

## Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held by Videoconferencing/Zoom 1st March 2021.

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear, Kevin Spiers, Pat Peters, Matthew Williams & Nigel Hobson  
Borough Councillor Joe Orson  
Clerk: Terry Brown  
Two members of the public

### 201 Public Time

The applicant's architect for **21/00082/FUL Agricultural Barn Wymondham Drift Wymondham Conversion of agricultural barn to residential dwelling** reviewed the discussions he and his client had with MBC Planning to resolve existing issues with the application, in particular with the design of the roof.

### 202 Apologies for absence

Borough Councillor Malise Graham

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

The meeting noted Cllr Gresham's interest in land opposite 210/1

### 204 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Cllr Orson detailed the outcome of decisions on increases in Precept for both Melton Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council. He identified the significant increase in local financing of Police as yet another example of the shift in funding for services from central to local authorities.

### 205 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

These were approved by the meeting.

### 206 To receive the Clerk's report

Noted.

### 207 Matters arising from previous meetings.

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

Councillors noted the significant increase in responses to the current problems from the various agencies. However, and following a site meeting, Cllr Gresham reviewed the work that remained and emphasised the need for LCC in the longer term to replace the problematic main pipe on the north of Main Street from the middle of the Village through to Washbrook. Action Clerk

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

The meeting noted that all bar one of the adjoining properties had responded to the Clerk's request. The Clerk is to follow up on this. Action Clerk

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

Councillors did not consider that previous responses from LCCH adequately addressed lighting issues. within the new St Peter's Rise and in particular the scope for such to conform to the requirements of the W&E Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that Cllr Williams would draft further questions to be submitted for a response. Action Cllr Williams

### 208 To receive Councillors reports

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

Cllr Peters reminded Councillors of a previous decision to query the Community use of play equipment in out of School hours. it was decided to return to this after Easter when the Covid situation might be better known.

#### /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 Williams reported on the problems that had arisen with the recent final confirmation of the siting of the equipment. In response to some residents' concerns Cllrs Williams, Hobson and Mear had identified an alternative but nearby position for the southern VAS indicator.

The meeting delegated to these Councillors the authority to resolve such remaining problems for the final installation of the equipment subject to an additional spending allowance up to £1500 ( W&E Financial Regulations 11.1a) Action Cllrs Williams, Hobson & Mear

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

Councillor Spiers reported an increased interest in participation from residents in the Group's ongoing development of a comprehensive plan. Action Cllrs Hobson & Spiers

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

None.

**210 Planning****/1 21/00082/FUL Agricultural Barn Wymondham Drift Wymondham Conversion of agricultural barn to residential dwelling**

Following the information provided by the applicant's architect in Public Time the meeting agreed (with Cllr Paters objecting) that the application would provide a house more in keeping with the rest of the village.

**211 Correspondence received.**

Emails:

4/2/2021 CCT re St Michael's & All Angels Church Edmondthorpe  
Discussed at 212/1  
5/2/2021 Richard Newing Leics CC re streetlights  
Discussed in 207/3

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

The Clerk outlined the background to the application, the current and future Parish Council finances and the problems for such support because of the 1894 Local Government Act.

Following a long discussion, the Councillors agreed that this should be considered further at the next meeting in conjunction with a review of provisions in existing W&E Grant Policies. Action Clerk

**/2 to consider an application("plea") to increase the number of Parish Councillors (Cllr Gresham)**

The Clerk advised on the number of Councillors allocated to neighbouring Parishes and the grounds that might be considered appropriate by MBC to support any increase in the number for W&E.

The Clerk emphasised the need to demonstrate Community support for any such increase and therefore an application is to considered further at a time when Covid restrictions have been lifted.

**/3 to consider Parish Council support for a Covid related activity**

Councillors considered an application for a small grant towards running a Scarecrow Competition. The Clerk emphasised the need to consider all aspects of Community Engagement. A resolution to support the application was proposed but not seconded.

**/4 to propose a parting gift for Community services (Cllr Williams)**

Councillors considered various ways to mark their appreciation for services rendered to the Community by individual Parishioners. Cllr Williams to draft two such letters of thanks. Action Cllr Williams

**213 Finance**

/1 the following payments were approved:

T Brown	re February 2021 salary	£383.03
T Brown	re February 2021 HMRC paye	£95.80
LeicsCC	re Street lighting 20/21	£2185.62
LeicsCC	re Street light conversion	£20729.57
Payroo	re payroll processing	£6.00

/2 the following bank balances at 20/2/21 were confirmed as:

TSB Current account	£32775.83
TSB Deposit account	£20651.64

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

- /1 To receive an update on remaining problems with hedges on Wymondham Drift
- /2 To review progress on the installation of new dog/litter bins.
- /3 To review W&E Grant Policies and further consideration of 212/1
- /4 To consider the present state of Edmondthorpe bus shelter (Cllr Gresham)

**215 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by videoconferencing**

The meeting ended at 9.25pm