

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 April 2022 at 7:00pm.

1. Apologies

- i. Apologies were received from Cllr Tom Simpson, Cllr David Albert, and Cllr Sarah Garvey

2. Declarations of interest

- i. None

3. Public Participation

- i. We were joined this evening by Christopher Isherwood who is a resident of Manor Court in Wymeswold. Mr Isherwood came along to the meeting to talk about a land ownership issue relating to the proposed development by Dandara development on East Road. It is the belief of Mr Isherwood and many residents in Wymeswold that Land between the road and the site in question is owned by the village. Mr Isherwood explained that there were many parts of land that were gifted to charities to raise funds for the village in the past, including this strip of land in question. The land is identified is listed on the 1759 enclosures map. Given to the village as part of The Herbage Charity. In 1889, a suggestion was made to combine them in to one which is when the Parochial Charity was then formed. Chair of the PC Cllr Laura Mills posed the question as to who is responsible for identifying ownership of the land.. Resolved that WPC would contact the Parochial Charity and ask for a meeting whereby we could obtain their views on the matter.
- ii. Cllr Boker advised that the only people that could represent the village on this would be the PC or the PCC. Charnwood Borough Council would not be able to offer support as this would not fall under their area of responsibility.

4. To sign and approve minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022.

- i. Approved

5. Reports from County and Borough Councillors

- i. Borough Cllr Jenny Boker advised that the new draft local plan would be heard by the Inspector over three days in June/July. Those dates are 27th June 11th July and 18th July. These are public hearings.
- ii. The application for a new sound protection bund at Elephant Corner on the Airfield as proposed by Prestwold Land Management has been submitted. All evidence that formulated the plan leads to the conclusion that it will buffer the sound as intended.
- iii. 7 Clay Street. Cllr Boker has advised that the Enforcement Officer has asked for a retrospective planning application which when it goes in, the PC will be able to comment on. Resolved that once the application is submitted the PC will discuss as we would with any other application.
- iv. County Cllr Richard Shepherd advised that he update us on the Highways Fund application within the next few days.
- v. Cllr Higgins advised County Cllr Shepherd about contact we have received from The Mary's Close Residents Association. At their latest meeting one of the issues raised was the growing concern about the potential for a serious incident at the access/exit point between Marys Close and Brook Street. Resolved that Cllr Shepherd would look over all of the information regarding this and then he would advise on how he might be able to ensure that their letter reaches the right contact and receives adequate attention.

6. Police report

- ii. There was one reported theft in March in the village.

7. Accounts

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

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8. Planning Applications and Appeals

- i. **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 6UB
- The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Thursday 17th March 2022. Resolved that we would not be posing an objection.
- ii. **Application No** P/22/0269/2
- Proposal:** Proposed single storey extension to side and entrance front porch to dwelling.
- Location:** Pasture Lodge, Hades Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6SB
- The above planning application was circulated to members of the Pc on Monday 21st March 2022. Resolved that we would not be posing an objection.

9. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity

- i. Update from Cllr Cooke regarding the draft environment policy which is still being created. Cllr Cooke and Garvey would be able to share this with members of the PC in due course.
- ii. Mowing: Cllr Cooke reiterated that he wished for us to do a No Mow May as recommended by the RHS. We are in contract now but the sub-committee who intend to meet imminently will discuss how this looks for our current contractors.
- iii. Roma Landscapes have contacted us to advise of an intended price increase. Resolved that we would contact Roma and ask them to take part in No Mow May instead which would offset the intended increase. In addition we would ask if they were able to plant some bulbs at the pavilion instead.
- iv. New mowing contracts need to be in place by the end of 2022. Sub committee to meet. Failed to do so in March due to work commitments - will hope to do so in April. Resolved that we would be informed of the intended meet date and that we would then be updated in our next meeting on Monday 9th May.
- v. We have been contacted by Nick Shaw to ask about the mowing of the hedge near to the cricket ground. Resolved that Cllr Higgins would make contact with Phil Kirk who has looked after this area previously and obtain a quote of these works once we have confirmed the work Roma have carried out (Clerk to confirm this)- Cllr Garvey and Cllr Cooke had both expressed concerns previously about nesting birds and indeed whether the hedge needed trimming. Resolved that this would be looked at before any works were carried out. As an aside, the manhole cover at the pavilion is still broken. Resolved that Clerk has now asked Wayne Applebee to look at this.
- vi. Queens Green Canopy initiative – Sarah Garvey was absent this evening so we will have an update next month.

10. Cemetery

- i. Mapping – on hold until Spring. Resolved that Sarah Garvey would kick this project off again upon her return.
- ii. Memorial Bench Requests. Resolved that Cllr Richard Higgins is meeting with one of the requestees on Thursday 14th April at 6pm.

11. S106 Projects

- i. Any news to be shared. Cllr Simpson was not present this evening so we will cover this subject again next month.
- ii. Sides for MUGA. Resolved that we would ask Cllr Tom Simpson to share the quotes that he has received so that we can move this forward.

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12. Clerk's Report

- i. TOR for the mowing sub-committee. Resolved that LT would create this on behalf of the subcommittee.
- ii. Ukraine Refugees – We received a request for use of Sports Pavilion as a meeting place from 10am until 3pm weekly on a Monday. Resolved that we would ask for some further details but in principle the PC are more than happy to facilitate this request.
- iii. LCC Tree cutting invoice – works carried out in 2021 near Home Leys Way. The invoice came through as a whole and not as two as we were expecting. It was also sent to the wrong address. Resolved that this is now paid.
- iv. Sports Pavilion. Cllrs asked if we could ask Wayne to do a jet wash and clean of the outside areas and obscure the windows in the changing rooms. Resolved that Clerk LT would make the request.
- v. Fire alarm: Clerk LT to contact the installers and ask them for a quote to service. A quote will also be obtained from the company that service our other fire safety equipment for comparison.
- vi. PAT Testing – a quote is to be obtained for approval for the pavilion electrical items.
- vii. It was agreed that bookings for the pavilion would be communicated to all the PC when they are booked between meetings to ensure they are all aware (via the PC WhatsApp group)

13. Church Wall

- i. Discuss findings from Cllr Sayce regarding repair and maintenance responsibility and required work. We still need to instruct a surveyor so that we can ascertain the scale of the work and then obtain the quotes for the work itself. The cost of the survey is high, and we would like to ask the church for a contribution to this cost before we proceed. Resolved that Cllr Laura Mills will contact Nick (Church) to update him and request for a financial contribution.
- ii. Clerk LT to contact the insurance company about adding the wall on the policy and the clock.

14. Highways and Community Speedwatch

- i. Update on Highways Fund application. See Agenda point 5.iv.

15. Members' points of information.

- i. Cllr Cooke advised again about the noise from the Everyman Racing circuit was becoming overbearing. Resolved that we would look out for the planning application and follow the progress of the bund.

The meeting was brought to a close at 20:50. The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th May.