

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7:00pm. Parishioners were welcome to attend in person OR via Zoom.

**Attendees:** Cllr Laura Mills (Chair), Cllr Richard Higgins (Vice Chair), Cllr Sarah Garvey, Cllr Ade Cooke, Cllr Kevin Sayce, Cllr Tom Simpson, Cllr David Albert, Clare Higgins (Clerk).

**Attendee via Zoom:** None.

1. **Apologies:** It was resolved to accept apologies from: Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor, County Cllr Richard Shepherd.
2. **Declarations of Interest or Requests for Dispensation:** None.
3. **Public Participation:** Members of the Community Speedwatch Team (Ray Jane, Maria Jane, and Hanna Hallett – consent to use their names was obtained) attended the meeting to inform us of the results of the recent traffic speedwatch exercise in the village. It was performed over a 10-day period with 18 1-hour long shifts and was mainly conducted on East Road by the Hammer and Pincers. The team will publish a full report to us, but the key findings were that 135 vehicles were speeding at 36 mph or more compared to 118 in 2019 (when the last village community speedwatch was completed), and 87 of these were issued letters by the police. We sincerely thank everyone involved in the hard work this has taken to execute.
4. **Approval of previous minutes:** The meeting approved minutes from the WPC meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
5. **Leicestershire County Council Report:** County Cllr Richard Shepherd was unable to attend the meeting but informed us of the publication of the latest edition of 'Leicestershire Matters', the County Council's newsletter for residents. These are being delivered by Royal Mail in early November to each household in the County.
6. **Charnwood Borough Council Report:** Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor was unable to attend the meeting but gave clarity on one of the Parishioner's Queries (outlined in section 17a below). She has reported the noise issue with the land agent in charge of Prestwold Hall who rent out to Everyman, and to CBC Environment. As a result, it has been concluded that the best approach for parishioners is to report the noise each time it occurs to the land agent and CBC Environment with a day, time and duration as every individual complaint will help to strengthen the case for change.
7. **Police Report:** During the month of September and October, Wymeswold had no crime reported.
8. **Accounts:**
  - a) Expenditure for November (payment of October invoices) was approved by the Council and is detailed in the table below:

09/11/2022	Clare Higgins Salary	EBP: 872222364	n/a	
09/11/2022	Richard Higgins Expenses - Zoom	EBP: 872206027	£2.40	£14.39
09/11/2022	Roma Landscapes Ltd	EBP: 872207166	£129.00	£774.00
09/11/2022	C. Skirrow Mowing - September and October Invoices	EBP: 872198850/872200626	n/a	£820.00
09/11/2022	Mark Munro Gardening	EBP: 872102569	n/a	£220.00
09/11/2022	Total Energies	EBP: 872219521	£2.28	£47.69
09/11/2022	WaterPlus Ltd	EBP: 872209864	n/a	£24.61
09/11/2022	Richard Higgins Expenses - Parish Mobile Phone	EBP: 872206027	n/a	£7.50
09/11/2022	Richard Higgins Expenses - 2023 Diary September Invoice	EBP: 872206027	£2.49	£14.95
09/11/2022	Richard Higgins Expenses - RBL Street Poppies - October	EBP: 872206027	n/a	£150.00
09/11/2022	KR Electrical - Sports Pavilion - October Invoice	EBP: 872213261	n/a	£1,220.00
09/11/2022	Wymeswold Cricket Club Mowing - October Invoice	EBP: 87221526	n/a	£720.00
09/11/2022	LRALC Limited - Parish Clerks 2 and 3 Training - October	EBP: 872217055	n/a	£90.00
09/11/2022	Wymeswold Parochial Charities - Washdyke/Sports Field Annual Rent	EBP: 872224203	n/a	£722.32
			<b>£136.17</b>	<b>£5,549.36</b>

b) Bank Reconciliation

<b>November - Bank</b>	
Bank Opening Balance	£32,974.97
Spend	£5,549.36
Income	£837.50
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>To be confirmed at the end of November</b>

c) The interim contractual Clerk salary was reviewed by the Council. The Clerk was not present during this discussion. The Chair presented details of the national pay rise approved for Local Councils and the results of salary benchmarking for the Clerk's position. It was resolved to accept the pay award and will be effective this month.

d) The Council discussed possible future areas of expenditure which may need to be included in the 2023/2024 precept.

**9. Risk Assessments:** The Monthly Washdyke and Sports Field Risk Assessment for October was performed by Cllr Mills; we are still investigating quotes for the repair of the ski machine and for the service of the zip wire.

