

## Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held by Videoconferencing/Zoom 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear, Pat Peters & Nigel Hobson  
Borough Councillors Malise Graham & Joe Orson  
Clerk: Terry Brown

### 126 Public Time

None

### 127 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Matthew Williams & Kevin Spiers

### 128 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None

### 129 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Cllr Graham reported that he was to continue as Mayor for the interim

Cllr Orson reported continuing concerns over in Covid in Melton Mowbray. Also the results of streamlining of the operations of MBC instigated by the new Chief Executive should show itself soon in improvements in the processing of planning applications.

As County Councillor he commented on the recent continuing moves to bring about a reorganisation of District Councils into a new regional authority with a Mayor. He emphasised the lack of support for such a move from many parties including all seven of the local MPs.

### 130 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

These were approved by the meeting.

### 131 To receive the Clerk's report

The meeting noted the recent email from a parishioner about a large display board. The Clerk indicated that this was likely to be allowed but only whilst building works were underway. Therefore, the Clerk is to ask the parishioner to keep the Parish Council informed of the situation. Action Clerk

### 132 Matters arising from previous meetings

#### /1 to review the installation of VAS equipment

The Clerk reported that progress had been made and now wait for the imminent delivery of equipment and the pole installation and connection.

#### /2 to note progress on Sewstern Road bridge concern

Highways England Historical Railways Estate in York had responded to the latest Clerk enquiry.

Cllr Hobson proposed that the advice of the MBC Conservation Officer be enlisted, and the Clerk was asked to make the contact. Action Clerk

/3 The Chair asked all Councillors to collect reports of faults with the new LED lights so that they could be collated and reported back to LCC when the new system had stabilised.

### 133 To receive Councillors reports

#### /1 to receive a report for St Peters School

None but see 137/2.

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

The meeting noted the recent work by the Committee on the Glebe Lane development and its advice that future applications needed to be more carefully assessed in terms of materials to be used.

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

See 139/3 and Cllr Orson asked to be sent again a copy of the letter on this issue to pursue with LCC. Action Clerk

**/4** Cllr Hobson was thanked for his work on renovating the Edmondthorpe defibrillator box.

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

None

**135 Planning**

None

**136 Correspondence received**

Emails:

21/9/2020	Louise Duffin re Glebe Road access
	Councillors considered the implications of recent road closures
22/9/2020	Historical Railways Estate re Sewstern Bridge
22/9/2020	LCC re Butt Lane diversion
25/9/2020	MBC re Corporate Strategy 2020-2024

Also the meeting considered a communication from LCC proposing the adoption by Parish Councils of Wildflower Verge areas. Councillors identified two possibilities and the Clerk is to respond.

Action Clerk

**137 Matters for Discussion**

**/1 to consider the website provision**

The meeting considered the Clerk's report on options available to make the Parish Council website adhere to the new Accessibility requirements.

After extensive discussions, the meeting resolved to adopt option 5 i.e. to adopt a template generated by the Clerk and used elsewhere. The Clerk advised that this might be seen as a temporary solution if in time Councillors preferred to use a model adopted by other Leicestershire Councils. The Clerk emphasised that the website itself was of limited importance: most important was the accuracy and currency of the data displayed.

Further in the discussions the Council agreed that in the changes made the current domain name we-pc.info should be replaced by a more meaningful wymondhamandedmondthorpe.??? The Clerk would advise on the suffixes that are available eg.org, org.uk, .net etc

Action Clerk

**/2 to consider the status of the play equipment and its access for community use.**

Cllr Peters reported that school children had not been allowed access and therefore it was agreed to defer consideration of the question of Community use until the New Year.

**/3 to consider the purchase of more dog litter bins.**

Cllr Hobson reported that he had identified 8 existing sites along Main Street. Concern was raised about the type and siting of two existing bins. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Action All

Cllr Graham asked that MBC be reminded of the request for information on collection procedures with a copy to himself for further action.

**138 Finance**

**/1** the following payments were approved:

T Brown	re September 2020 salary (+ backpay)	£447.23
T Brown	re August 202 HMRC paye	£111.60
T Brown	re Allotment water	£69.62
T Brown	re April – Sept 2020 expenses	£139.57

**/2** the following bank balances at 25/9/20 were noted:

TSB Current account	£18071.07
TSB Deposit account	£35601.94

- /3 to authorise the transfer of £10000 from deposit to current account for impending payments.  
The Clerk asked that the transfer be authorised as £15000 in order to allow for the VAT to be paid on the two large invoices that would soon have to be paid. The VAT would be recovered on 1/4/2021
- /4 The meeting approved and the transfer request to TSB will be countersigned by two Councillors.  
to note Allotment water payments.  
The system of recovery of payment for water from WAA was noted.

**139 To receive items for the next agenda**

- /1 to consider the role and use of Social Media for Parish Council communications
- /2 to consider the purchase of more dog litter bins.
- /3 to consider future VAS purchases.

**140 Date of next meeting:** Monday 2nd November 2020 by videoconferencing

The meeting ended at 9.20pm