

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held by Videoconferencing/Zoom 3rd August 2020

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear, Kevin Spiers & Nigel Hobson
Borough Councillor Joe Orson
Clerk: Terry Brown

096 Public Time

None

097 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Pat Peters & Matthew Williams
Borough Councillor Malise Graham

The meeting noted the Clerk's comment re LGA 1972 s.85 "failure of a Councillor to attend for six months or more."

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

None

099 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Cllr Orson alerted the meeting to the expected news concerning a spike in Covid in Melton Mowbray.

Also, that Covid was having a serious impact on MBC finances such that reserves might not be sufficient to prevent a cut in services.

100 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 6th July 2020

These were approved by the meeting.

101 To receive the Clerk's report

None

102 Matters arising from previous meetings

See 106 Email 13/7/20

103 To receive Councillors reports

/1 to receive a report for St Peters School
None

/2 to receive a report for W&E Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee
See 105/1 and 105/2

/3 to receive a report for W&E Traffic Group
See 107/1

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

None

105 Planning

/1 20/00444/FUL - Land at Junction of Main Street and Chapel Lane, Main Street, Wymondham

Residential conversion of two disused chapel buildings; and the erection of five new build dwellings. Demolition of existing storage shed and outbuilding to allow redevelopment of site.

The meeting reviewed at length recent developments and in particular the result of a site meeting between Parish Councillors and Toby Ebbs MBC Conservation Officer on 29/7/20. The latter had clearly identified the need for resolution of the conflict between the developer's financial targets and the expressed Parish opinion to preserve the history of the site if possible.

Cllr Hobson stated that in his view the removal of such an ugly stain on the street scene as soon as possible should be a paramount objective, notwithstanding the need to meet the constraints on development laid down by MBC Planning and the W&E Neighbourhood Plan, the proposed development represents a positive opportunity

The meeting agreed that the Clerk should write to Toby Ebbs in support of his efforts to try to resolve this problem. Action Clerk

/2 20/00801/FUL - Old School House, 2A Church Lane, Wymondham

Conversion of old school to create 2 No dwellings, demolition of 2 small extensions, car parking and access

The meeting noted the reduction in the number of dwellings to be built on the site from the previous three to two and that this went some way to address previous concerns about overdevelopment of the site.

But a lack of detail in the new planning application about materials to be used remained a concern. Therefore, the Clerk was to respond stressing this and the need for the outcome to meet the criteria specified in the W&E Neighbourhood Plan. Action Clerk

**/3 20/00668/FULHH - Priory View, 17 Church Lane
Proposed single storey rear extension**

No comment

106 Correspondence received

Emails:

8/7/2020 Leics CC re response to Washbook footpath status query
Noted

13/7/20 Leics re Sewstern Road railway bridge
Cllr Hobson explained that in his view the comments received from Leics CC failed to appreciate the true nature of the problem the trees have been allowed to grow unchecked in the track bed on the bridge itself such that the roots of these trees will eventually disturb the brickwork and weaken the bridge. Therefore, that the trees on the bridge need to be removed.

13/7/20 Julie Hopkins re variation of admission policy
Noted

107 Matters for Discussion

/1 to approve the purchase of VAS equipment

Councillors approved the revised quote for the purchase of VAS equipment at £5075.

/2 to note recent communications re Glebe Road development

No comment to be made.

/3 to discuss problems caused by low flying aircraft

The meeting accepted the advice from Cllr Mear that, based on his previous experience with a similar episode, the best way forward lay with obtaining the registration of the offending plane and photographic evidence to indicate its low height, both to be then sent to the CAA. Action Clerk

/4 to note the current review of Codes of Conduct

Councillors noted the Clerk's advice concerning future changes to the Code of Conduct.

108 Finance

/1 the following payments were approved:

T Brown	re July 2020 salary	£370.03
T Brown	re July 2020 HMRC paye	£92.60
T Brown	re Laptop purchase	£548.99
Came & Co	re Annual insurance	£807.80

/2 the following bank balances at 14/7/20 were reconciled to:

TSB Current account	£20956.53
TSB Deposit account	£35571.86

109 To receive items for the next agenda

None

110 Date of next meeting: Monday 7th September 2020 by videoconferencing

The meeting ended at 8.45pm