

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 11th October 2021 at 7:00pm.

1. Apologies

- i. None received prior to the meeting,

2. Declarations of interest

- i. None raised.

3. Public Participation

- i. Sarah Garvey joined the PC meeting to meet the Cllrs having been put forward as a Co-Opted Councillor. The motion was proposed by Cllr Lesley Blount and Seconded by Cllr Adrian Cooke. Resolved that Sarah Garvey has been co-opted on to the PC. Further resolved that the Clerk will forward the acceptance of office forms and code of conduct for Cllr Garvey to sign.
- ii. Richard Ellison joined the meeting to discuss the biodiversity. See Agenda point 9.

4. To sign and approve minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th September 2021.

- i. Approved.

5. Reports from County and Borough Councillors

- i. Cllr Boker wished to bring to attention of the PC the S106 monies available through the two recent applications that have been granted. Cllr Boker highlighted that £85k is available through 'Open Spaces'. This will be available once the developers confirm that they will not use that on site and then pass the remainder on to the PC. Cllr Boker advised that we need to apply to CBC for this money. There are restrictions on how the money can be spent. The detail of this will be available in the planning application. Cllr Boker advised that we should email Matt Bradford for details and to drive this matter forward. Resolved that Cllr Tom Simpson would take ownership of matters concerning S106. Cllr Tom Simpson will investigate what we can apply for, and how we need to go about it and by when. Further resolved that Cllr Simpson would report back to members of the PC as soon as possible.
- ii. Cllr Boker will send details of previous s106 funds allocated to Clerk LT.
- iii. Cllr Shepherd wished to discuss the emails he sends to the Clerk and has asked that all his emails, irrespective of content, are passed on to the PC. Resolved that Clerk would do this from now on and revisit in three months if Cllrs felt there were too many emails landing in their inboxes.
- iv. Cllr Shepherd discussed the recent info on the Members Highways fund and asked where we were at with our application. Resolved that Cllr Mills would collate the information that she has received from Cllrs. Clerk LT would then email Cllr Shepherd to confirm that we accept 3rd party responsibility as per request made by Cllr Shepherd.
- v. Cllr Shepherd also asked about our thoughts on the triangle on Clay Street. Cllr Mills advised that would not be pursuing this at this moment in time.

6. Police report

- i. During September there was an attempted burglary into a property on Clay Street at 3am on Sunday 19th. Security fencing on the development on Clay Street was broken down and a garage was broken into.

7. Accounts

- i. To review and sign off expenditure for September 2021. Completed.
- ii. Clerk updated the PC re the second half of the precept having been paid into the bank. We have also had a VAT refund for 2020-21. Resolved that Clerk will complete a VAT return for the first 6 month of this financial year. Further resolved that Clerk and Vice Chair Cllr Higgins would look at the budget forecast for the coming 6 months.

8. Planning Applications and Appeals

- i. **Application No:** P/21/1630/2

Proposal: Remove existing garage and replace with new garage and workshop

Location: 28 Church Street, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6TX

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ii. **Application No:** P/21/1644/2

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to rear, replace first floor window to existing front dormer, and dormer extension to rear of dwelling

Location: 101 Brook Street, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6T

The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Thurs 30th September 2021. Members of the PC resolved not to pass comment on the application.

9. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity

- i. Update from Cllr Cooke regarding the Shire Grant. After several discussions to obtain the SHIRE grant, our bulbs have now been ordered. We have ordered 6,000 bulbs in total (2,000 bluebells and 1,000 wood anemones) which will be planted in the "Men of Trees" woodland. In addition, there will also be 2,000 snowdrops and fritillaries along the banks of the brook; and 1000 daffodils around the village (St Mary's graveyard and on the corner of London Lane/ Hoton Road). Resolved that we will publicise the event and ask for volunteers. Further resolved that we would plant up with daffodils the large, grassed areas outside Orchard Way and Manor Court. Cllr Cooke will order the additional 1000 daffodil bulbs required.
- ii. The wildflower seeds we want are out of stock, so we are waiting for LCC to advise. We can sow seeds up until the end of October. We also hope to seed the grassed area on Brook Street.
- iii. Burton Lane verges have still not been scarified to enable the seeds to be sown. Resolved that Clerk LT would again contact Roma to chase.
- iv. Richard Ellison Cllr Cooke have looked at the pond on Mill Hill Leys. The pond has been cleared of brambles and weeds, but the resultant bonfire prompted many complaints. Resolved that Richard Ellison and Cllr Cooke will seek to meet with residents alongside Cllr Garvey to discuss a solution.
- v. Mowing: Number of cuts to be discussed following audit walk undertaken by Cllrs. Resolved that Cllr Cooke would drive this forward ready for the next meeting on Mon 1st November.
- vi. Mowing: Tree trimming on London Lane opposite the BT building. LCC look after all trees that impinge in the highway – Cllr Boker advised that they could to that at the same time.
- vii. Barwood Development Hedge Work – this work was investigated by Cllr Richard Shepherd on the request of the PC. The work has been carried out under a S278 works. The PC feel strongly that this work was contradictory to the protections put in place when the planning application was granted for the development. Resolved that Clerk would email the planning officer to make the feelings of the PC known and copy in Cllr Boker and Shepherd.
- viii. Richard Ellison has 500 Oak Trees and 100 Mountain Ash. The majority, circa 300 have survived the winter and the question was raised about what we would like to do about planting these. Richard Ellison advised members of the PC that he will be meeting James Kirk of Kirks Farm who owns the fields next to the nature reserve, to discuss planting saplings on his land. James Kirk also plans to restore what was a large pond on his land by repairing an old dam. Finally. Richard Ellison would like to plant the remainder of these trees on the Common Land in and around Wymeswold - a suggestion was made to plant an avenue of trees along Burton Lane as was once there. Resolved that the PC endorsed this action and will support a tree planting event this winter in Feb or March time.
- ix. Playing Field Hedges. Resolved that a member of the PC would call Phil Kirk to facilitate.

