

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held at Wymondham Village Hall Monday 3rd February 2020

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear & Nigel Hobson

Clerk: Terry Brown

Public Time

None.

016 Apologies for absence

Matthew Williams, Pat Peters, Kevin Spiers & Borough Cllr Malise Graham.

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

None.

018 Police Time

None

019 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

No report but see 022/3

020 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 6th January 2020

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

021 To receive the Clerk's report

Council confirmed that Chris Glenn had been (re)nominated as Tree Warden for the Parish to Leics County Council.

Also see 027/4 and 027/7.

022 Matters outstanding from previous meetings

/1 to review progress with Highway maintenance issues

No reports but Councillors noted the email response from Mr Ian Coxsey.

/2 to receive an update on the Wymondham telephone box initiative

Councillors congratulated Cllr Hobson on the excellent appearance of the repainted telephone box. Cllr Hobson reported that book library was now up and running and had been extensively publicised throughout the Parish. Also that the installation of the new defibrillator cabinet was almost complete.

/3 to receive an update re VAS installation

The Clerk reported no further response from Leics CC on this matter and he was asked to follow up on the offer of assistance from Cllr Orson. Action Clerk

023 To receive Councillors reports

/1 to receive a report for St Peters School

No report.

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

Cllr Williams reported by email:

"The Neighbourhood Plan advisory committee this is now quorate with four standing members - myself, Nigel, Lynn Copper and Robert Beech. Lynn and Robert are long standing members of the community - Lynn has set up the community library and Robert is a former Chair of WECS, a Chartered Surveyor and was a member of the Built Environment sub-committee of the Neighbourhood Plan. Of course, all Councillors are ex-officio members so will be informed of all formal meetings well in advance. We will be advertising in the next Journal to see if anyone else wants to step forward.

We have met informally in the Berkeley to get to know each other and talk through the terms of reference. We are going to invite the Conservation Officer, Jim Worley (head of planning Melton) and Andrew Grainger to meet with us so that we can be in a position to submit a report to the APM in May. We will also be commenting on planning applications circulated by the Clerk by strict reference to Neighbourhood Plan policies so that the Parish Council has this assessment before each meeting."

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

Clr Spiers submitted the attached report on an initial meeting held on the 30th January 2020.

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

No reports

025 Planning

/1 to note withdrawal of 18/00274/DIS Field No 4862 Glebe Road Wymondham

/2 to consider a response to 19/00827/REM - Reserved matters relating to Outline approval 15/00832/OUT. Residential development of 12 dwellings. Field OS 4862 Glebe Road Wymondham

Noted but no comment.

026 Correspondence received

Emails:

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| 13/1/2020 | MBC re Flood Wardens |
| 15/1/2020 | Leics CC re Shire Environment Grants |
| 20/1/2020 | Police re Beat surgeries |
| 21/1/2020 | Ian Coxsey re fencing |
| 22/1/2020 | MBC re Mayors Race Night |

027 Matters for Discussion

/1 to confirm arrangements for a future MBC Waste Management session

Councillors agreed not to recontinue with this at the current time since the proposed April but mid afternoon timeslot offered by the MBC officials was not likely to attract any significant interest.

Action Clerk

/2 to discuss recent flooding concerns

Clr Mear agreed to stand as the Parish Flood Warden and would attend a training day at Oakham in March.

Action Clerk

Clr Gresham again confirmed his recent investigations of the problem and indicated the actions that would be taken to alleviate the problems when the ground conditions improved.

/3 to resolve that the Council in accordance with its powers under s137 (LGA 1972) should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure:- Community Heartbeat Heat cabinet & installation£700.00

The Parish Council thus **resolved** this agenda item.

/4 to confirm the Parish Council delegated responsibilities

The meeting confirmed these responsibilities with three amendments. The Clerk is to update the website (and see 027/7.)

Action Clerk

/5 to discuss possible tree planting

The meeting agreed that no further progress could be made on this issue at the current time.

/6 to approve the purchase of a planter for the new notice board site

The Clerk distributed examples of possible solutions. Councillors agreed that the topic merited more detailed examination if the outcome was to be both appropriate and not obstructive to pedestrians. All Councillors are to consider possible solutions for the next meeting. Action All

/7 to receive notice of The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

The Clerk reviewed this in the context of the statutory requirement for all parish councils to have a website since 2014. This was to be fully implemented by 2018 but the Clerk reported that current estimates were that some 70% of councils remained incomplete. However, W&E Parish Council was fully compliant.

The 2018 Regulations represented the next step in this Transparency agenda and was to be fully implemented by 2022. Whilst details of the practical requirements were still vague the Clerk suggested that the W&E PC website might struggle to achieve such compliance because of its American and template basis and that a future and alternative website provision might be required.

028 Finance**/1 The following payments were approved:**

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| T Brown | re January 2020 salary | £372.03 |
| T Brown | re January 2020 HMRC paye | £92.60 |
| Community Heartbeat | re Heat cabinet & installation | £700.00 |
| Payroo | re Payroll admin - 3mths | £18.00 |

/2 bank balances at 15/1/20 were confirmed as:

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| TSB Current account | £18618.91 |
| TSB Deposit account | £35400.48 |

029 To receive items for the next agenda

None.

030 Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd March 2020 Edmondthorpe Social Club

The meeting ended at 9.10pm

Notes from Public Meeting held at Wymondham Village Hall on 30th January 2020 to discuss the formation of a W&E PC standing committee to be called the **Wymondham Traffic Forum**

Councillors in attendance: Howard Gresham (Chair for the evening), Nigel Hobson, Trevor Mear and Kevin Spiers

Attendees who have volunteered in some capacity: Mike and Kathryn Fryer (committee if required plus anything else), Geoff Milnes, Chris and Becky Blyth, Andy Smeaton (traffic surveys if requires), Rosemary Tyldesley, Alasdair Ingless (unspecified help).

There were nine parishioners present plus a number who had contacted me in advance to offer help.

Howard Gresham opened the meeting with an explanation of the reasons behind the idea of this standing committee, a brief outline of some of the initiatives which had taken place in the past and an update of things currently being done.

Kevin Spiers then focussed the meeting onto the positive aspects of opening up involvement in traffic control to parishioners and away from the negatives of living in a village plagued by speeding traffic.

There followed a lengthy discussion about recent changes to speed limits on village approaches with particular concern directed at the new 40 mph stretch past Mann's Farm to the east. Many present found the idea of direct involvement in things that we can change rather difficult to get their heads around.

Positive ideas were put forward but examples of grander schemes might be:

- A confederation of Parish Councils taking on LCCH and the Police as a group.
- Using Section 106 funds from new developments to install chicanes, speed bumps and so on.
- Approaching insurance companies for donations in the belief that they would be happy to do this to reduce claims for damaged wing mirrors in Wymondham.
- Asking for an extension of the average speed monitoring section of the A606 to incorporate a 30-mph section through Wymondham.

There was discussion about seeking matched funding with LCCH for any expenditure by the Parish Council. This was queried by Howard Gresham. A more achievable aim might be local funding matched by the parish Council.

A wide-ranging meeting with some complaints about lack of action by the Parish Council. Kevin Spiers ended the meeting by asking that parishioners get involved with the Group to improve things that we have a chance of improving, such as Police involvement through speeding surveys, contact with freight companies to reduce volumes of HGV traffic and perhaps even the judicious placing of vehicles to create pinch points.

As a result, the volunteers listed at the top came forward. In addition, Johnno Wills, David Edens, Jane and Tim Carnell have also asked to be involved. The next step is to contact these people plus the Fryers, to set up the committee.

Kevin Spiers 3 February 2020