

## Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 4th July 2022 – Wymondham Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Kevin Spiers, Trevor Mear, Nigel Hobson, Anita Broughton  
Borough Councillor Malise Graham  
Clerk: Terry Brown  
2 members of the public

In the absence of the Chair of the Council the Vice Chair Cllr Hobson took the chair for the meeting.

### 087 Public Time

Mike Fryer on behalf of the Wymondham Flower Festival Committee gave additional information to that in their tabled report (appended)

Councillors thanked the Committee for all their hard work which had resulted in a significant contribution to the engagement of all in the community and further, hoped that such would presage future such ventures that the Parish Council could support.

Cllr Hobson reminded the meeting of a defibrillator training session to be held in Wymondham Village Hall 1<sup>st</sup> September 7pm

### 088 To receive applications for the vacancy of Parish Councillor

Ben Woods offered himself for co-option as Parish Councillor. The Chair thanked both him for his interest. Councillors then elected Ben Woods to join the Parish Council and he signed to accept the office of Councillor to W&E Parish Council.

### 089 To receive apologies for absence

Howard Gresham

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

Councillor Broughton declared an interest in item 095/3.

### 091 Borough and County Councillor time

Cllr Graham reported on his work following the recent portfolio changes amongst Councillors at MBC and in particular the emphasis on helping families and individuals in need and where possible. This help was extended to all possible cases for action in the Parish.

### 092 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022

These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair of the Meeting

### 093 To receive the Clerk's report.

None

### 094 Matters arising from previous meetings

#### /1 to review progress re Polka Walk streetlight

It was agreed that there were two problems namely intrusive trees and then whether the existing light was functional.

As a first step there was some question as to the ownership of the land on which the problem trees stood and Cllrs Mear and Woods are to investigate. Action Cllr Mear & Woods

#### /2 to review progress on installation of new dog bins.

Cllrs Hobson and Mear reported on their meetings to seek householders' views on the positioning of the two new intended bins.

It was agreed to purchase one new general purpose bin to be placed in Nurses Lane which the Clerk would purchase subject to two further points of clarification to be supplied by Cllrs Mear and Hobson. Action Cllrs Mear and Hobson and Clerk

#### /3 to consider PC representative to John Sedley Foundation

The Parish Council agreed to ask ex Councillor Pat Peters to continue to act as the Parish Council representative. Action Clerk

/4 Cllr Mear reminded fellow Councillors of the decision taken at the March 2022 meeting (037/1) to reconsider the appearance of the poles of the new VAS signs. This is to be an agenda item for the August meeting. Action Clerk

**095 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 and on possible road improvements (Cllrs Spiers & Hobson)**

Cllr Broughton commented on traffic speeds at the east entrance to the village, the appropriateness of the current siting of the 30mph sign and the costs of moving the sign.

Cllr Spier reminded the meeting of the history to this and the actions that had followed advice from Leics Highways for a phasing of speed limits from 50mph to 30 mph to attempt to combat excess speeding at this point.

The meeting agreed that the problem needed further review, perhaps with the intention of installing gated entrances. In the meantime Cllrs Hobson and Spiers would download data from the VAS signs to review the current situation.

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

No report

**097 Planning**

None

**098 Correspondence received**

Emails:

1/6/22 Charlotte Colton re Sir John Educational Foundation  
9/6/22 MBC re Planning Workshop 7//7/22

Noted

**099 Matters for Discussion**

**/1 to discuss overgrown foliage on Craggs Walk & Back Walk and Polka Walk (Cllr Mear)**

It was agreed that Cllr Mear and Broughton would walk the site to identify the land on which any problem areas lay. Action Cllrs Mear and Broughton.

Also Cllr Hobson is to investigate of a possible source of paid help to hire to trim offending verges. Action Cllr Hobson

**/2 to consider and approve a revised Code of Conduct**

The draft revised Code of Conduct was approved for adoption by the Parish Council.

**/3 to review Parish Council communications and Community engagement**

The meeting reviewed various possible methods to improve Parish Council communications. The Clerk is to draft a possible document for the noticeboard and website for consideration at the next meeting. Action Clerk

**100 Finance****/1 the following payments were approved:**

T Brown	re June 2022 salary	£431.70
T Brown	re June 2022 HMRC paye	£107.80
B Russell	re Mings third payment	£100
T Brown	re May payroll processing inv 23-01724	£6.00
Mr J Measures	re Edmondthorpe bus shelter	£80.00
Mrs T Bryan	re Wymondham bus shelter	£80.00
Mrs Hickman	re Edmondthorpe War Memorial	£50.00
Mr T Mear	re Wymondham War Memorial	£50.00

**/2 bank balances at 24/6/22 were reconciled to:**

TSB Current account	£17589.74
TSB Deposit account	£20734.09

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

- /1 to reconsider the appearance of the poles of the new VAS signs.
- /2 to review the conduct of the Annual Parish Meeting

**102 Date of next meeting: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at Edmondthorpe Social Club**

To be followed by

September 5<sup>th</sup> Wymondham  
 October 3<sup>rd</sup> Edmondthorpe  
 November 7<sup>th</sup> Wymondham  
 December 5<sup>th</sup> Edmondthorpe

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

## Wymondham Flower Festival Report

On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June Wymondham celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. There were floral decorations in St. Peter's Church, gardens open to the public and refreshments were available throughout the village.

Residents of Wymondham, Edmondthorpe, Cottesmore, and Whissendine joined in the preparations for this special occasion.

The flower arrangements in the Church interpreted the theme of "A Life of Service" a reference to The Queen's seventy-year reign. The children from St Peter's School, aided by some of the Mums, depicted a Royal Tea Party, with the Queen seated at the table which was decorated with planted teacups. The visitors to the Church greatly enjoyed the event and all the floral displays and were very complimentary.

Despite heavy rain on Sunday there were six gardens open over the two days and they were well attended. There were donation boxes for the Flower Festival at each garden as well as at the Church. Overall the event was well attended and the village welcomed many visitors.

The garden railway belonging to Councillor Hobson was particularly popular with approximately fifty people enjoying the miniature railway. Also popular were the Llamas and Camilla the Camel who also live in the village!

The Flower Festival was funded with money raised from coffee mornings, plant sales as well as a grant from The Parish Council.

The proceeds of the Flower Festival and raffle, which together raised over £1,400, will be dispersed to village organisations as decided by the Flower Festival Committee at our final committee meeting on 6th July.

