

WYMESWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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1. Apologies
 - i. Cllr McKean and Cllr Sayce send their apologies.
2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Ling advised that she was the immediate neighbour to planning application #2 listed on the agenda.
3. Public Participation
 - i. None
4. To sign and approve minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st June 2020
 - i. Approved and signed.
5. Police report
 - i. It is disappointing to report that there have been 2 reported car thefts in the village during June - this is the only information we have.
6. Wymeswold In Need (WIN)/Latest Covid-19 Update/Covid-19 Time Capsule
 - i. Cllr Ling advised that the demand for help from WIN has been lower than anticipated and it has now quietened down a lot.
 - ii. Time capsule: Cllr Ling asked the PC if there were any objections to which there were not. It was also proposed that the ideal place was the Stockwell. Resolved that Cllr Ling would feed back our support to the project.
7. Accounts
 - i. Expenditure for June 2020. Details provided for members of the Parish Council regarding income and expenditure.

Date	Payee	no.	Reason	Amount
30/06/2020	Louise Turner Wages	2470	Clerks Wages	XXXX
30/06/2020	Louise Turner Expenses	2472	Clerks Expenses	£122.54
30/06/2020	Total Gas & Power	2473	Electricity	£29.29
30/06/2020	Rospa Play Safety	2474	Safety Inspection	£193.80
30/06/2020	Anesco	2475	Annual Inspection	£163.85
30/06/2020	M.Munro Garden Maintenance	2476	Memorial Mowing	£220.00
30/06/2020	Roma Landscapes	2477	Mowing W/Dyke + Verges	£774.00
30/06/2020	C.Skirrow/The Edge	2478	Cemetery Mowing	£410.00

- ii. The Annual Governance Statement and the end of year accounts for 2019-2020 were presented to members of the PC. Resolved; both were approved by the chair and vice chair.
8. Planning Applications and Appeals
 - i. APPLICATION NO: P/20/0888/2
PROPOSAL: Erection of retaining wall to front garden.
LOCATION: 4 The Stockwell, Wymeswold, LE12 6UF No objections raised.
 - ii. APPLICATION NO: P/20/0641/2
PROPOSAL: Retention of the replacement of existing windows of dwelling with oak timber framed windows. (Retrospective application). (Listed Building Consent)
LOCATION: Swallow Barn, 49A Far Street, Wymeswold, LE12 6TZ No objections raised.

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9. Reports from the County and Borough Councillors

- i. County Cllr Richard Shepherd provided an update regarding several enquiries on various grass cutting issues. LCC have agreed to cut back the trees that are overhanging on the verge on Wysall Lane.
- ii. Advocated the use of the postcard (see item number 15.3) and advised that the ideal contact would be Louise Bennet at LCC. Resolved that LT would put together a list of FAQ's for how the postcard system would work collated from members of the PC. and then send to Louise Bennet.

10. To discuss any Sports Pavilion/Playing Fields/ Washdyke Lease/S106 expenditure

- i. Nick Shaw, secretary of Wymeswold Cricket Club and Dan Turner who manages the juniors, joined the meetings to advise that following new Government guidance and legislation, games would begin to be played again from Saturday 18th August 2020. Allowed to play an adapted game of cricket with social distancing and sanitising in place as per the guidelines issued. Resolved that NS and DT would send over the list of fixtures and a completed risk assessment. Once received, the Clerk would send over a license to be signed together with an invoice.
- ii. Should fixtures need to be reschedule due to poor weather, Mr Shaw feels confident that this can be occur by the end of August and should not clash with the football season.
- iii. Lease for the Washdyke. Cllr Sayce sent word regarding latest updates from the solicitors, the lease with David Cooper who is responsible for the completion of the application. Resolved that NS would see if he could chase.
- iv. Cllr Ling provided an update on the S106 monies, and the subsequent MUGA application. As yet, we are no further forward although the PC is trying very hard to move the project forward. Cllr Ling has been in contact with the preferred equipment supplier about different options, Produlic will speak to Cara Wild at Charnwood Borough Council about the alternatives and would update members of the PC once there was any further news.
- v. Reopening of play equipment following the closure due to Covid-19. Cllr Ling opened a discussion regarding what safety measures we should/could put in place to ensure that we are meeting regulations and keeping residents safe, Resolved that we would issue a notice advising that residents who would like to use the play areas do so at their own risk.
- vi. Weeds at the Sports Pavilion: Cllr Mills advised that on her next visit, she will spray some weed killer on the unsightly weeds to tidy the area up as it is looking very unkempt.
- vii. A signed contract for the lease of the sports facilities has been received from a newly formed under 18's team, their season will commence on 16th September and finish 19th May 2021.

