

## Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held by Videoconferencing/Zoom 4th January 2021.

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

### 171 Public Time

None

### 172 Apologies for absence

None

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

Cllr Hobson declared an interest in item 180/1 and would recuse himself from the meeting on that item.

### 174 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Cllr Graham reported on the problems faced by MBC for budget setting because of the effects of Covid and Cllr Orson highlighted the current scale of the pandemic both within the Borough and County.

### 175 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

These were approved by the meeting.

### 176 To receive the Clerk's report

See attached.

### 177 Matters arising from previous meetings.

#### /1 to note progress on the purchase of dog litter bins.

The meeting noted the comments on this matter from the Clerk's report and thanked Malise Graham for his help. The meeting initially identified four prospective sites for new bins but noted the comment from MBC for any new bins to be both cost effective and to respond to a public concern.

Therefore, all Councillors are to notify any new sites needed to the Clerk by 12/1/21 who will then publish details of this initiative on the Notice Board to communicate with parishioners and elicit any further possible sites. The list of possible will then be decided at the February to be forwarded to MBC for action.

Action All

#### /2 to report progress on Sewstern Road bridge concerns.

The meeting noted the comments on this matter from the Clerk's report.

The Clerk reported that he was responding to a late received communication from Historic England requesting further information on the intended demolition.

Action Clerk

#### /3 to report progress on the Wildflower verge project

The meeting noted the comments on this matter from the Clerk's report. No action at this point was required.

#### /4 to report on Washbrook blockages

The meeting noted the comments on this matter from the Clerk's report. Cllrs Mear and Gresham reported on their recent meetings on this item.

Cllr Mear stated that there was a lack of fall in the brook downstream from the outfalls of the five culverts. Cllr Gresham expressed an opinion that the two piles of spoil, left behind by LCC Highways following work by them in previous years, on both the left and right hand banks immediately downstream from the road may be contributing to the problem.

It was agreed that LCCH should be the prime source of response. The meeting noted the Clerk's comments that three previous communications to them had produced no response but that even so a letter would be sent with copy to County Councillor Joe Orson.

Action Clerk

**/5 to report on Glebe Road lighting issues**

The meeting noted the comments on this matter from the Clerk's report and the recently received response from MBC Planning. However, the latter had not helped clarify the respective roles of the W&E Neighbourhood Plan and LCCH (as the statutory authority) in relation to planning for lighting.

It was agreed that two issues were involved. Cllr Williams is to contact the Glebe Road developers/Grace to ask for details of the site lighting and how they conform to Neighbourhood Plan requirements.

The Clerk is to write to LCCH to request that the new lighting conform to existing Parish standards in terms of illumination and height of posts Action Cllr Williams/Clerk

**178 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**

None.

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

None.

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

Councillor Spiers confirmed that a detailed plan and accompanying map that detailed the required improvements was still in preparation and that he hoped it to be ready for discussion at the February meeting. Action Cllrs Hobson & Spiers

**/5 Cllr Gresham asked for the Clerk to contact LCCH for a container to be removed from Edmondthorpe Main Street. Action Clerk****179 To receive and consider reports from representatives on outside bodies & meetings**

None

**180 Planning**

Cllr Hobson left the meeting

**/1 20/01091/FULHH 5 Old Manor Gardens Wymondham AMENDED PLAN- Retrospective application for velux roof light on the (west elevation) and installation of hardwood frame window (east elevation).**

No comment

Cllr Hobson rejoined the meeting

**/2 20/01359/FUL Agricultural Barn Wymondham Drift Wymondham The proposal is a redesign for an existing Approved dwelling (20/00543/GDOCOU) to respond to Parish comments regarding its architectural style**

No objections to be raised and the Clerk is to respond to MBC commenting on the improvements found in response to this new application and in line with the W&E Neighbourhood Plan. Action Clerk

**181 Correspondence received**

Emails:

