

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held at Edmondthorpe Social Club Monday 6th January 2020

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear, Pat Peters, Nigel Hobson & Kevin Spiers
County Councillor Joe Orson
Clerk: Terry Brown
Members of the public: 1 parishioner

Public Time

Colin Clews gave details of the current arrangements for the 16th Rutland – Melton CICLE Classic Bike Race to be held Sunday 26th April 2020.

The meeting agreed that last year's race had been a great success for the Parish. The 2020 race would be slightly different in that it would feature an off-road element at Coston and would also include an extra 10 minutes around Wymondham village. The race would leave Oakham at 11am and would be expected to be in the village from approximately 11.20 for some 40 to 50 minutes.

A provisional route is attached, and all households would be leafleted with full details in due course.

001 Apologies for absence

Matthew Williams & Borough Cllr Malise Graham.

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

None.

003 Police Time

None

004 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Cllr Orson reminded the meeting of the challenges facing authorities at both District and County level: for example, that Melton Borough Council had suffered a 40% cut in Central funded finance in the last decade.

The meeting reported to Cllr Orson the lack of progress with Leics County Council in moving forward the purchase of VAS. Cllr Orson agreed to take up the problem at Deputy Director level having received details of the history of events from the Clerk. Action Clerk

005 /1 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 4th November 2019

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

/2 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 2nd December 2019

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

006 To receive the Clerk's report

The Clerk distributed a report from Sileby Parish Council questioning the value placed on their Neighbourhood Plan by their District Council. The meeting noted the comments received from Melton Borough Council with regard to Planning application 19/00940/FULHH (*Proposed new Juliette balcony to bedroom, insert new windows and doors into existing elevation and new detached garage Manns Farm, 66 Main Street, Wymondham*) and speculated that this might infer that the W&E Neighbourhood Plan attracted greater consideration from MBC.

007 Matters outstanding from previous meetings

/1 to review progress with Highway maintenance issues

The Clerk reported that no response had been received to 013/19/182/1 and that he would write again. Action Clerk

Cllr Gresham outlined steps that had been taken to address long standing problems with the footpath at the western end of Edmondthorpe with the work to be completed in the near future.

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

Cllr Hobson reported that good progress was being made with the refurbishment of the box and that shelving is to be installed in the near future.

Cllr Hobson tabled a quote for the installation of the defibrillator when removed from its present site. Councillors agreed that since the expenditure would be in the interests of the whole community then it should attract S137 funding and for this to be resolved at the February meeting.

Cllr Hobson advised that the possible reuse of the current defibrillator cabinet should be considered as a possible but longer term initiative at a third point in the Village.

There was a review of the potential problem of ownership of the telephone box and Council agreed that further action should wait for the completion of the current activities.

Cllr Hobson further noted the imminent need for a replacement battery for the Edmondthorpe defibrillator and that a much needed repainting of the box would involve a paint purchase of approximately £200.

/3 to receive an update re VAS installation

Discussed as item 001/20/004

/4 to receive an update on notice board issues

The meeting confirmed that all Councillors would have keys to access the new noticeboard and that 3 were needed to be cut.

The meeting agreed the existing notice board by the Pinfold should remain in place for Community notices with Cllr Spiers and Mear holding the keys for access.

Councillors agreed that the purchase of a flower trough to be placed under the new noticeboard should be considered at the next meeting. Cllr Peters confirmed that suitable maintenance arrangements for such a planter had been arranged.

These arrangements would be publicised in the next (February) Journal.

Action Clerk

008 To receive Councillors reports

/1 to receive a report for St Peters School

No report. The Clerk confirmed that no response had been received to 013/19/187/4.

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

No report.

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

Cllr Spiers confirmed that an initial meeting of the Group had been arranged for Thursday 30th January and that the meeting would be publicised extensively around the Parish. He detailed his hopes and aims for a successful initial meeting.

Action Cllr Spiers

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

No reports

010 Planning

None but note item 001/20/006.

011 Correspondence received

Emails:

9/12/2019	Leics CC re tree planting see item 012/6	
11/12/2019	Leics CC re Tree Wardens see item 012/5	
16/12/2019	Leics CC re tackling loneliness	
17/12/2019	Leics CC re Service Variation - Centrebus RF2 Cllr Peters requested paper copies to be placed on the noticeboard and bus shelter	<u>Action Clerk</u>
18/12/2019	Melton BC re 2020-24 Strategy consultation	
19/12/2019	MHCLG Neighbourhood Planning Research	
23/12/2019	Leics CC re Budget Consultation	

012 Matters for Discussion**/1 to approve the 2020 Allotment Regulations and rents**

The two draft documents were approved for circulation.

Action Clerk**/2 to confirm a date for a future MBC Waste Management evening**

A range of dates in April were considered for agreement with the MBC representatives.

Action Clerk**/3 to discuss recent flooding concerns**

Cllr Gresham reported on his recent investigations of the problem and indicated the actions that could be taken to alleviate the problems when the ground conditions improved.

/4 to approve funding for the telephone box initiative

See item 001/20/007/2

/5 to confirm the W&E Tree Warden

Council confirmed that Chris and Katie Glenn be (re)nominated as Tree Wardens for the Parish to Leics County Council.

Action Clerk**/6 to discuss possible tree planting**

The Clerk outlined the two schemes proposed by Leics CC. It was agreed to defer action to a future meeting.

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

T Brown	re December salary	£372.03
T Brown	re December HMRC paye	£92.40
Leics CC	re 2019 lighting charges	£2616.48

/2 bank balances at 15/12/19 were confirmed as:

TSB Current account	£19527.87
TSB Deposit account	£35370.69

014 To receive items for the next agenda

/1 to resolve that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the 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 namely Community Heartbeat Heat cabinet & installation £700.00

015 Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd February 2020 Wymondham Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

