

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

7th March 2022 – Edmondthorpe Social Club

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham, Kevin Spiers, Trevor Mear & Nigel Hobson
Borough Councillor Malise Graham
Clerk: Terry Brown
1 member of the public

031 Public Time

Barbara Russell explained her request for grant aid from the Parish Council for the running of a child and parent group in the Village Hall in holiday times. This had already been started successfully and had received some funding from the Sedley Trust.

It was aimed primarily at the 5-11 age range and therefore did not conflict with other child provision in the village. She outlined the types of activities that would be provided and emphasised the advantage to children in the village in having a continued meeting with their peers outside of the term times.

In response to questions from Councillors she confirmed that the group would meet all H&S and insurance requirements.

Councillors agreed that it represented a very important contribution to Village life and later at 042/1 resolved to grant £350 for a year's support of the proposed Play Group

032 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pat Peters and County Councillor Joe Orson.

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

None.

034 To receive Borough and County Councillor reports

No reports

035 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 7th February 2022

These were approved by the meeting.

The meeting noted the Clerk's advice that the minutes should concentrate on reporting the decisions made and a brief summary of any important arguments made in discussions and not to include detailed verbatim reports.

036 To receive the Clerk's report

For information for items 042/1 and 043/1: T Brown re 2021 Payroo payments £54.00

037 Matters arising from previous meetings.

/1 to receive an update on VAS issues

Cllr Hobson reported on his recent communications with Coeval to get the engineer in asap to recalibrate the devices for them to then be fully operational.

Councillors considered the various comments they had received from parishioners concerning the appearance of the new poles. After due consideration the Council decided to postpone any action to be taken until a further review of the situation at the July meeting.

/2 to receive an update on actions for the Parish Council to increase its members from 6 to 8.

The Clerk reported on recent discussions with the MBC Monitoring Officer concerning action that could be taken to make further progress within the context of a Community Governance Review procedure. The Clerk will report back at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

The Council reconfirmed its support for the proposal to increase the number of Parish Councillors.

/3 to review the current Parish Council vacancy

The Clerk reported that the Notice of Vacancy had expired on the 3rd March and that a notice for co-option had been posted on the website and noticeboard with applications for the vacancy to be considered at the forthcoming April meeting.

/4 to discuss recent issues with respect to Leics CC road cleaning activities (Cllr Gresham))

The Clerk reported on outcome of discussions with Leics CC re concerns of the misuse of Washbrook and details of the drain cleaning regime

It is most probable that the contractors only used Washbrook to release waste water. Gulley cleaning is carried out on either a 10month, 20 month or 30-month cycle and the Clerk is promised a map to show which drains are on each of these cycles.

Cllr Gresham reminded the Clerk to pursue past unresolved promises of action from Leics Highways of engineering works at the Washbrook and pipe clearing on Edmondthorpe Road. Action Clerk

The Clerk reminded the meeting that anyone can report a problem such as road or street lighting via the //www.leicestershire.gov.uk website (see attached)

038 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 but see **041 Correspondence received:** 14/2/22 LeicsCC re Neighbourhood Plan review

/3 to receive a report for W&E Traffic Group and to discuss progress on possible road improvements (Cllrs Spiers & Hobson)

See 037/1

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

The Chair reconfirmed the Parish Council's continued interest and support for the project.

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

No reports

040 Planning

/1 21/01343/FUL - North View 48 Main Street Wymondham

Proposed change of use of the property to part residential and part commercial.

No comment

/2 22/00314/ADV - North View 48 Main Street Wymondham

Erection of non-illuminated signage to front of property.

No comment

/3 0/01258/FULHH - Autumn Cottage 11 Edmondthorpe Road Wymondham

Demolition of single storey extension to northwest elevation and replace with two storey extension, building up of brickwork to include roof removal to southeast elevation to two storeys. Insertion of three rooflights within roof slope of rear elevation and removal of Tyrolean render to expose original stonework.

Amended plans have been received in connection with the above application

No comment

041 Correspondence received

Emails:

10/2/22 LRALC re payroll services – see 043/1

14/2/22 LeicsCC re Neighbourhood Plan review

Cllr Hobson reported on a Zoom meeting to consider NP reviews and that the W&E Plan needed to be current with all recent changes in planning legislation but that changes to the Plan would incur a full Public consultation procedure.

17/2/22 Edd de Coverly re Community Governance Review

20/2/22 Ben Creasey re tree works on Main Street 6th April

22/2/22 Royal British Legion re Jubilee celebrations

042 Matters for Discussion**/1 to review Parish Council's Grants Policies**

The Council accepted the Clerk's advice to have a single Grants (for Organisations) policy given the existing powers available to parish councils to support village halls and social clubs (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19) and thus approved the revised current Grants for Organisation policy.

The Chair reminded colleagues of the considerable number of existing powers available to parish councils – see the attached.

