

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 6th February 2023 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 Adrian Cooke, Cllr Kevin Sayce, Cllr Tom Simpson, Cllr David Albert, and Clare Higgins (Clerk).

Attendees via Zoom: County Cllr Richard Shepherd and Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor.

- 1. Apologies:** None.
- 2. Declarations of Interest or Requests for Dispensation:** None.
- 3. Public Participation:** None.
- 4. Approval of previous minutes:** The meeting approved minutes from the WPC meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023.
- 5. Leicestershire County Council Report:** County Cllr Richard Shepherd referred the Council to three website links he had circulated to Cllrs that have been published on the County Council's website. The first link, "We need to reform the system – now," concerns the 20 lowest funded councils (known as the F20 group), of which Leicestershire is one. The councils are calling for change to prevent higher Council Tax and poorer services. The further two links are: "Budget supports public services during tough economic times" <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/news/budget-supports-public-services-during-tough-economic-times> and "Plotting the future of public transport amid challenging times" <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/news/plotting-the-future-of-public-transport-amid-challenging-times>. The Cllrs thanked him for sharing this important information. County Cllr Richard Shepherd also informed the Council that he was overseeing progress with the Members Highways Fund application and would keep the Council informed.
- 6. Charnwood Borough Council Report:** Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor informed the Council that a series of public hearings will resume in February as part of the scrutiny process for Charnwood Borough Council's Local Plan which sets out a vision for growth in the area. The hearings will now continue on Tuesday, February 7 at Loughborough Town Hall and be held on various days until February 23. For the full schedule, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/examination. The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 provides a robust strategy for growth which simultaneously safeguards the environment and helps build healthy communities. It identifies how the borough will meet increased Government targets for new homes, as well as providing employment land and critical infrastructure. For more information about the Local Plan, the examination process and the public hearings, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/localplan. Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor confirmed she will be attending some of the hearings on behalf of the Wolds villages. Cllr Adrian Cooke raised a query regarding the noise generated from the 'drifting experience' at Everyman racing. Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor agreed to contact Charnwood Borough Council regarding this.

County Cllr Richard Shepherd and Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor left the meeting (via Zoom) at

7.20pm.

7. Police Report: During the month of December 2022, Wymeswold had 1 x Assault, 1 x Theft and 1 x Vehicle Crime reported. During the month of January 2023, Wymeswold had 1 x Public Order reported.

8. Accounts:

a) Expenditure for February (payment of January invoices) was approved by the Council and is detailed in the table below:

February 2023	08/02/2023	Clare Higgins Salary - January 2023	n/a	
	08/02/2023	HMRC NI Contributions - Clare Salary (December 2022 - January 2023)	n/a	£26.50
	08/02/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Zoom	£2.40	£14.39
	08/02/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Parish Council Mobile Phone	n/a	£7.50
	08/02/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Microsoft 365 Office Annual Subscription for Parish PC - January	£7.28	£43.70
	08/02/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Padlock for Sports Pavilion entranceway gate - January	£2.33	£14.00
	08/02/2023	Total Energies	£4.79	£100.58
	08/02/2023	WaterPlus Ltd - Sports Pavilion	n/a	£24.82
	08/02/2023	WaterPlus Ltd - Cemetery	n/a	£8.39
	08/02/2023	Island Fire Protection Limited - Fire Alarm Service - December 2022	£40.78	£244.72
	08/02/2023	Mr RA Ellison - Mulch for Tree Planting in the Washdyke	£7.60	£45.60
	08/02/2023	Tony Buckingham - Wymeswold Cemetery Mowing Invoice for 2022	n/a	£3,600.00
	08/02/2023	Mark Stewart (Church Wall) - January Invoice 2023	£264.00	£1,584.00
	08/02/2023	LexisNexis - Arnold - Baker Local Council Administration Book - January Invoice 2023	n/a	£131.99
			£329.18	£6,629.19

b) Bank Reconciliation and position

February - Bank	
Bank Opening Balance	£25,383.27
Spend	£6,629.19
Income (Tree Council Grant, Return of 50% deposit for MUGA sides, and Cemetery Income)	£3,393.40
Closing Balance	To be confirmed at the end of February

c) Cllr Higgins proposed the renewal of the electricity supply contract via the Eastern Shires Procurement Organisation. The Council resolved to accept this recommendation.

9. WPC Privacy Notice: The Council approved the WPC Privacy Notice which will be published on the village website.

10. Risk Assessments: The Monthly Washdyke and Sports Field Risk Assessment for January was performed by Cllr Mills; no action is required.

