

## Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held by Videoconferencing/Zoom 6th April 2021.

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear, Kevin Spiers, Pat Peters, Matthew Williams & Nigel Hobson  
Borough Councillor Joe Orson  
Clerk: Terry Brown  
Adam Boucher - Operations Lead at Severn Trent (East)

### 216 Public Time

Adam Boucher gave a detailed and comprehensive review of the current provision of ST infrastructure in the Parish and how it had fared in recent months and in response to the heavy rainfall (see attached). He acknowledged the spill incidents that had occurred recently and examined the ST response and report to the Environment Agency.

In discussion with Cllr Gresham, he acknowledged that whilst not a statutory consultee for planning applications, his (ST) view was that possible developments such as Brickyard Lane would not require extra capacity to be installed by ST.

He agreed with Cllr Gresham that there was some linkage between the work of ST and LCCH for flood related issues and both agreed that the increase in hard landscaping was a significant factor in runoff and flooding.

### 217 Apologies for absence

None.

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

The meeting noted Cllr Peters' interest in land opposite 225/2

### 219 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Cllr Orson detailed the impending elections adding his view that they should have been delayed because of the Covid situation. He encouraged electors to register for postal votes.

He detailed the outcome of decisions on increases in Precept for both Melton Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council. He reminded the meeting of a 42% decrease in central funding to MBC from central government in the last 10 years.

### 220 /1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

These were approved by the meeting with one amendment to 210/1

### /2 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

These were approved by the meeting.

### 221 To receive the Clerk's report

Noted.

### 222 Matters arising from previous meetings.

#### /1 to review progress on flooding issues

Councillors noted the recent survey work carried out by LCCH and the Clerk is to write to request a summary of the survey findings. Action Clerk

#### /2 to review progress on hedge maintenance on The Drift

No action.

#### /3 to review progress on lighting issues.

The Clerk was asked to chase a response to the query raised at the March meeting.

Action Clerk

**223 To receive Councillors reports**

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

The Clerk is to write to St Peters to query the Community use of play equipment in out of School hours.

Action Clerk

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

No report – but see 227/6

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

Cllr Spiers reported that good progress was being made in producing for discussion a comprehensive summary of respondents' views on the requirements for traffic improvements.

**/4 to discuss progress on possible road improvements (Cllrs Spiers & Hobson)**

Discussed at 227/6

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

None.

**225 Planning**

**/1 To consider recent news on the Brick Yard Lane development**

The meeting considered at length a recent letter from Andrew Granger confirming their intention to seek planning consent for sites in Brickyard Lane one of which is allocated as a Reserve Site in the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to seek a meeting between Andrew Granger and members of the W&E Neighbourhood Plan Committee to discuss the implications of this.

Action Clerk

**/2 21/00257/FUL Strawberry Farm 1 Melton Road Wymondham**

Formation of two ponds, each measuring 150sq. meters with a depth of 1.5m. The ponds will form part of Natural England's District Level Licensing Scheme for great crested newts and will include associated buffer zones, stock fencing and bunds

No comment.

**226 Correspondence received.**

Emails:

19/3/2021 Andrew Granger re Brick Lane development  
Discussed at 225/1

25/3/2021 Simon Hopkinson re closure of Woolsthorpe Surgery  
Noted

**227 Matters for Discussion**

**/1 to consider a pre-application for grant to St Michael's & All Angels Church Edmondthorpe**

Following a review by the Clerk of the problems involved the Councillors agreed that this application lay outside of their powers to act and the Clerk is to write to the applicant accordingly.

Action Clerk

**/2 to review the dates for future meetings.**

Following a review by the Clerk of the relaxation of the Covid rules on meetings and the NALC response to such, the meeting agreed that the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting would be for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting would be arranged for a later date and to allow for public consultation on important impending issues such as Planning and Traffic.

**/3 to review Parish Council communications with parishioners (Cllr Peters)**

Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should seek to make use of local and existing Facebook pages to extend the lines of communication with parishioners. Cllr Mear agreed to act as the conduit to post suitable material.