The Council further resolved to approve the minor revisions to be made to the Council's existing Reserves policy. Action Clerk

Following the discussions in Public Time the Parish Council resolved to grant £350 for a year's support of the proposed Play Group Action Clerk

/2 to discuss the circulation of draft documents (Cllr Gresham)

It was agreed that all Councillors should see draft documents but that comments could only be made by those attending the meeting at which the draft document had been discussed.

/3 to consider a future parish newsletter

The Clerk introduced a possible template for a newsletter and this item is to be considered further at the April meeting.

/4 to consider the cleaning rota and coverage of the Village by MBC/Biffa

The meeting identified the location of two new bins in Wymondham and the Clerk is to confirm that these would be on the MBC collection route. Action Clerk

In addition:

/5 to consider action necessary to repair the Edmondthorpe bus shelter (Cllr Gresham)

Cllr Gresham reported on his findings of the condition of the shelter and the work necessary to make suitable repairs. After considering the suitability and cost of new shelters the Council resolved to authorise Cllr Gresham to carry out his recommended repairs within a budget of £500.

043 Finance

/1 the following payments were approved:

T Brown	re February 2022 salary	£424.40
T Brown	re February 2022 HMRC paye	£106.00
T Brown	re Payroo payroll processing	£12.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	re new Defibrillator	£662.00
T Brown	re 2021 Payroo payments	£54.00

In addition:

Wymondham Village Hall	re Meeting hires	£48.00
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/2 bank balances at 26/2/22 were reconciled to:

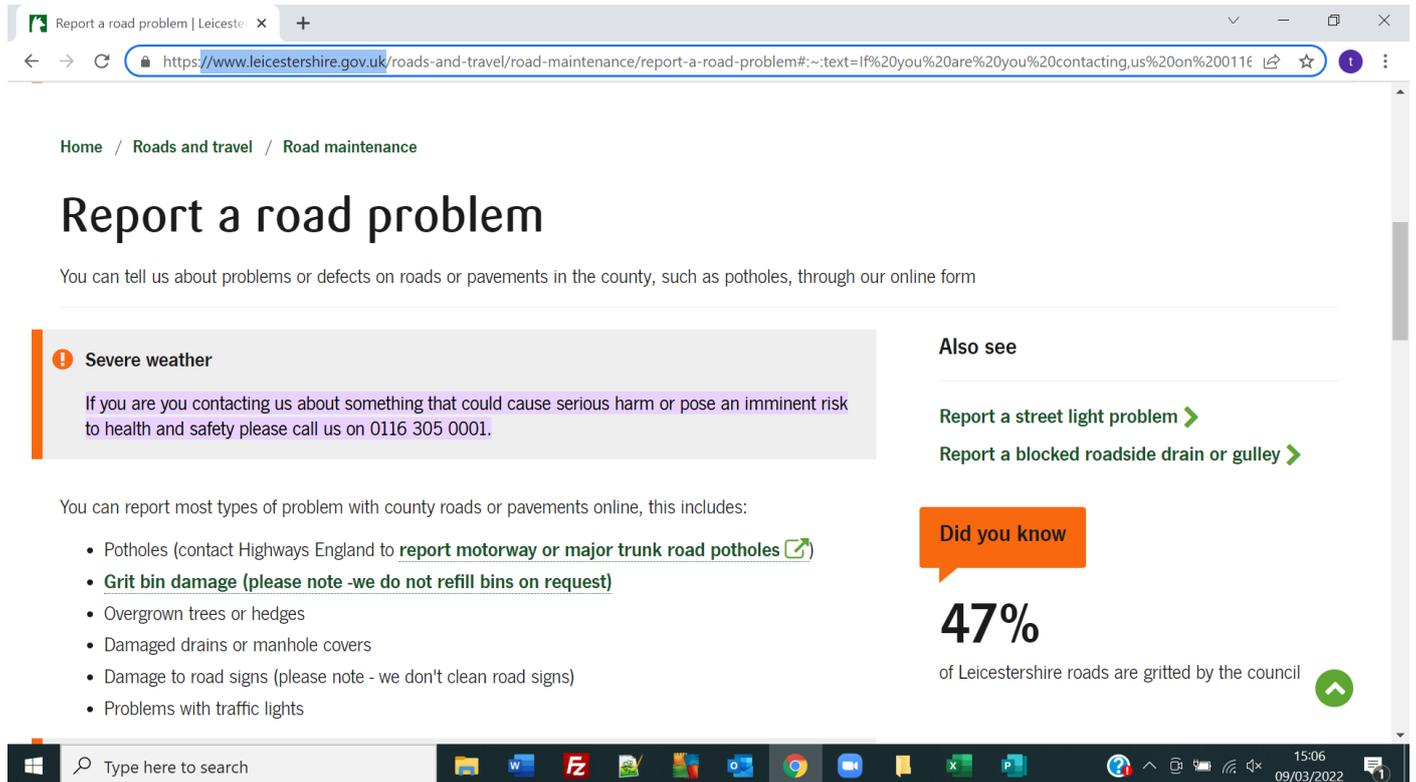
TSB Current account	£22710.34
TSB Deposit account	£20713.65

