

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 7th February 2022 at 7:00pm.

1. Apologies

- i. None received. We welcomed a new member, Cllr David Albert.

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 10th January 2022.

- i. Approved.

5. Reports from County and Borough Councillors

- i. Cllr Boker advised members of the PC that the Boundary Commission of Wards in Charnwood has taken place. In conclusion, the Wolds would not be changed in terms of number of Cllrs. Some wards in Loughborough will change and should this impact the Wolds, Cllr Boker would of course advise.
- ii. Cllr Boker went on to say that she had been approached by a parishioner regarding the progress of the bund at elephant corner (Wymeswold Airfield). At the moment, the planning application is yet to go in. The bund in question has been specifically designed by a specialist and the planning application was meant to go in in Dec but has been delayed. Resolved that Cllr Boker would keep members of the PC updated.
- iii. County Cllr Richard Shepherd updated us re the Saturday bus service restriction owing to staff shortages. The change will either be rescinded or made permanent by 20th February. This date could be amended. Resolved that Cllr Shepherd will keep members of the PC updated accordingly.
- iv. Cllr Shepherd also advised members of the PC that grants from the Highway's Fund were taking longer to fulfil than anticipated due to recruitment issues. As a result, the scheme may be extended to the next financial year. Resolved that Cllr Shepherd would keep us updated accordingly.

6. Police report

- i. Discuss any details relevant from police report for January. Reports of 1 business theft and 1 vehicle crime in Wymeswold during January - this is all the information we have.

7. Accounts

- i. To review and sign off expenditure for January 2022. Approved.

8. Planning Applications and Appeals

- i. **Application No** P/21/2590/2
Proposal: Alterations and part demolition of dwelling, demolition of garden wall to front, single storey extension to side/rear and insertion of rooflights in rear roof plane of detached dwelling. Demolition of roof and raising of walls and roof of detached garage to provide first floor home office.
Location: 57 London Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6U

The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Tuesday 18th January 2022. No objections were raised.

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- ii. **Application No** P/21/2554/2
- Proposal:** Proposed construction of detached triple garage to east of existing dwelling; felling of 2 no. trees.
- Location:** Wymeswold Hall, East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6ST
- The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Thursday 20th January 2022. No objections were raised.
- iii. **Application No** P/22/0022/2
- Proposal:** Proposed single storey rear extension, first floor extension to make two storey dwelling and material changes with associated works.
- Location:** 7 London Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6U
- The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Monday 7th February 2022. No objections were raised.
- iv. **Application No** P/21/0284/2 & E/20/0576
- Proposal:** Change of use of buildings and land to a plant hire business (sui generis) with associated external storage areas, wash bay area, siting of 3 storage containers, site levelling, surfacing, bunding and erection of boundary fencing.
- Location:** The New Barn, Rempstone Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6UE
- The above appeal/planning application was circulated to members of the PC on Monday 7th February 2022. Members of the PC cast a majority vote not to send an objection to this application at this time.

9. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity

- i. Cllr Cooke updated members of the PC about the tree planting which has taken place on Burton Lane and Wysall Lane. In addition, Cllr Cooke advised members of the PC that he will also be planting some wildflowers around the village too.
- ii. The PC wishes to record their thanks to John Abercrombie who kindly donated a £150.00 voucher which allowed us to purchase 5 specimen birch trees which have been planted near to Manor Court.
- iii. It was agreed that Cllr Cooke and Cllr Garvey would look at the areas that we mow during the mowing season and make their recommendations for the season ahead based on allowing the wildflowers to grow and better looking after the environment. Resolved that Clerk LT would forward on details of which contractors mow which areas, so that the matter may be discussed further at our next meeting on 7th March 22.
- iv. Cllr Garvey advised the PC that Blue heart signs are almost ready to go. They will say on them 'urban verges for wildlife'. There is also a national photograph competition running alongside this initiative which Cllr Garvey will communicate. The question was raised as to whether we could we get some bee friendly signs too and whether the school might like to help too. Resolved that Cllr Garvey would investigate this.
- v. The mowing and maintenance contracts will need to be renewed for April 2023 onwards and given the time required to specify the requirements (in light of revised approach to eco needs), distribute to potential suppliers and agree final contracts the 'Mowing and Maintenance Renewal' will feature as a monthly agenda item from March 2022.

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10. Cemetery

- i. Mapping – on hold until spring when final elements can be completed.
- ii. Cllr David Albert will be working with Cllr Garvey on the management of Cemetery matters.
- iii. Memorial Bench Requests. Resolved that Clerk LT would forward all details to Cllr Garvey following the departure of Cllr Blount.

11. S106 Projects and Village Projects

- i. There was no specific update to be shared at this time.
- ii. To ensure that we are well placed to submit or request items that would benefit the village, should planning permission be granted in the future, it was agreed that the PC would use the results of the Housing Survey carried out last year to create a 'mini' survey for the PC to determine what the people of Wymeswold would most like to see. Resolved that Clerk LT would create this.

12. Clerk's Report

- i. Councillor responsibilities. Cllr Laura Mills advised that the Cllr responsibilities document was well received and that no objections were raised. Resolved that Cllrs would again look at the document and if there was anything further that needed to be added re the responsibilities, they would bring such items to the table at the next meeting on March 7th.
- ii. Pavilion Charges Review. Pavilion pricing was amended in 2020 owing to the pandemic. We have reviewed and resolved those charges would now be as follows: a full day £100.00, a half day would £50 and a few hours £30.
- iii. Fire Alarm fault at the pavilion. The system needs servicing to rectify the fault. Resolved that Clerk LT would arrange, and that Cllr Laura Mills would be available to facilitate access.
- iv. PIR light outside the pavilion. Resolved that Clerk would ask Wayne Applebee to provide a quote to supply and fit a PIR light for safety and security reasons.

13. Church Wall and Clock

- i. Clock Chimes: We received an email from a parishioner requesting that the chimes remain silenced when the clock is repaired. Cllr's cast a vote and resolved that we would not be silencing the chimes.
- ii. Cllr Sayce updated the PC on the three companies that we asked to quote on the works required to get the church wall fixed. We are looking for a specification of works. So that we can then go and get three builders to quote. Resolved that Clerk is to contact Kegworth and Packington PC, both of which have dealt with similar issues to ask who they contracted to do the initial investigations and the subsequent works.

14. Highways and Community Speedwatch

- i. Update on Highways Fund application. Our bid/order had been moved to the next phase in the process. Resolved that Clerk LT, alongside County Cllr Richard Shepherd would keep the OC updated.

15. Members' points of information.

- i. Cllr Albert mentioned that the tree at Storkit Meadows has been a bit too severely pruned! Resolved that Clerk would have a word with Roma as they were only supposed to give it a light trim.
- ii. We have had contact in relation to a vehicle parking irresponsibly near to the village at pharmacy. In addition, we have received contact from several residents re parking in dangerous places around the village. Resolved that we would leave it on the agenda for next meeting March 7th, 2022.
- iii. Queens Green Canopy Initiative – Resolved that Cllr Garvey would chat to Peter Blount as a first port of call and report back to members of the PC.

Cllr Mills brought the meeting to a close at 20:55.