12/12/2020	Tony Ebbs/MBC re Sewstern Road bridge
14/12/2020	Historical Railways Estate re demolition of Sewstern Road bridge
15/12/2020	Jim Worley/MBC re Glebe Road
21/12/2020	MBC re Infrastructure Funding Statement

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**182 Matters for Discussion**

None

**183 Finance**

/1 the following payments were approved:

T Brown	re December 2020 salary	£383.03
T Brown	re December 2020 HMRC paye	£95.80
Payroo	re payroll processing	£6.00

/2 the following bank balances at 27/12/20 were confirmed as:

TSB Current account	£35067.14
TSB Deposit account	£20634.27

/3 The Clerk to contact LCC for invoicing of the recently completed street lighting work.

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

None

**185 Date of next meeting:** Monday 1st February 2021 by videoconferencing

The meeting ended at 9.10pm

**Clerk's report 2.1.21**

The last month has been a quite dispiriting time to be a Clerk attempting to get things done.

A combination of Christmas and Covid has prompted most people/officials to go into deep hiding.

The following is the state of play on:

Wildflower verge project – I am the third point of a triangle with the other two vertices filled by LCC supernumeraries who do not seem to want to answer our specific question(s) such as "*confirmation that all species will be native to the area and that seeds/plants are of english provenance*" etc.

Dog litter bins – questions raised three times with MBC remain unanswered.

Sewstern Road bridge – a very prompt reply from Historic England stated that there was no case for a listing and so we await a 21-day notification from MBC of demolition.

The MBC Conservation Officer has mentioned the possibility of an Article 4 direction, namely:

*Article 4 directions*

An *article 4 direction* is made by the *local planning authority*. It restricts the scope of *permitted development rights* either in relation to a particular area or site, or a particular type of development anywhere in the authority's area. Where an article 4 direction is in effect, a planning application may be required for development that would otherwise have been permitted development. Article 4 directions are used to control works that could threaten the character of an area of acknowledged importance, such as a *conservation area*.

Article 4 directions can increase the public protection of *designated* and non-designated *heritage assets* and their settings. They are not necessary for works to *listed buildings* and *scheduled monuments* as *listed building consent* and *scheduled monument consent* would cover all potentially harmful works that would otherwise be *permitted development* under the planning regime. However, article 4 directions might assist in the protection of all other heritage assets (particularly conservation areas) and help the protection of the *setting* of all heritage assets, including listed buildings.

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*Article 4 directions may be used to require planning permission for the demolition of a non-designated heritage asset (such as a locally listed building outside of a conservation area), by removing the demolition rights under part 11 of the GPDO.*

Washbrook – This seems two dimensional.

Dimension one will be the problem components and there are two, the blockage under the road and the obstructions downstream. Dimension two is ownership of those two problems components.

The stream does not “belong” to an Internal Drainage Board e.g., Upper Witham IDB. And Severn Trent will only deal with pollution.

Size matters i.e. is it a river??? Obviously not so that knocks the Environment Agency out. In a small watercourse it is more likely that the ownership of any problem is down to riparian rights (and obligations) i.e. the adjacent landowners.

The blockage is undoubtedly down to LCCH as the lead local flood authority but to date there has been no response. As Clerk I must advise that the Parish Council has no power and scope for action here since the statutory authority is LCC – but you might be a long time waiting!!

Glebe Road lighting – I contacted MBC on this and he responded that a reply would be forthcoming from the case officer – I am waiting!!

Also, I am waiting for a reply from Grace Homes to the question about lights within the new development.....

VAS – an email from Dan 24/11 said:

*Sent: Tue, 24 Nov 2020 10:36*

*Subject: RE: [EXT] Wyomndham Quote for erection and installation of speed signs*

*Matthew*

*That is good news and we will place the order with EON and keep you informed. I agree a pre-start meeting is important, probably January now though.*

*Regards*

*Dan*