traffic Group be resolved at the December meeting.

/2 to resolve to approve a 10 yr. PWLB loan of £8500 as 50% funding for the purchase of an LED lighting upgrade

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/5 to discuss the 2020/21 Budget and Precept

The 2020/21 budget was agreed such that a standstill 2020 precept of £19500 would be requested from Melton Borough Council (see attached)

/6 to agree 2020 meeting dates and 2020 Annual Parish meeting arrangements

These were confirmed – see attached

/7 to approve changes to 2021 allotment dates schedule

A draft letter for allotment holders was approved detailing changes to the yearly invoice date commencing January 1st 2021

/8 to discuss allotment maintenance

A draft letter was approved requesting confirmation from some allotment holders of their intention to continue to hold plots given limited activity in the current year.

The Council also approved a draft letter informing plot holders of a change of charging period to take effect from January 1st 2021

174 Finance

/1 The following payments were approved:

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Edmondthorpe Church | re grass cutting | £357 |
| MBC | re Election fees | £88.35 |
| T Brown | re October salary | £370.03 |
| T Brown | re October HMRC tax | £92.60 |

/2 bank balances at 15/10/19 were reconciled as:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| TSB Current account | £13320.76 |
| TSB Deposit account | £35311.91 |

175 To receive items for the next agenda

to discuss funding assistance for Edmondthorpe Church

176 Date of next meeting: Monday 2th December 2019 Edmondthorpe Social Club

The meeting ended at 9.50pm

Meeting dates 2020

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jan 6 th | Edmondthorpe Social Club | |
| Feb 3 rd | Wymondham Village Hall | |
| March 2 nd | Edmondthorpe Social Club | |
| April 6 th | Wymondham Village Hall | |
| <u>Tuesday</u> May 5th | Edmondthorpe Social Club | Annual Meeting of Parish Council |
| June 1 st | Wymondham Village Hall | Annual Parish Meeting |
| July 6 th | Edmondthorpe Social Club | |
| August 3 rd | Edmondthorpe Social Club | |
| September 7 th | Wymondham Village Hall | |
| October 5 th | Wymondham Village Hall | |
| November 2 nd | Edmondthorpe Social Club | |
| December 7 th | Wymondham Village Hall | |

| Budget and Precept 2020/21 - Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Parish Council | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------|------------------|
| | | 2019-20 | | | | 2020/21 |
| | | Budget | to 27.10.19 | to 31.3.20 forecast | | with LEDs |
| Income | Precept | 19500 | 19500 | 19500 | | 19500 |
| | Allotments | 300 | 300 | 300 | | 300 |
| | VAT reclaim | 700 | 902 | 902 | | 902 |
| | Other | 161 | 482 | 482 | | 482 |
| | PWLB | | | | | 8500 |
| | | 20661 | 21184 | 21184 | | 29684 |
| | | | | | | 4280 |
| Expenditure | Staff | 5818 | 3238 | 6000 | 103% | 6000 |
| | Admin | 800 | 502 | 750 | 94% | 750 |
| | Hire | | 262 | 262 | | 262 |
| | Audit | 290 | 50 | 50 | | 50 |
| | | | | | | 240 |
| | Street Lighting | 2150 | 0 | 2150 | 100% | 2150 |
| | Churchyard | 1107 | 750 | 1107 | 100% | 1107 |
| | War/Bus Sh | 262 | 262 | 262 | 100% | 262 |
| | Training | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 |
| | Subs/web | 340 | 241 | 310 | 91% | 310 |
| | IT (+ reserve) | 650 | 60 | 620 | 95% | 620 |
| | Maintenance | 1140 | 345 | 555 | 49% | 555 |
| | Allotments | 300 | 300 | 300 | 100% | 300 |
| | Building grants | 2000 | 1850 | 1850 | 93% | 1850 |
| | Org grants | 1600 | 0 | 200 | 13% | 200 |
| | Insurance | 700 | 685 | 685 | 98% | 685 |
| | Elections | 0 | 0 | 88 | | 88 |
| | VAS | 600 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| | VAS purchase | | | | | 6500 |
| | VAS maintenance | | | | | 1000 |
| | LED purchase | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 20730 |
| | PWLB | | | | | 880 |
| | | 17857 | 8545 | 15189 | 85% | 35919 |
| | | | | | | 24019 |
| | Income | 20661 | 21184 | 21184 | | 29684 |
| | Expenditure | 17857 | 8545 | 15189 | | 35919 |
| | | 2804 | 12639 | 5995 | | -6235 |
| | | | | | | 19739 |
| Reserves | <i>Operating</i> | <i>21299</i> | | <i>15000</i> | | <i>18800</i> |
| | <i>Traffic</i> | <i>15000</i> | | <i>15000</i> | | <i>10000</i> |
| | <i>Cemetery</i> | <i>10000</i> | | <i>10000</i> | | <i>0</i> |
| | <i>Elections</i> | <i>1500</i> | | <i>1500</i> | | <i>1500</i> |
| | <i>IT</i> | <i>500</i> | | <i>500</i> | | <i>500</i> |