

WYMESWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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1. Apologies

- i. There were no apologies received for this evening's meeting. Cllr Mills was absent.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. Cllr Ling confirmed that she does work indirectly with Davidsons Homes in a professional capacity during her day-to-day role.

3. Public Participation

- i. Presentation by Guy Longley and Helen Prangle from Pegasus Developments and Davidsons Homes regarding the proposed residential development in Wymeswold. A 45-dwelling application has been resubmitted. This was originally submitted in Sept 2018. GL advised that many of the issues raised in view of the original application had now been dealt with. This included the highway issues and a pedestrian crossing. Davidsons/Pegasus remain committed to this crossing being a key element of this proposal. The proposal has been drawn up to provide a development of quality homes. HP advised that they would be happy to talk to residents and members of the PC regarding any concerns so that an open dialogue can be developed.
- ii. Cllr Ling asked GL to confirm whether the application differed from the previous one that was rejected a year ago. GL advised that this application has not been amended and was the same as the previous application.
- iii. Cllr Sayce asked about the price range and affordability of the housing – in line with the needs of Charnwood as a borough. GL advised that there would be a provision of affordable housing as part of the plans. There would be a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bed houses and the percentage of each would be guided/directed by CBC.
- iv. Cllr Boker clarified that the 30% of the development required for smaller/social housing is set by the Government and not necessarily by the local Borough Council.
- v. Cllr Higgins asked about the presentation by Davidsons a couple of years ago. The presentation outlined the area in question but also, had highlighted that the land adjacent was also 'optioned' by Davidsons. Was this still the case? HP advised that whilst this is still the case, at this moment in time, they are not pursuing it as a viable option.

4. To sign and approve minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020

- i. Approved.

5. Reports from County and Borough Councillors

- i. Cllr Boker wanted to update members of the PC on the draft local plan that is going to come in during 2021. The plan is effective from 2020 to 2037 and will outline a requirement for 9000 new homes in addition to the 25,000 that were already in the plan. Cllr Boker feels that as part of this draft plan, there will be allocation of dwellings for the Wolds and Wymeswold. The needs outlined in the draft must be met and so the planners for the local areas will decide what the allocation for each area will be – Cllr Boker believes that it could be between 60 and 70 dwellings. This allocation may also be made based upon the capacity available in the village school. There is a meeting on 19th January which the PC will be invited to attend to hear information on this draft local plan which will go out for consultation in the Spring. The PC will need to put comments forward.
- ii. Questions were raised by residents and councillors about the impact that the developments/allocation would have on schooling and the standard of teaching too. It was also raised that the draft plan seemed to be a contradiction to previous communications. Cllr Boker advised that due to the festive break, contact from the planners at CBC and LCC was limited and would recommence now that people were back 'in the office'.

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- iii. Cllr Shepherd advised members of the PC that a date had been formalised for the repair of the Kerb on Brook Street. The date will be 18th January.
- iv. Cllr Shepherd also wanted to make members of the PC aware of a new scam email/text that is doing the rounds related to the Covid Vaccine. People need to be vigilant. Resolved that details of the scam would be featured in a neighbourhood watch email to raise awareness.
- v. Finally, Cllr Shepherd advised that the problem manhole covers on East Road would be repaired on 10th Jan 2021.

6. Police report

- i. There were no incidents of crime reported in Wymeswold itself, but there have been two reports in neighbouring villages. One of suspicious behaviour and one of an attempted burglary whereby the perpetrator was arrested at the scene.

7. Accounts

- i. To review and sign off expenditure for December 2020 : Approved.

Date	Payee	Ref Number	Reason	Amount
31/12/2020	Louise Turner Salary	Chq: 2529	Clerks Wages	£531.36
31/12/2020	Louise Turner Expenses	Chq: 2530	Clerks Expenses	£27.28
31/12/2020	Roma Landscapes Invoice	677790529	Mowing	£774.00
31/12/2020	LRALC Training	677798014	Training Course	£80.00
31/12/2020	Mark Munro Grdn Maintenance	677794276	Mowing	£220.00
31/12/2020	Easyspace Website Renewal	677796293	Website	£116.88
31/12/2020	Total Gas and Power	677792358	Electricity	£97.62
31/12/2020	Waterplus	677816841	Cemetery Water	£46.98
Total				£1,894.12

- ii. Finalise the Precept for 2021/22 following the extraordinary meeting held on 21st December. Cllr Higgins talked through the precept for the coming year. Resolved that we would be implementing a 3.5% increase to the precept which is in line with inflation, to cover increases in staff costs and other running expenses. This would equate to an increase of approximately £2 per year, per band D property. Further resolved, all in agreement with the proposed precept amount.
- iii. Cllr Higgins advised that discussions had been had about the Clerks hours. Following these conversations between the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk the conclusion was that the PC would increase the Clerks hours from 2 to 3 days, which translates to a total of 20hrs a week. Resolved that all members of the PC were happy with this. This would come in-to effect from January 2021.

8. Planning Applications and Appeals

- i. There were no new applications received since our last meeting on 7th December. However, members of the PC were asked to refer to application ref P/20/1515/2 - Land Adjacent to Wymeswold Industrial Estate, Prestwold, Leicestershire. Resolved that comments would need to be sent back to the Clerk within 48 hours please.

9. Discuss any updates regarding S106 expenditure

- i. There was nothing further to discuss this month, so we will revisit the item during February's meeting.

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10. Cemetery: Discuss any issues or Cemetery related news.

- i. Nothing to report

11. Church Wall

- i. Update on progress made re identifying responsibility and moving the issue forward. This issue will be revisited during February's meeting.

12. Clerk's Report

- i. Email received from resident regarding HGV traffic on Church Street. Resident wishes to obtain support from the PC to bring measures in to place that would alleviate this issue and the rate at which incidents seem to be increasing.
- ii. Cllr Ling chatted through the above and what we could do to help. It was agreed that often, too many road signs cause confusion. Question was posed as to whether we could write to the companies responsible? The issue is that most Sat Nav systems would take drivers that way and so no amount of signage would change that. It seems that the Chicken Farm deliveries one of the frequent offenders. Cllr Shepherd and members of the PC agreed that signage was not the best course of action at this time. The preferred route of action would be to write to the companies that we know to be offenders. Resolved that Clerk draft a letter in line with the views of the PC and would reply to the resident in question to update her on this decision.

13. To discuss any issues relating to either Sports Pavilion/Playing Fields/ Washdyke Lease.

- i. The lease is now signed.

14. Members' points of information

- i. None

Meeting was brought to a close at 20:07 in view of the Prime Ministers Broadcast at 8pm.