044 To receive items for the next agenda

- /1 to consider a future parish newsletter
- /2 to consider the cleaning rota and coverage of the Village by MBC/Biffa

045 Date of next meeting: Monday 4th April 2022 at Wymondham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.40pm



POWERS OF A PARISH COUNCIL

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provisions
Allotments	Duty to provide allotments.	Small Holding & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
	Power to improve and adapt land for allotments, and to let grazing rights	
Baths and washhouses	Power to provide public baths and washhouses	Public Health Act 1936, ss. 221, 222, 223 and 227
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Power to acquire and maintain	Open Spaces Act 1906, Ss 9 and 10; Local Government Act 1972, s. 214; Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s. 1
	Power to provide	Local Government Act 1972, s. 214(6)
	Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials	
	Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries	
Bus shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s. 4
Bye-laws	Power to make bye-laws in regard to pleasure grounds	Public Health Act 1875, s. 164
	Cycle parks	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.57(7)
	Baths and washhouses	Public Health Act 1936, s.223
	Open spaces and burial grounds	Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15
	Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2
Closed churchyards	Powers as to maintenance	Local Government Act 1972, s.215
Common pastures	Powers in relation to providing common pasture	Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908, s.34
Conference facilities	Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities	Local Government Act 1972, s.144
Community centres	Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social, or recreational objectives	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
Crime prevention	Powers to install and maintain equipment and establish and maintain a scheme for detection or prevention of crime	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31
	Power to contribute to police services e.g. PCSOs	Police Act 1996, s.92
	Duty on Parish Councils to consider crime reduction in every policy and action	s17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended)
Drainage	Power to deal with ponds and ditches	Public Health Act 1936, s.260
Dogs	Power to make a Dog Control Order	Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
	Power to take enforcement action against those who commit an offence against a Dog Control Order	
Entertainment and the arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts	Local Government Act 1972, s.145
Flyposting and Graffiti	Power to take enforcement action against those that flypost or graffiti	Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
Gifts	Power to accept	Local Government Act 1972, s.139
	Power to maintain footpaths and bridleways	Highways Act 1980, ss.43,50

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provisions
Highways	Power to light roads and public places	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3;
	Provision of litter bins	Highways Act 1980, s.301
	Powers to provide parking places for bicycles and motorcycles, and other vehicles	
	Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
	Power to provide roadside seats and shelters	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss.57,63 Highways Act 1980, ss.30,72
	Consent of parish council required for ending maintenance of highway at public expense, or for stopping up or diversion of highway	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1
	Power to complain to highway authority as to unlawful stopping up or obstruction of highway or unlawful encroachment on roadside wastes	Highways Act 1980, ss.47,116
	Power to provide traffic signs and other objects or devices warning of danger	Highways Act 1980, s.130
	Power to plant trees and lay out grass verges etc. and to maintain them	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.72 Highways Act 1980, s.96
	Investments	Power to participate in schemes of collective investment
Land	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of	Local Government Act 1972, ss.124, 126, 127
	Power to accept gifts of land	Local Government Act 1972, s.139
Litter	Provision of receptacles	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
	Power to take enforcement action against those that litter	Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
Lotteries	Powers to promote	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s.7
Mortuaries and post mortem rooms	Powers to provide mortuaries and post mortem rooms	Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Open spaces	Power to acquire land and maintain	Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
Parish documents	Powers to direct as to their custody	Local Government Act 1972, s.226
Telecommunications facilities	Power to pay public telecommunications operators any loss sustained providing telecommunication facilities	Telecommunications Act 1984, s.97
Public buildings and village hall	Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies	Local Government Act 1972, s.133
Public conveniences	Power to provide	Public Health Act 1936, s.87
Sustainable communities	Able to be represented on a panel of representatives to be consulted on proposals that would contribute to sustainable communities	Sustainable Communities Act 2007
	Right to be notified of planning applications	Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched.1, para. 8

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provisions
Town and country planning		
Tourism	Power to encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities	Local Government Act 1972, s.144
Traffic calming	Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes	Highways Act 1980, s.274A
Transport	Powers in relation to car-sharing schemes, taxi fare concessions and information about transport	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.26, 28 and 29
	Powers to make grants for bus services	Transport Act 1985, s.106A
War memorials	Power to maintain, repair, protect and alter war memorials	War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.1; as extended by Local Government Act 1948, s.133
Water supply	Power to utilise well, spring or stream and to provide facilities for obtaining water from them	Public Health Act 1936, s.125
Well-Being	Power to well-being of the area (for eligible councils)	s2 and 4 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007)