

## Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

6th September 2021- Edmondthorpe Social Club

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham (Chair), Trevor Mear, Kevin Spiers & Nigel Hobson  
Borough Councillors Malaise Graham (final 30 minutes)  
Members of public: One member of the public

In the Clerk's absence notes of the meeting were taken by Cllr Hobson

### 306 Public Time

Mrs Anita Broughton of Mann's Farm, raised serious concerns regarding speeding traffic on the eastern approach to the village. Councillors concurred with her views and noted a speed survey was currently being undertaken. It was agreed that pending the outcome of the speed survey, the PC would formally request LCC roads department to re-position the 30mph speed limit on the eastern approach to its original location i.e. at the Washbrook. Mrs Broughton also raised the ineffectiveness of the VAS, and this was considered under item 317/3

### 307 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Matthew Williams & Pat Peters  
Borough Councillor Joe Orson  
The Clerk

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

None.

### 309 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Malaise Graham reported that Melton BC is to offer accommodation to two families of Afghan refugees (ex-British Army interpreters).

### 310 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

These were approved by the meeting.

### 311 To receive the Clerk's report

Noted.

### 312 Matters arising from previous meetings.

**/1 to review progress on flooding issues**  
Awaiting further contact from LCC

**/2 to review progress on dog bin issues.**  
Awaiting feedback from 'Roots to Wings' (Pat Peters)

**/3 to report on the current status of the Journal.(Cllr Hobson)**  
Deferred to next PC meeting when Mrs Jenny Western can attend.

**/4 to consider a further defibrillator at a site at the western end of Wymondham.**  
Having received a report from Councillor Hobson the meeting resolved to ask the secretary of Community Heartbeat to undertake an assessment and advise the PC on the most appropriate site and type of defibrillator. It was noted the cost of a new defibrillator will be in the region of £1000, to £1400, depending on the type and specification. It was further noted that the Karen Ball fund has indicated it may be able to contribute toward the cost. Action Cllr Hobson

### 313 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**

This group to be convened once the central village VAS has been installed.

Action Cllrs Spiers & Hobson.

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

A request for £1400 will be made from the Borough Councils 'Traffic Fund' (J Orson) towards the cost of improving our VAS equipment.

Action Clerk

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

None

**315 Planning****/1 21/00897/FULHH The Banks, the Drift Road, Wymondham.**

The PC has no objection to this development. However, materials used must be congruent with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action Clerk

**316 Correspondence received**

Noted

**317 Matters for Discussion****/1 To approve a response to letter 17/8/21 HCR solicitors.**

The draft letter was approved.

**/2 To discuss progress of VAS implementation.**

The PC resolved that this work should be expedited without further delay.

The PC confirmed the previously agreed position of the VAS. It was further agreed to fund the additional costs associated with its installation, to avoid further delays.

**/3 To consider the replacement of an existing VAS.**

The PC considered a proposal from Cllrs Spiers & Hobson. It was agreed to replace the old VAS with a new one of the same type to be used in the village centre. The estimate for purchase installation and commissioning by COEVAL was accepted, and expenditure approved.

Action Clerk

**/4 To discuss possible Parish Council sponsored works at Washbrook.**

The Chairman outlined a possible scheme, whereby the PC coordinates efforts to dredge the brook downstream of the Washbrook. This would entail offering a grant to the owners of land surrounding the Washbrook to help clear the riverbanks / bed, thus alleviating the risk of flooding in the village. The meeting concluded this scheme has merit, and recommends it be formally discussed at the next meeting.

**318 Finance**

/1 the following payments were approved:

T Brown	re July 2021 salary	£424.40
T Brown	re July2021 HMRC paye	£106.00
Came & Co	re annual insurance	£893.06

/2 bank balances at 14/7/21were reconciled to:

TSB Current account	£20269.47
TSB Deposit account	£20677.10

/3 to confirm annual payments for Parish maintenance activities.

These were confirmed as:

Mr J Measures	re Edmondthorpe bus shelter	£80
Mrs T Bryan	re Wymondham bus shelter	£80
Mrs Hickman	re Edmondthorpe War Memorial	£50
Mt T Mear	re Wymondham War Memorial	£50

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

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.

**320** Date of next meeting: Monday 4th October 2021 at [Wymondham Village Hall](#)