

Draft Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 3rd October 2022 – Edmondthorpe Social Club

Present: Councillors: Howard Gresham, Nigel Hobson, Trevor Mear, Anita Broughton
Borough Councillor Malise Graham
Clerk: Terry Brown

133 Public Time

PCSO Claire Gray 6541 (Leics Police) had reported by email that she was aware of future Parish Council meetings and that either she or a colleague would make a best effort to attend.

134 To receive apologies for absence

Parish Cllr Kevin Spiers & Ben Woods

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

None

136 Borough and County Councillor time

Cllr Malise Graham again gave details of his work in promoting the response of Melton Borough Council to constituents in need of help and asked for all to disseminate this information.

137 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 5th September 2022

These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

138 To receive the Clerk's report.

Noted

139 Matters arising from previous meetings

/1 to review progress re overgrown foliage on Craggs Walk & Back Walk and Polka Walk

Cllr Mear reported that site meeting with the contractor had resulted in a quote for the work which had been accepted and that we now waited for the work to be carried out.

/2 to report progress made with possible Parish road improvements.

See 140/2

/3 to report progress made on a tree problem by Sedley Field

The Clerk reported that communications were ongoing with Melton Borough Council to establish ownership of the offending tree

/4 to confirm minute 07/22/112/1 re 22/00814/MAT Wymondham Windmill Butt Lane Wymondham

The Council confirmed their previous decision to object on the basis of concerns with the existing waste system (rather than any new system). Action Clerk

140 To receive Councillors reports

/1 to receive a report for St Peters School

Councillor Broughton again confirmed her intention to contact the primary school Headteacher.



/2 to receive a report for W&E Traffic Group and on possible road improvements (Cllrs Spiers & Hobson)

Councillors considered carefully the data presented by Cllrs Hobson and Spiers from a download of all three VAS sites in the Village:

Introduction

The following data was extracted from the villages three new VAS signs. This is the first time data has been downloaded, and represents a small selection of what is available.

For this report we have presented an overview of motor vehicles speeds grouped in 10mph increments (As set by the VAS manufacturer). The data from the three machines represents around 800,000 individual vehicle speed recordings over several months.

With further practice and advice from the manufacturer, we hope to present additional analysis of the data.

Data in this report is presented by VAS location, namely:

Village Centre West Bound (near bus stop)

<25 mph	= 26.6%
25mph - 35mph	= 66.5%
35mph - 45mph	= 6.6%
45mph - 55mph	= 0.22%
55mph - 65mph	= 0%

Village Centre East Bound (by Sedley Field)

<25 mph	= 25.9%
25mph - 35mph	= 56.5%
35mph - 45mph	= 16.3%
45mph - 55mph	= 1.3%
55mph - 65mph	= 0%

Wrights Lane

<25 mph	= 20.5%
25mph - 35mph	= 56.4%
35mph - 45mph	= 20.6%
45mph - 55mph	= 2.2%
55mph - 65mph	= 0.12%

Conclusion

1. The Data indicates that East bound traffic in the village centre (ie approaching the bus stop) mostly complies with the speed limit, with 93% of vehicles not exceeding 35mph.

2. West bound traffic heading towards the village centre travels downhill on a fairly straight section of main street (albeit in a 30mph limit and past a school). Whilst 82% of vehicles are not exceeding 35mph, the data shows that during a three month period 44,000 vehicles exceeded the speed limit (2,761 traveling between 45 and 55 miles per hour!).

3. The VAS at Wrights Lane clearly demonstrates a higher number of speeding vehicles entering the village from the East. Whilst 76% are not exceeding 35mph, the percentage (and indeed actual numbers) exceeding 35mph are far greater than elsewhere in the village. Put simply 3,686 vehicles traveling more than 45mph as they enter the village is not acceptable, furthermore 186 vehicles travelling between 55 & 65 mph is extremely concerning.

4. We believe this information will help inform priorities for further investment and action. We believe data from the Wrights Lane VAS supports our assertion that the 30 mph speed limit should be relocated to its original position. In this respect we would like to forward these results to Leicestershire Highways Department and to the police.

5. Looking to the future, the Children's play park in Sedley field is progressing well. Unfortunately the majority of housing is on the opposite side of Main street, and as the VAS data has shown, traffic does speed along this section of the road. The future development of The Brickyard lane site could provide an opportunity to introduce further traffic calming or road crossing facilities in this location.

The meeting agreed move forward with the purchase of Village Gateway infrastructure for the west and south entrance points to Wymondham.

