

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Monday 4th April 2022 – Wymondham Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham, Kevin Spiers, Trevor Mear
Borough Councillor Malise Graham
Clerk: Terry Brown
2 members of the public

046 Public Time

None

047 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Nigel Hobson & Pat Peters.

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

None.

049 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

Cllr Graham reported on recent portfolio changes amongst Councillors at MBC

050 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 7th March 2022

These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman

051 To receive the Clerk's report

Noted

052 Matters arising from previous meetings.

/1 to receive an update on actions for the Parish Council to increase its members from 6 to 8.

The Clerk reported a lack of substantive reply from Melton Borough Council on this item and the meeting accepted the Clerk's advice that MBC should now be formally petitioned to instigate such a Review. Action Clerk

/2 to review the current Parish Council vacancy

Two parishioners attended the meeting with a view to making a possible application and in addition two more possible interested parishioners were reported.

/3 to receive information on the cleaning rota and coverage of the Village by MBC/Biffa

The Clerk reported that MBC had confirmed that the two new intended sites would be collected. Therefore the meeting agreed that two new bins should be purchased but of a design similar to others already installed and the Clerk is to source a supplier. Action Clerk

053 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 and to discuss progress on possible road improvements (Cllrs Spiers & Hobson)

There was a general discussion about the possible next steps to be taken with perhaps an emphasis on the enhancement of signage at village entrances.

Cllr Spiers reported that he was now able to download data from the installed VAS.

/4 to receive a report for the W&E Play Committee (Cllr Hobson)

No report.

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

No reports

055 Planning

The meeting considered the following late arrived planning applications:

**/1 22/00299/FUL - 39 Edmondthorpe Road Wymondham
Proposed change of use from office to residential**

No comment

**/2 22/00444/FULHH – Ivy Cottage 3 Spring Lane Wymondham
Erection of garden room.**

No comment.

056 Correspondence received

Emails:

25/3/22 PKF Littlejohn re 2022 AGAR

Noted – see 058/3

057 Matters for Discussion**/1 to consider contracting private maintenance of the Washdyke & eastern road
gullies (Cllr Mear)**

Considerable discussion took place around the two main concerns, namely the clearance of blockages at the Washbrook and a means to clear road drains given that the current Leics Highways regime was not appropriate.

The meeting noted the Clerk's advice that the Parish Council did not have the power to clear such drains although there was the possibility that such a power could be delegated to the Parish Council from the County Council.

The Clerk was asked to continue to complain to Leics Highways about the lack of an effective cleaning regime and in particular to ask for immediate action at two points in the Village.

Action Cllr Mear & Clerk

Further it was agreed that contractors could be called in immediately if action were required at the Washdyke.

Action Cllr Gresham & Clerk**/2 to consider purchase of a new printer/copier/scanner**

The purchase was approved at a cost of £145

Action Clerk**/3 to consider arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting**The meeting approved the change of date to Monday 30th May.Action Clerk**058 Finance****/1 the following payments were approved:**

T Brown	re March 2022 salary	£518.90
T Brown	re March 2022 HMRC paye	£129.80
T Brown	re Water-plus payment	£57.10
T Brown	re 2022/3 Microsoft Office sub(75%)	£60.00
Edmondthorpe Social Club	re Room hire,	£105.00
H.P.Gresham	re bench installation	£50.40
T Brown	re Clerk expenses Oct21 -Mar 22	£126.22
Coeval	re VAS site visit to configure	£468.75
B Russell	re Mini Minglers Play Group grant	£150

In addition:

LRALC	re 2022/3 subs	£286.56
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/2 bank balances at 27/3/22 were reconciled to:

TSB Current account	£19380.26
TSB Deposit account	£20718.42

/3 to receive information on 2022 AGAR section 2:

The meeting noted that the 2021/2 AGAR would be part of the 5% national sample.

/4 The Clerk reported the closure in June of the TSB branch.

059 To receive items for the next agenda

None

060 Date of next meeting: Monday 30th May 2022 at Wymondham Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The meeting closed at 9.20pm