

# WYMESWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

## APRIL 2020 UPDATE

Dear All,

Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the Parish Council were not able to meet on the evening of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April as planned. Currently, legislation does not allow us to hold virtual meetings, but this situation is likely to change so please do check back here for updates about how and when the next meeting of the Parish Council is likely to happen.

### Covid-19 and Social Distancing Measures

During this period of lockdown, please note that the play areas and gym equipment in the village are closed and in line with the Government advice, it is not permitted to use them under any circumstances. The open spaces do however remain open for people to use as part of their permitted daily exercise.

It has been brought to our attention that the jitty's and walkthroughs in the village could pose a direct risk to the public if they become heavily used during this period. This is due to the fact they are less than two metres in with and therefore render social distancing impossible. Our advice would be to take the longer route around, but if you do happen to use the jitty's please do so with caution and be mindful of others.

### Wymeswold Community Volunteers

Almost 40 individuals have volunteered for an initiative to help residents of Wymeswold who at this time find themselves isolated and in need of help and support. The volunteers can help with gathering urgent supplies of groceries of medicine, dog walking, posting mail, or even just a friendly chat on the phone.

You can contact the group by emailing [wymeswoldhelp@gmail.com](mailto:wymeswoldhelp@gmail.com) or by calling 07904 518 410. They also have Facebook page called Wymeswold In Need which you can also use to contact them.

### Police Reports

During the month of March 2020 Wymeswold had 1 Public Order Offence which occurred on a business premises and 1 Residential Burglary involving the theft of a motorbike. For more detailed data, please visit <https://www.police.uk/>

Please do also continue to report any suspicious activity in the village on 101 or email our neighbourhood watch – [garryandangieboorman26@gmail.com](mailto:garryandangieboorman26@gmail.com)

### Cemetery Trees

Emergency tree works were recently undertaken in the cemetery to ensure the safety of the public. As the trees continue to age, and due to the recurrent poor weather at the beginning of the year, it is likely that an arboreal inspection of all the trees the Parish Council is responsible for will take place later on in the year.



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### **Flood Risk**

Following the last meeting the Parish Council contacted Leicestershire County Council as the Lead Flood Authority. We were subsequently contacted by the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces at Charnwood Borough Council who informed us that a high-water warning system is already installed on the grate to the culvert at the junction with Clay Street.

A process has now been set up whereby our Neighbourhood Watch will receive alerts if the water level rises and they will intern be able to use their communication network to notify residents. If you are not already included in the network but would like to be please contact the Neighbourhood watch via email at [garryandangieboorman26@gmail.com](mailto:garryandangieboorman26@gmail.com).

### **News from County and Borough Councillors**

Protection to verges: We are still waiting for a license to be issued so that works can be progressed to install 'birds-mouth' fencing along the verges of Brook Street. We will keep you informed of any further updates!

### **Sports Pavilion**

All recreational cricket has been suspended until further notice. The current thinking is that this could be until late June at the earliest. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Once social distancing measures are eased, Wymeswold Sports Pavilion on Burton Lane will once again be available to hire for smaller groups or functions. If you would like further information about booking the pavilion later in the year or indeed for events in 2021; please contact the Parish Council at [wymeswoldpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wymeswoldpc@hotmail.co.uk).

### **VE Day**

Very sadly, due to the current situation, the VE commemoration event has been cancelled.

### **Farmers Market**

All being well, the farmers market is due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020. This is obviously subject to change so do check back here for updates.

As always, if you need to contact the Parish Council, you can do so via email at [wymeswoldpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wymeswoldpc@hotmail.co.uk).

Stay safe everyone.