Councillors would meet on site to draw up plans and would also agree on the infrastructure to be purchased such that both items could be reviewed at the November meeting. Action all

Cllrs Spiers, Hobson and Broughton are to seek a meeting with Leics Highways officers to discuss this.

Action Cllrs Spiers, Hobson and Broughton

- /3 Cllr Gresham reminded the Clerk to pursue the emptying of a bin at Edmondthorpe and the newly installed bin in Wymondham. Action Clerk

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

- /1 Pat Peters as the PC representative to John Sedley Foundation reported (by email) that Phase 2 of the children's play equipment on the Sedley Field is still on track for installation on 4th October 2022. Fencing will be installed once Phase 2 has been completed

The next meeting of the Sedley Trustees is on 10th October. The Trust seeks to promote the opportunities for young people under the age of 25 years to apply for grant funding from the Sedley Trust for educational purposes.

Applications can be submitted to the Trust throughout the year for consideration.

142 Planning

- /1 See item 139/4

143 Correspondence received

Emails:

12/9/22 Leics Highways re roadworks to Main Street Wymondham 26/9/22
26/9/22 MBC/Toby Ebbs re planning application 22/00814
26/9/22 Leicestershire County Council Financial Update (see attached)

Noted

144 Matters for Discussion

- /1 **to consider both the purchase of Village Gateway infrastructure for the west and south entrance points to Wymondham**
See 140/2
- /2 **to consider the commissioning of Leics Highways to supervise the change of speed limits by Washbrooke (cost approximately £7000)**
See 140/2
- /3 **to discuss allotment issues**
Councillors discussed two issues extensively, the future objectives of any Wymondham Allotment Association and the need to take allotment finances into direct Parish Council supervision. The Clerk is to draft a letter to summarise the conclusions reached for approval at the November meeting.

Action Clerk

145 Finance

- /1 **the following payments were approved:**
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| T Brown | re September 2022 salary | £431.50 |
| T Brown | re September 2022 HMRC paye | £108.00 |
| T Brown | re August payroll processing 23-04486 | £6.00 |
| T Brown | re 123 domain renewal | £20.39 |
| T Brown | re April -September Clerk's expenses | £217.72 |
| Wymondham | VH re meeting hires | £80.00 |
| T Brown | re website hosting renewal | £100.66 |
| H Gresham | re installation of waste bin | £103.57 |

- /2 **bank balances at 23/9/22 were reconciled to:**

09/22

TSB Current account £16758.77
TSB Deposit account £20759.96

146 To receive items for the next agenda

/1 to agree the purchase of a new waste bin for siting by Sedley Field

147 Date of next meeting: Monday 7th November 2022 at Wymondham Village Hall

To be followed by
December 5th Edmondthorpe Social Club

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

URGENT COMMUNICATION – Leicestershire County Council Financial Update

Dear colleague,

Today, a report has been released that I wanted to bring to your attention, as it details the unprecedented financial situation facing local government.

Our financial situation is frightening, worse than the years of austerity. We've lost £230m a year in spending power since 2010. We're very lean so it's not possible to balance the books without impacting front line services. We pride ourselves on doing the best we can with the money we have but we will have to make some tough decisions. Nothing is off the table.

The report sets out the budget gap, which is set to grow from £8m to £28m next year and could surpass £140m by 2026. We have been successful in the face of many budget challenges in recent years, but this is on a scale we have never seen before.

Global events (such as Covid and the war in Ukraine), rising inflation and cost of living, plus growing infrastructure costs, and an unrelenting service demand have all contributed to what is being described as a 'dire' financial challenge.

Inflation could add another £20-£30m every year, while service demand is expected to go up by £18m per year and infrastructure costs (for building roads and schools, for example) could grow by a further £45m. The nationally agreed pay offer alone required the council to find an extra £8m, whilst every 50p added to the National Living Wage costs over £10m.

While there are no proposals at this stage, the report illustrates the challenge ahead by providing an initial list of potential areas to investigate for possible service changes or reductions. This includes gritting, parks, bus subsidies, projects reducing smoking and boosting health, Beaumanor Hall and planned big road schemes.

As the lowest funded county council, Leicestershire will always be sensitive to financial shocks. But the challenge currently being faced will put even the best funded local authorities under pressure.

The budget update is due to be discussed by the council's cabinet this Friday (23 September), which you can watch online at: <http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/webcast> . You can also read a [report from think-tank Onward](#) about proposals to level up local government finances.

Through the autumn the council will engage with stakeholders and residents to help shape our plans. Please look out for further details in the coming weeks.

Nick Rushton

Leader, Leicestershire County Council