

WYMESWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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1. Apologies

- i. Cllr McKean and Cllr Mills send their apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. None

3. Public Participation

- i. It was noted that the Wymeswold Parish Litter Warden Jonathon Charley has stepped down after 15 years' service. Sarah Garvey is taking over from him and joined the meeting to talk about the new role. SG advised that she had seen fly tipping of white goods in a farmer's field. Resolved that upon her next outing would establish who owns the land and then we would look at whether we could do anything to get it removed. SG also advised that she is now taking up the role of CPRE Protection of Rural England.

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

- i. Approved

5. Police report

- i. There was one incident reported over the last month. The incident was a burglary in a residential property.

6. Parish Council responsibilities.

- i. Cllr Ling provided an update on the newly allocated Parish Council responsibilities. Cllr Ling advised that she would look at this and issue to the members of the PC tomorrow. New roles and responsibilities to be commenced from Monday 12th October.

7. Accounts

- i. To review and sign off expenditure for July and September 2020

Date	Payee	no.	Reason	Amount
30/09/2020	Louise Turner Wages	2493	Clerks Wages	XXXX
30/09/2020	Louise Turner Expenses	2500	Clerks Expenses	£16.48
30/09/2020	Mark Munro Grdn Maintenance	2501	Memorial Mowing	£220.00
30/09/2020	C.Skirrow/ The Edge Mowing	2502	Cemetery Mowing	£410.00
30/09/2020	Roma Landscapes	2503	Mowing WDyke + Verges	£774.00
Total				£1,927.78

8. Planning Applications and Appeals

- i. There were no recorded objections for the below application.
- ii. 56 London Lane
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Two storey extensions to front, side and rear including first floor balconies and single storey extension to side of

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detached dwelling, including fenestration and material alterations.
Erection of detached 2 storey residential annexe building to front of site and provision of associated car parking

9. Reports from County and Borough Councillors

- i. Cllr Boker advised that the Hawker Business Park planning application for change of use has been granted. The Governments Planning Reform will streamline the current system, significantly reducing the time involved in the process and moving away from discretionary decision making to a rule- based one. There will be an emphasis on sustainable development.
- ii. The local plan is out of date and will be refreshed which will affect the 5 year supply of housing. Leicestershire County Highways are aware of the kerb stones and damage to the brook edge caused by a combine harvester. Charnwood Borough Council had agreed to bring the dredging of the brook forward by a month (flood prevention), but this will not be possible until the kerb is repaired.

10. Discuss any updates regarding S106 expenditure

- i. Cllr Ling advised that the application for the artificial playing surface for cricket practice will be a delegated decision. It is hoped that the proposal for a full-size playing surface and a single multi- goal end will fit the criteria that Charnwood Borough Council are looking for. There could be a shortfall of approximately £800.00. If this is the case, Cllr Boker will consider an application through the members Grants towards the potential shortfall.

11. Drainage and/or flooding issues in the Village

- i. No reported issues this month and no further updates. Resolved that we would confirm with Cllr Mills if there had been any progress with NHA and the gully on Home Leys Way.

12. Mowing and Landscaping in the Village

- i. LT to look at mowing contracts for the coming years and ensure that the contracts are in place for three years. Resolved that LT would report back at the next PC meeting on Mn 2nd November.
- ii. Cllr Cooke updated us re the Blue Campaign and our application to the Wild Verge Grant Application. Cllr Cooke advised that a Biodiversity post in each parish is perhaps something that the government will be looking at in the future. Resolved that Cllr Cooke would update us following the final instalment of his training on Friday 8th October.
- iii. Sarah Garvey expressed an interest in becoming involved in the Wildflower Verge Grant Project– our application is now with LCC. Resolved that Cllr Cooke would work on pulling something together to include in The Link, Facebook, Facebook, the NHW email to inform parishioners about the project.
- iv. Home Leys Way and Wysall Lane – Greenbelt issue. Cllr Mills will continue to investigate. We are struggling to get Greenbelt to come and maintain the land which includes the play area on Home Leys Way and the vegetation on Wysall Lane. Resolved that Cllr Mills needs clarity on who is responsible for this land so that we can proceed. Cllr Mills will be taking advantage of a free legal consultation offered by LRALC. It was agreed that the previous clerk may also hold some answers for this query.

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13. Cemetery: Discuss any upcoming issues or Cemetery related news.

- i. Cllr Blount and LT will be attending a training LRALC Cemetery Training course on Tues 10th November.
- ii. Cllr Ling recorded thanks to Cllr Higgins and Dave Ryan for tackling the overgrown rhododendrons in the Cemetery.
- iii. Following on from the work carried out above, it was noted that the cemetery does require a little TLC. It was suggested that in the Spring, it might be a good idea to get a working party up there to help clear overgrown plants - social distancing permitting. Resolved that we would revisit this in the new year.

14. Church Wall

- i. Cllr Ling wished to record her thanks to Graham Allwood Structural Engineer who volunteered his advice on the stability of the church wall. Quotations are expected from two stone masons who currently undertake work for the Diocese.
- ii. Church warden advised that they cannot afford the repair, nor can they claim on their insurance. He also advised that he believed that the Local Government Act explicitly states that the Parish Council are responsible. Resolved that as a first action, we must look at ways to cover the cost. The Parish Council does not currently have the budget to cover this cost so this is something that requires investigation. A temporary increase in the precept would perhaps be the best option. Increase in Nov for payment in April and then reduce in Nov 2021. Wymeswold Church Appeal Fund. Our options on the surface look to be either fundraising/crowdfunding, a loan or a temporary precept increase.

15. Clerk's Report

- i. License received for the Birds-mouth fencing for protection of verges.
- ii. LT to send the link out to LRALC courses.

16. Clerks 6-month appraisal

- i. Cllr Ling updated members of the Parish Council that Lt's appraisal took place and wished to record thanks to Clerk for settling in so well and becoming part of the PC team.

17. To discuss any Sports Pavilion/Playing Fields/ Washdyke Lease.

- i. Cllr Sayce advised that we have now reached a place where the lease is signed which is great progress.
- ii. Midlands legionella advised that we need to run the heating for 2hrs each day to be complaint with the legionella testing standards. Resolved that we would prefer to do this rather than turn it off over the winter which could potentially lead to damp issues and further cost implications. We will also investigate the installation of Hive or similar so that we can control the heating remotely.

18. Members' points of information

- i. Cllr Blount asked regarding the update on the Willow Tree (H64) that is overgrowing - Cllr Mills was aiming to establish who owns the land. Resolved that we would ask Cllr Mills for an update.

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- ii. Property on Far Street – Change of use planning application as the property is being used commercially. Resolved that LT would send details over to Cllr Boker.
- iii. Swifts Close trees. Cllr Blount to forward email trail to LT to chase up with LCC.

The meeting came to a close at 20:40pm

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