**10. Planning Applications and Appeals:**

Application Number	Proposal / Location	Comments Deadline	Distribution Date to Cllrs
<b>P/22/1810/2</b>	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of replacement dwelling with detached store and garden room</p> <p><b>Location:</b> 23 London Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6UB.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Not to comment on this application</p>	31/10//2022	11/10/2022

P/22/1668/2	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Proposed agricultural building extension to house new robotic milking parlour (Phase1)</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Dungehill Farm, Wide Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6SE</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Not to comment on this application</p>	08/11/2022	20/10/2022
P/22/1669/2	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Proposed agricultural building extension to house new robotic milking parlour (Phase 2)</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Dungehill Farm, Wide Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6SE</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Not to comment on this application</p>	08/11/2022	20/10/2022
P/22/0992/2	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Erection of 3 dwellings, alterations to existing vehicular access, refurbishment of existing outbuildings and associated works</p> <p><b>Location:</b> West End Farm, 5 Far Street, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6TZ</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Not to comment on this application</p>	11/11/2022	31/10/2022

#### 11. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity:

- a) The mowing and maintenance sub-committee confirmed tender documents for the upcoming mowing and maintenance contracts have been issued to prospective contractors.
- b) Cllr Garvey highlighted the Hedgehog Highway Project, but it was resolved not to take this forward due to budget constraints.
- c) Cllr Cooke informed the Council that he has secured a grant of £300 from The Garden Walkabout Committee towards bulbs for the village. We would like to express our thanks to the Committee for this grant.
- d) No further update required from Cllr Garvey and Cllr Cooke.

#### 12. Cemetery:

- a) There is an upcoming interment due this month in the Cemetery.
- b) It was resolved to accept one of the quotes for the group memorial for the Cemetery.
- c) It was resolved to remove the broken memorial bench in December. Attempts have been made to contact the owners of the bench to inform them of the need for its repair, without any success.

#### 13. Section 106 and Village Projects:

- a) Cllr Simpson requested further items for potential Section 106 funding be suggested by Cllrs so they can be included as part of the CBC Priority Projects Programme.
- b) Cllr Simpson also confirmed he would speak with the MUGA sides contractor to establish a firm date for the works to commence.

#### **14. Sports Pavilion and Playing Field:**

- a) Following investigation into the capacity criteria for events held at the Sports Pavilion, it was resolved that during the winter/ bad weather conditions when the patio doors cannot be opened, for safety there should be a maximum of 30 people allowed in the Sports Pavilion for an event. Music should be curtailed at midnight out of respect to the village. The increasing costs of the ongoing upkeep of the Sports Pavilion will necessitate a change in prices charged for its use moving forward.
- b) Quotes for playground repairs remain ongoing.
- c) Cllr Albert is still researching the solar panels and feed-in tariff issue, and will report back after taking meter readings that are required to be submitted in December.

#### **15. Clerk's Report:**

- It has now been agreed that the previously unadopted Willow trees on Brook Street will be assessed by the LCC Forestry Department to see what works needs to be done to maintain them.
- LCC have been contacted for a current map of the trees in the village that the Parish Council maintain, so that the 3 Year Tree Survey can be factored into next year's budget.
- Further quotes are being sought to service and repair, if necessary, the zip wire on the Washdyke.
- The fruit trees have been pruned on the Washdyke and the Churchyard Jitty lime trees have been cut back.
- The Council resolved to accept the quote from one of our contractors to trim the hedges on the perimeter of the Washdyke/Sports Field, which is anticipated to be completed in the next two weeks.
- Further quotes are being sought to repair the ski machine. It was also resolved that a replacement of the cricket fence was not required as there is a parallel fence already in place.
- It was resolved to accept the extra £30 a year for secure hosting for the village website.
- Parishioner report of a Charnwood refuse lorry getting stuck whilst trying to turn around in Trinity Crescent in the week of 24<sup>th</sup> October and churning up the grassed area. Thank you to the parishioners who cleared up the mess. It has been reported with photos to Charnwood Borough Council and we are awaiting their response.
- Parishioner report of cars parking on the grassed designated wildflower area on the corner of Hoton Road. This has been raised with LCC along with the parishioner request for the installation of a fence to prevent this from happening. We are awaiting their response.

#### **16. Church Wall and Clock:**

- a) Cllr Mills informed the Council that every attempt has been made to repair the Church Clock, and that the next course of action may be for the Church to check the electrics in the church tower to see if that is causing the problem.
- b) We are still awaiting the results of the 'Specification for Works Report' which was done on the church wall. This should hopefully be completed this month.

#### **17. Parishioner Queries:**

- a) Parishioner reports of excessive noise from the 'Drifting Experience' at Everyman Racing, Prestwold Hall. Both the parishioner and the Clerk have

contacted the land agent at Prestwold Hall, Development Control at CBC and the Environment Department at CBC. The tests that the cars are subject to according to planning permissions granted are a static noise test and a drive past noise test. The parishioner felt that both tests were not sufficient to take into account how the cars are used on the circuit for the drifting experience. Borough Councillor Jenny Bokor was contacted and suggested that the best approach for parishioners is to report the noise to the land agent at Prestwold Hall, and the CBC Environment Department with a day, time and duration so that each report can be investigated, and a fuller picture of noise issues compiled. Details of email addresses for noise complaints will be posted on the village noticeboard and website, and in the Christian Link for parishioners to use.

- b) Parishioner report of parking issues within the restricted parking areas on far Street, causing pollution and congestion. This was reported to LCC. Civil Enforcement Officers will patrol the area when resources are available. They encouraged reporting of such parking issues to Highways. Details of email addresses for reporting parking issues will be posted on the village noticeboard and website, and in the Christian Link.
- c) Parishioner report of continual dog fouling in the grassed, designated wildflower area on the corner of Hoton Road, including outside parishioners' homes. The Council will put a notice regarding this in the Christian Link.

**18. Items for further consideration:** None.

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

The next Wymeswold Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm unless advised otherwise.