11. Updates on Flood Risk

- i. Owing to the absence of Cllr Boker and Cllr McKean we do not have an update, Cllr Ling advised that she is attempting to track down the culverts in the village. Resolved that an update would be shared once we have one.

12. Branching Out Fund

- i. Cllr Ling advised members of the PC that she had spoken to Richard Ellison the tree warden and would be pursuing this initiative and if successful the application successful and social distancing permits, involving young people with the planting in November.

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13. Supporting Wymeswold Pharmacy Flu Jab Vaccination Programme

- i. Cllr Higgins raised the query as to whether the pharmacy could use the Sports Pavilion as a venue for delivering seasonal flu jabs for the local community. Members of the PC were asked if we would agree to this proposal on a community initiative basis, meaning that it could therefore it can be used on weekdays without charge. Resolved – PC agreed to its use on these terms and Cllr Higgins will act as point of liaison and enable us to facilitate this request.

14. Cemetery

- i. Cemetery Tree Works Update – Clerk LT advised that the work would be completed on Tues 14th July.
- ii. Cemetery Fees and regulations – Clerk LT provided the Parish Council with a list of charges from surrounding areas as the fees have not reviewed for several years. This has highlighted that Wymeswold PC figures are significantly below neighbouring parishes. Resolved that we would increase fees in all areas except memorials from August 1st, 2020. The fee's for memorials will be reviewed during the next meeting of the Parish Council on 7th September 2020. LT to compose a document outlining the cemetery fees that we can have on the PC website for transparency.

15. Clerk's report

- i. Telephone box –Resolved that we would contact BT and ask them to come out and repaint. LT to pursue.
- ii. Birds-mouth fencing for protection of verges. No update to provide. Resolved that we would ask Cllr Shepherd if we have not heard in the next few weeks.
- iii. LCC Postcards – see Action Point #9.2.
- iv. Empty Properties – Cllr Ling has been chasing Alison Simmons from CBC regarding the empty properties in the village. We still have empty properties that are cause for concern. Visit completed by Empty homes officer on 5th June re Brook Street property. Card left and letter sent but no response received. Resolved that Cllr Ling would continue to chase until resolved. In addition, it was reported that the formerly derelict and empty property on Swifts Close is now being renovated

16. Members' Points of Information

- i. Cllr Cooke: Urban Wildlife Verge Project – Cllr Cooke advised that if the PC agreed that we could pursue the idea, he would happily carry the project forward. Resolved that Cllr Cooke would pursue and report back to the PC at the next meeting in September.
- ii. Cllr Blount commended the youth of the village – they have behaved so well during the Covid lockdown and restrictions and are a true credit to the village.
- iii. Cllr Blount advised that she has been asked by a resident of Swifts Close to look at a tree belonging a neighbouring property that looks close to falling and causing damage to property. Question posed as to whether the PC could look at contacting the landowner or get some help from LCC regarding the overgrown vegetation. Resolved that Cllr Blount would email the details over to County Cllr Shepherd who would then investigate with LCC, following which he would feedback on next steps.- move to County Councillor section please?
- iv. Cllr Mills wished reported the overhanging Willow Tree on footpath H64 on the land owned by the Hammer and Pincers, in the vicinity of 16-20 Wysall Lane. Resolved that Cllr Blount would speak to Danny Jimminson
- v. Cllr Higgins raised a concern re recent tree felling in the village. We need a copy of a current list of Tree Preservation Order. Resolved that Cllr Ling would forward the Clerk LT the contact details at CBC and then Clerk LT would follow this up and report back.
- vi. Cllr Ling wished to record her thanks to Cllr Blount for sorting out the pavilion keys.

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Having reached the end of the agenda, the meeting was brought to a close by Chair Jo Ling at 21:05.

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