

WYMESWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

A meeting of Wymeswold Parish Council was held both virtually via Zoom and in person at the Sports Pavilion on Burton Lane, Wymeswold on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7:00pm.

1. Apologies
 - i. Apologies received from Cllr Laura Mills, and County Cllr Richard Shepherd.
2. Declarations of interest
 - i. None disclosed
3. Public Participation
 - i. None this evening.
4. To sign and approve minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st November 2021.
 - i. Approved.
5. Reports from County and Borough Councillors
 - i. Cllr Boker updated member of the PC on the local plan. Final approval won't be until 2023, The inspector will be looking to see if the plans are fit for purpose and achievable. Resolved that Cllr Boker would update members of the PC as and when required.
 - ii. Cllr Boker had also been asked by a village resident to raise his concerns regarding planning application P/21/1980/2. Please see agenda point 8.i.
6. Police report
 - i. During November there was one reported incident of crime. A property on Far Street was burgled at some point on Saturday 6th or Sunday 7th November whilst the householder was away. If anyone has seen any suspicious activity (reviewing any cctv coverage) please report through to the Neighbourhood watch team. Please also be aware that there are criminals operating in the village and please do all you can to keep your property and belongings safe. If going away consider using timer lights or ask a neighbour to look after your property.
7. Accounts
 - i. To review and sign off expenditure for November 2021.
 - ii. Cllr Garvey asked if we could spend £40 on some blue heart stakes for the wildflower planting. Resolved that we would authorise this spend.
8. Planning Applications and Appeals
 - i. Before we began to discuss the below applications, a discussion was had about the process of planning applications and the role of the Parish Council is reviewing applications and raising objections when required. Resolved that clerk LT would include a link to planning applications when they are circulated which will save the Councillors time when reviewing applications. Cllr Higgins also reminded members of the PC upon which grounds we were entitled to raise an objection. Resolved that Cllr Higgins would circulate this to members of the PC together with a reminder about the process in general.
 - ii.

<u>Application No</u>	P/21/1980/2
Proposal:	Erection of 2 storey side and single storey side and rear extensions to dwelling.
Location:	2 Narrow Lane, Wymeswold, LE12 6SD

The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Thursday 4th November 2021.

Borough Cllr Boker had raised concerns on behalf of a village resident about the scale of these plans. Resolved that the PC have listened to the points of view and voted not to object at this juncture. We did, however, resolve that we like to request further information via a Design and Access statement and upon receipt of that we would then discuss and make a final decision on whether the Parish Council would object.

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- iii. **Application No** P/21/2216/2
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to side, single storey extension to rear of house
Location: 14 Brook Street, Wymeswold, LE12 6TU
The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Thursday 18th November 2021. Request a design access statement.
- iv. **Application No** P/21/2296/2
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling following demolition of part of existing extension.
Location: 15 - 17 Church Street, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6TX
The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Monday 29th November 2021. Resolved that there were no objections or comments raised.
- v. **Application No** P/21/2318/2 (Listed Building Consent)
Proposal: Works to enable construction of single storey extension to rear of dwelling including lengthening of existing window and formation of new doorway. Works to garden including formation of terrace in front of new garden room.
Location: 15 - 17 Church Street, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6TX
The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Monday 29th November 2021. Resolved that there were no objections or comments raised.
- vi. **Application No** P/21/2256/2)
Proposal: Proposed two storey rear extension.
Location: 85 Brook Street, Wymeswold, LE12 6TT
The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Monday 29th November 2021. Resolved that there were no objections or comments raised.

9. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity

- i. Update from Cllr Cooke on the recent bulb planting. The activity was a huge success!
- ii. Purchase of Blue Hearts. Please see Item 7.ii.
- iii. Birdsmouth fencing – proposed by Cllr Higgins that we would park this matter for now given the changes we have seen during the pandemic. All agreed. Resolved that we would instead look at using the resource elsewhere.

10. Cemetery

- i. Mapping. It was proposed that this project go on hold until the Spring which would allow us to create the maps in a less challenging way. Resolved that Clerk would let Pear Technologies know.
- ii. Memorial Bench Requests. Update from Cllr Blount. Muriel Camm and family have decided to wait until the spring. Teresa Goddard has now investigated sourcing the bench. Resolved that updates would be shared as and when we have them.

11. S106 Projects

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- i. Resolved that there was no update at present. Cllr Simpson will update members of the PC at the next meeting in January.

12. Budget and Precept for 2022-23

- i. To discuss the precept of the coming year (2022-23) and current financial commitments. Cllr Higgins advised members of the PC that he and the Clerk LT have been assessing the budget and expenditure for the following year. The proposal was to increase the precept by 10%. This would accommodate the rise in prices for the majority of expenditure items following the pandemic. For a band E property, this would equate to an increase of £0.15p per week. Resolved that all are agree in principle. The final decision and application for Precept would be made at the next meeting of the PC on 10th January 2022.

13. Clerk's Report

- i. Request from Reece Lewin re use of the football pitch/playing field for the resurrected Wymeswold FC. They would like to use the pitch for pre-season matches from July 2022 and then for the 2022/3 season. Resolved that we agree to the use of the pitch and discuss how any potential fixture clashes may be avoided. Further resolved that Clerk would contact Mr Lewin to move this forward.

14. Church Wall and Clock

- i. Discuss repair and maintenance responsibility and required work. Cllr Higgins advised members of the PC that following investigations with LRALC and their legal team the confirmation the PC required as to responsibility has been confirmed and we are responsible for the repair of the wall. As a result of this, the next course of action is to obtain three quotes for the work. A surveyor's report will also be required. Resolved that we would need at least two councillors to volunteer to oversee the initiation of this project.
- ii. Clock – resolved that we would carry out the repair with the agreed contribution to the cost confirmed by Steven Critchley of the PCC. Further resolved that Cllr Laura Mills would contact Time Assured to have the work booked in.

15. Washdyke repairs

- i. Discuss the replacement of the fence running along the orchard. Cllr Sayce updated to say that Wayne Applebee has removed the fence and his invoice would be along shortly.
- ii. Scout hut drainage – Cllr Blount advised the PC that the Scouts had had their quotes for this work, and they were working through them. At this moment in time the Scouts would not be looking for a contribution from the PC to the cost.
- iii. Cleaning products for the Pavilion purchased by Cllr Garvey and Cllr Blount. Resolved that the receipts should be shared with Clerk LT who will reimburse the spend.

16. Highways and Community Speedwatch

- i. Boards were put in place last week.
- ii. Highway's fund. Our application was successful. County Cllr Richard Shepherd has asked us to wait for news from him about the correct process before we go ahead and obtain quotes.

17. Members' points of information.

- i. Date of next meeting. Mon 10th Jan
- ii. The PC would like to record thanks to Wayne Applebee for his continued work and support of the Parish Council.
- iii. The question was once again raised regarding the correct route for HGVs through the village. Resolved that we would ask County Cllr Richard Shepherd to provide an update.
- iv. The PC would like to thank Andy Wright, Colin Creaser, and Nigel Hannett for erecting the Christmas tree on the Stockwell. In addition, many thanks to Claire Bloomfield and the backstage workers and scene setter for all their hard work bringing, fetching and carrying, to make the annual lighting of the tree and Christmas carol singing event possible again this year.

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- v. Cllr Blount took the opportunity to advise the Parish Council of her intention to step down as a Parish Councillor. Members of the Parish Council wished to record thanks to Lesley for her dedication to the village and the parish over the past 6 years. The contribution to the PC has been invaluable and we will miss Cllr Blount greatly.

Vice Chair Cllr Higgins brought the meeting to a close at 21:02