

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 10th January 2022 at 7:00pm.

1. Apologies

- i. Apologies received from Cllr Richard Shepherd.
- ii. Apologies received from Chair, Cllr Laura Mills. Vice Chair, Cllr Richard Higgins took the role as chair of the meeting.

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 6th December 2022.

- i. Approved.

5. Reports from County and Borough Councillors

- i. Cllr Boker spoke with members of the Parish Council on matters regarding the potential new planning application that Cllr Tom Simpson had highlighted. Ref P/21/2649/2. Resolved that Cllr Boker would investigate and update the PC as necessary.
- ii. Cllr Boker also advised members of the PC that the Charnwood Local plan is moving on to the next stage and going to inspectorate. Public consultation will follow in spring. Hopefully this plan will be signed off and come in to 'law' by the end of 2022.
- iii. Cllr Shepherd sent his report ahead of time along with his apologies for his absence this evening.
 - Members Highways Fund: Following the Zoom meeting on 20th December at which Cllr. Higgins, the Clerk and I discussed an application with County Council officers I have completed a Scheme Approval/Audit Form for a Replacement Speed Indicator Device for Wymeswold. The Form confirms details of the proposal and was copied to the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair. I should be grateful to know whether the Council has any concerns or queries about the application at the moment.
 - HGV route: I see from the minutes of the 6th of December meeting that a question was raised about the correct route for HGVs through the village. My understanding is that the A6006 is a designated HGV route. HGVs may travel on other roads if it necessary for them to do so to make deliveries or to go to or come from a depot. Please let me know if further information is needed.
 - Community Speedwatch: I also see from the minutes of the last meeting that the boards have been put in place.
 - Matters of general interest, not specific to Wymeswold: I continue to circulate to Parish Councils and Borough Councillors in my Division emails of general interest, such as Covid updates and Trading Standards information.
 - To clarify the written Report for 6th December Meeting: The Report is not mentioned in the December PC meeting minutes, but I trust that "no news is good news" and there were no issues arising from it. I have included it below for ease of reference.
 - Other Matters: As always, please let me know if there were any other matters which the Parish Council would like me to pursue or about which more information is required.

6. Police report

- i. During December, there were no reported incidents of crime, although suspicious activity was reported to have been witnessed in the vicinity of Cross Hill Close and Clay Street on Tuesday 28th December.

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7. Accounts

- i. To review and sign off expenditure for December 2021.

Date	Payee	Ref Number	Reason	Amount
31/12/2021	Clerks Salary	EBP: 762446943	Clerks Salary	£941.29
31/12/2021	Clerks Pension	DD: 2nd of Month	Clerks Pension	£32.08
31/12/2021	Clerks PAYE	EBP: 762447004	HMRC	£19.67
31/12/2021	Clerks Expenses	EBP: 762446859	Clerks Expenses	£28.18
31/12/2021	PFK Little John	EBP: 764319962	Annual Audit Exteranal	£240.00
31/12/2021	Simon Dunston	EBP: 764319978	Blue Hearts	£40.00
31/12/2021	McAfee Virus Protection	EBP: 771308827	Office General	£89.99
31/12/2021	Sarah Garvey - Cleaning Supplies	EBP: 771310928	Pavilion Cleaninh	£6.31
31/12/2021	Total Gas and Power Ltd	EBP: 771309461	Electricity	£57.32
Total				£1,454.84

8. Planning Applications and Appeals

- i. There have been no fresh planning applications since our last meeting. The two listed below have been left on the agenda as we had requested a design and access statement for each. These have not yet been received but have been chased by the Clerk LT this week.

- ii. **Application No** 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.

- 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.

9. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity

- i. Last Thursday Cllrs Adrian Cooke and Sarah Garvey, together with Wymeswold's Tree Warden, Richard Ellison and friend to the PC Colin Creaser, met , Leicestershire County Council's Principal Tree and Woodlands Manager Adam Goodall, and his colleague, Martin Piggins. Together, they planted more than 50 oak and rowan saplings along Burton Lane and Wysall Lane, plus a small number outside Manor Court and the Washdyke. LCC will assume responsibility for all the Wysall Lane and Burton Lane trees.
- ii. Adrian Cooke and Richard Ellison visited the Bluebell arboretum on 10th January to ask for advice about what to buy with the £150 voucher the parish council had been given by a parishioner. It was recommended that, subject

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to the approval of LCC and the PC purchase 5 specimen birch trees should at a cost of 32 each. These would subsequently be planted outside Manor Court. Resolved that Cllr Cooke would update the PC on any further news.

- iii. Cllr Cook also advised he would be planting some wildflowers around the village too. The PC wished to record their thanks for this.

10. Cemetery

- i. Update re the roles of cemetery responsibilities. Now that Cllr Blount has stepped down, Cllr Garvey is the only Cllr with whom cemetery responsibility sits. The PC asked other members of the PC to consider taking on this responsibility. Resolved that Clerk LT would also email members of the PC with the roles and responsibilities document so that we could discuss in the next meeting on Feb 7th.

11. S106 Projects & Community Projects

- i. No updates to be shared re S106 at present.
- ii. Members of the PC agreed that we would like to have a 'wish list' of projects that we could potentially spend S106 funds on when the opportunities arise. Resolved that we would look at how we can create this wish list such as via Facebook and our website. Further resolved that we would like to invite members of the public to come and share their ideas at April meeting of the PC.

12. Budget and Precept for 2022-23

- i. To set the precept for 2022-23. Cllr Higgins took members of the PC through the budget for the coming year together with Clerk LT. resolved that the PC voted and agreed to increase the precept by 10% for 2022-23 to cover the rising costs. The precept amount was set at £43098.00 for the coming year.

13. Clerk's Report

- i. Councillor responsibilities. Resolved that Clerk LT would circulate the roles and responsibilities document so that Cllrs were able to see what gaps need filling ahead of the next meeting in February.
- ii. We received an application for our open Councillor, and we will speak with them to hopefully on-board them onto the PC.

14. Church Wall and Clock

- i. Wall: Resolved that Cllr Sayce would look at what needs to happen next. A s_urveyor needs to come out and tell us what needs to happen and to clarify the scope of the works. Further resolved that Cllr Sayce would come back to the members of the council with a cost for this action.

15. Highways and Community Speedwatch

- i. Highway's fund. Our application was successful. An update from meeting on 20th December. See agenda point 5.3.

16. Members' points of information.

- i. Date of next meeting. Mon 7th Feb

Vice Chair Richard Higgins brought the meeting to a close at 20:51pm