Action Cllr Mear

**/4 to consider the present state of Edmondthorpe bus shelter (Cllr Gresham)**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**/5 to discuss parishioner concerns about local bus services (Cllr Williams)**

Deferred to the next meeting

**/6 to review VAS installation issues**

The Council approved a draft response to solicitors acting for a parishioner in this matter.

Action Clerk**228 Finance**

/1 the following payments were approved:

T Brown	re March 2021 salary	£383.23
T Brown	re March 2021 HMRC paye	£95.60
T Brown	re Allotment water bill	£61.31
LRALC	re 2021-22 annual subs	£272.54

/2 the following bank balances at 23/3/21 were confirmed as:

TSB Current account	£32245.40
TSB Deposit account	£20656.39

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

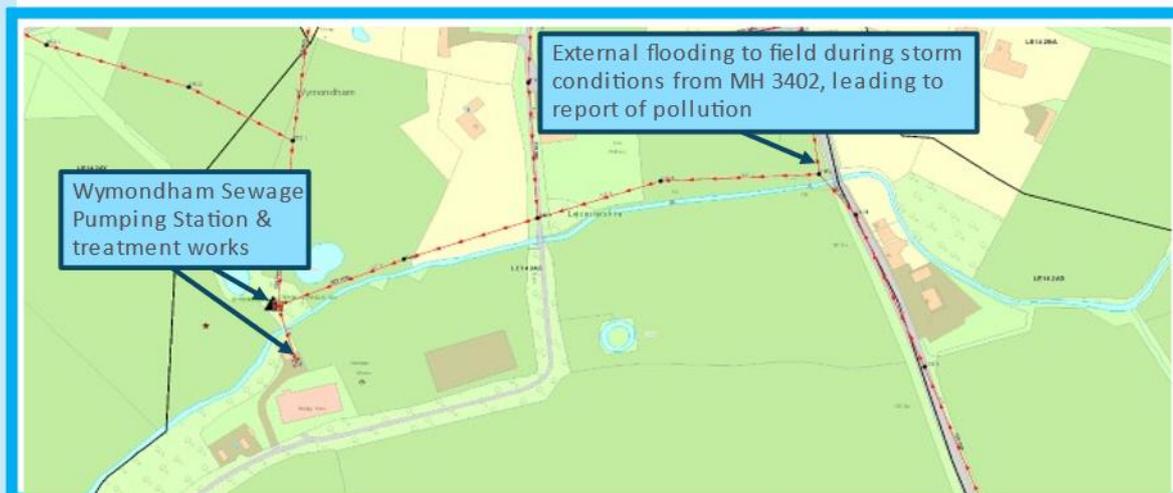
/2 To review progress on the installation of new dog/litter bins.

/4 To consider the present state of Edmondthorpe bus shelter (Cllr Gresham)

**230 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Annual Meeting of Parish Council by videoconferencing**

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

## WYMONDHAM LOCATION PLAN



Winter wet weather 2021 - Reported external flooding to field and potential pollution of watercourse.

# LOCATION PLAN



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# WYMONDHAM STORM OVERFLOW SPILL PERFORMANCE

- Following a period of prolonged rainfall, where ground saturation and water course levels remained high the local public drainage infrastructure was confirmed to have become overwhelmed. Throughout this period our team completed regular visits to the pumping station and treatment works. We closely monitored the pumping station performance which remained consistent and in line with Environment Agency consent.
- We introduced tankers over one weekend to reduce reported interruption of waste services being experienced by resident's properties.
- Wymondham STW Storm Overflow Spill performance for 2020 against Environment Agency permit T/54/45839/R.



Water Company Name	Site Name	Permit No.	Total Duration (hours) of all spills prior to processing through 12-24 hour counting method	Counted spills using 12-24hr counting method
Severn Trent Water	WYMONDHAM (STW)	T/54/45839/R	131.7	14

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# SUPPORTING DATA



*Telemetry data shown constant flow since 14<sup>th</sup> January, highly likely potential severe infiltration into the sewer network predominantly from the brook and infiltration of the sewerage network.*

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