

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

4th October 2021- Wymondham Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Trevor Mear, Kevin Spiers & Nigel Hobson
Borough Councillors Malaise Graham
Members of public: Jenny Weston

321 To elect a Chair for the meeting

Cllr Hobson was proposed and seconded.

322 Public Time

Jenny Weston on behalf of the Journal Committee gave an update on the Committee's current thoughts on how to maintain a Journal presence in some form. But this was unlikely to be in in previous format in part because of the difficulties in renewing advertisers' contributions.

Current thinking was towards either a Facebook page (but separate from the existing Village Page) and/or a noticeboard. Facebook was considered because the Covid period has probably led to more Journal users becoming used to such a Social Media source for information.

But the Committee was still assessing the possibilities and she agreed to report back to the Parish Council on developments and decisions.

Cllr Hobson offered whatever support from the Parish Council that was necessary in order to continue this important source of Village communication.

The Clerk reminded the meeting of a redundant noticeboard by the Pingle that could be made available.

Cllr Spiers passed on a reported concern about the state of Parish seats. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for November. Cllr Mear would provide a report on their current state of repair/disrepair. This discussion might then inform the 2022 budget and precept. Action Cllr Mear

323 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Matthew Williams, Howard Gresham & Pat Peters
Borough Councillor Joe Orson

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

None.

325 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Malaise Graham stressed the difficulties that MBC will face as it begins its 2022 budget discussions.

326 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 6th September 2021

These were approved by the meeting.

327 To receive the Clerk's report

Noted.

328 Matters arising from previous meetings.

/1 to review progress on dog bin issues.
Awaiting feedback from 'Roots to Wings' (Pat Peters)

/2 to report on the current status of the Journal.(Cllr Hobson)
See Public Time

/3 to consider a further defibrillator at a site at the western end of Wymondham.

Cllr Hobson reported on a recent visit from Martin Fagan (Community Heatbeat) who advised that the most appropriate location amongst the three possibilities for a second defibrillator would be at St Peters Primary School.

Cllr Hobson is to approach the School to discuss this further.

Action Cllr Hobson

It was agreed that the Parish Council should accept the need for a replacement programme of the two existing defibrillators – August 2023 for Wymondham and September 2024 for Edmondthorpe – and this should be funded starting a Reserve built up from the 2022 budget and precept onwards.

329 To receive Councillors reports

/1 to receive a report for St Peters School

No report.

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

No report.

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

Councillors considered the Clerk's summary of the current situation and the delay in the installation of the new equipment.

It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a letter for the attention of County Councillor Joe Orson and that the draft would be considered by Zoom before forwarding for Cllr Orson's attention and help.

Action Clerk

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

See 329/3

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

None

331 Planning

/1 21/01029/FULHH 12 Old Manor Gardens, Wymondham

Single storey rear extension

No comment

332 Correspondence received

Letters:

25/9/21 MBC re 2022/23 Precept

Councillors noted the Clerk's comments on the need to present a substantiated budget and precept demand for 2022.

333 Matters for Discussion

/1 to discuss possible Parish Council sponsored works at Washbrook. (Cllr Gresham) defer to November meeting

/2 to discuss schemes to improve problems such as difficulty walkers face when journeying between Wymondham & Edmondthorpe; in particular, sections of grass verge along Edmondthorpe Rd are impassable without walking on the road.
And secondly, sections of the 'Waddings' footpath are reduced to deep muddy holes! (Cllr Gresham) defer to November meeting.

334 Finance

/1 the following payments were approved:

T Brown	re September 2021 salary	£424.20
T Brown	re September 2021 HMRC paye	£106.20
T Brown	re Waterplus payment	£52.26
T Brown	re Payroo payroll processing	£12.00
T Brown	re 123 web hosting annual sub	£100.66
T Brown	re domain hosting annual fee	£19.19
Coeval	re VAS EN 2693	£2846.00
T Brown	re apr21 sept21 Clerk expenses	£129.65
T Brown	re 2020-21 Work from Home allowance	£100.00

/2 bank balances at 25/9/21 were reconciled to:

TSB Current account	£17352.95
TSB Deposit account	£20687.64

335 To receive items for the next agenda

/1 Cllr Gresham noted the difficulty walkers face when journeying between Wymondham & Edmondthorpe. In particular sections of grass verge along Edmondthorpe Rd are impassable without walking on the road. Secondly sections of the 'Waddings' footpath are reduced to deep muddy holes! It was suggested the PC should discuss and put forward schemes to improve matters.

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/3 to discuss the state of Parish seats.

336 Date of next meeting: Monday 1st November 2021 at Edmondthorpe Social Club