10. Cemetery

- i. Mapping update – the first draft has been received. Resolved that Clerk would look over and then update members of the PC accordingly.
- ii. Cllr Blount asked about the progress of the digitalising of the cemetery records – aka the cemetery mapping. The question was asked about whether digitalisation would remove the need to maintain the Burial Ledgers and Registers by hand – a task that Cllr Blount has carried out since the departure of our previous Chair. Resolved that LT would investigate with LRALC where the ledgers should be situated and pose the question re their upkeep once we are digitalised. Further resolved that Clerk and Cllr Blount would meet to discuss.

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11. Clerk's Report

- i. Request for permission to install a memorial bench for the late Edith Felstead on the Washdyke. (Muriel Camm)
- ii. Request for permission to install a memorial bench for the late Derrick Rumsby outside The Fox (106-108) on Brook Street (Helen Laflin) Resolved that both agenda point 11.i and 11.ii would be investigated with LRALC with regard to protocol and procedure. In principle the PC have no objection to the installation of both memorial benches.
- i. Christmas Fayre on the Washdyke (Duck Race Committee) Resolved that we have no objection.
- ii. Jack Hubbard: Sports Holiday Club Proposal. Resolved that we would be happy to rent the Pavilion out providing that there are no clashes with existing commitments.

2. Church Wall and Clock

- i. Cllr Mills updated members of the PC on current progress on this matter. Resolved that Cllr Mills will update members of the PC following an upcoming second meeting with LRALC gathering further advice.
- ii. Cllr Mills also updated members of the PC about the Church clock. The PCC have suggested that they will contribute toward the cost of the clock. Resolved that Cllr Mills would further liaise with Stephen Critchley and Clerk regarding this.

3. Washdyke repairs

- i. Discuss the replacement of the fence running along the orchard. Cllr Blount reported that it was falling down. An image was circulated to members of the PC by the Clerk. Resolved that Cllr Sayce would investigate and report back to the PC before any further action is taken.
- ii. Scout hut drainage – We are still awaiting details of the quotes. Resolved that Cllr Blount would chase.
- iii. MUGA – Cllr Simpson has received a quote of the sides on the MUGA. Resolved that Cllr Simpson would forward on the details of the quote for members of the PC to discuss. We will need two other quotes to consider alongside this one too.

4. Remembrance Day

- i. Poppies. A donation for the poppies to the value of £50.00 has now been made.

5. Highways and Community Speedwatch

- i. We have received an email response (circulated to council on 4th October 2021)

6. Members' points of information.

- i. Members of the council wish to record thanks to Maria McKean for her service as a PC over the last six years.
- ii. Members of the PC also wanted to acknowledge the passing of Derrick Rumsby. Derrick was a Wymeswold resident for many years and had spent a good number of years serving the Parish Council both as a Councillor and then later as an Accountant. Our sincere condolences to Derricks family and friends.

7. Members' points of information.

- i. Birds mouth fencing – Clerk LT to send along previous Birds Mouth Fencing quotes from previous Clerk.
- ii. Cllr Blount wished to raise that the lights and the fan were left on at the pavilion over the weekend. Cllr Blount also wished to raise that Sileby FC had asked to retain the keys until the end of their booking. Resolved that given that we were in possession of the deposit and the booking had been paid in full, we would agree to the request. This will also relieve Cllr Blount of the onerous task of collecting and handing back each week.

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Cllr Mills brought the meeting to a close at 9:02pm