11. Planning Applications and Appeals:

Application Number	Proposal / Location	Comments Deadline	Distribution Date to Cllrs

<p>P/22/0636/2</p>	<p>Proposal: Single storey rear extension</p> <p>Location: 11 Appleton Drive, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6TS.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	<p>26/01/2023</p>	<p>05/01/2023</p>
<p>P/22/2181/2</p>	<p>Proposal: Discharge of conditions 4 (Detailed lighting strategy of P/22/0647/2 (Reserved matters of permission P/20/2427/2 for 65 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated works and the discharge of condition 17 (tree protection) and condition 22 (biodiversity) of outline permission P/20/2427/2).</p> <p>Location: Land South of East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	<p>25/01/2023</p>	<p>09/01/2023</p>
<p>P/22/2249/2</p>	<p>Proposal: Discharge of conditions 2 (Materials) and 8 (Electric Charging Points) of P/22/0647/2 (Reserved matters of permission P/20/2427/2 for 65 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated works and the discharge of condition 17 (tree protection) and condition 22 (biodiversity) of outline permission P/20/2427/2).</p> <p>Location: Land South of East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	<p>25/01/2023</p>	<p>09/01/2023</p>
<p>P/22/2290/2</p>	<p>Proposal: Application for approval of Reserved Matters relating to appearance, landscaping, and layout of Outline Planning Permission ref: P/20/2044/2 for the erection of 45 dwellings with associated access.</p> <p>Location: Street Record, East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	<p>09/02/2023</p>	<p>20/01/2023</p>

<p>P/22/2150/2</p>	<p>Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to rear.</p> <p>Location: 6 Wysall Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6UH.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	<p>10/02/2023</p>	<p>20/01/2023</p>
<p>P/22/2237/2</p>	<p>Proposal: Discharge of condition 10 (Construction Management Plan) of P/20/2427/2 (Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) for up to 65 dwellings with provision of new internal access roads, and footpaths, public open space and landscaping, surface water attenuation and associated infrastructure).</p> <p>Location: Land South of East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	<p>14/02/2023</p>	<p>24/01/2023</p>
<p>P/22/2285/2</p>	<p>Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (Landscaping) of P/22/0647/2 (Reserved Matters of permission P/20/2427/2 for 65 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated works and the discharge of condition 17 (tree protection) and condition 22 (biodiversity) of outline permission P/20/2427/2).</p> <p>Location: Land South of East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	<p>14/02/2023</p>	<p>24/01/2023</p>
<p>P/23/0025/2</p>	<p>Proposal: Proposed construction of two storey dwellinghouse with associated garage, off street parking, amenity space, landscaping, refuse/recycling store and access gates.</p> <p>Location: 85 Brook Street, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6TT.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	<p>14/02/2023</p>	<p>25/01/2023</p>

12. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity:

- a) Cllr Garvey informed the Council that she is stepping down as a Parish Councillor. The Chair on behalf of the Council thanked Cllr Garvey for all her hard work and service to the parish, particularly regarding Biodiversity, sustainability, and our green spaces. We are very sad to see her go. As a result of this, Cllr Cooke will become the lead for this area on the Council, and the Mowing and Maintenance Sub-Committee was formally closed.

13. Cemetery:

- a) There are no upcoming interments due this month in the Cemetery so far.

14. Section 106 and Village Projects:

- a) No update regarding S106 was required from Cllr Simpson.
- b) Cllr Simpson confirmed that we have procured a new contractor to install the sides for the MUGA. These works are planned for the near future.

15. Sports Pavilion and Playing Field:

- a) This year's Wymeswold Farmers Market has been confirmed for Sunday 2nd July 2023.
- b) There will be a Legionella risk assessment performed this month in the Sports Pavilion, and redecoration should be commenced at the end of March.

16. Clerk's Report:

- A list of contact details for parishioners to report a problem has been published on the village website, village noticeboard, and Christian Link along with a flood contacts page. The Council would actively encourage parishioners to report village issues using this contacts list.
- Forthcoming Temporary Traffic Restriction Orders:
 - a. East Road/Wide Lane, Wymeswold for LCC to undertake carriageway patching works. Duration not expected to exceed a period of **4 nights 20.00-06.00 commencing 28th February 2023.**
 - b. Narrow Lane, Wymeswold - to allow Clearcomm Group Ltd, on behalf of Openreach, to undertake works to build a new chamber. It will incorporate a temporary road closure. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of **1 day commencing on the 28th March 2023.**
 - c. Wysall Lane, Wymeswold - to allow Severn Trent Water Ltd to undertake Fire Hydrant renewal works in the carriageway. It will incorporate a temporary road closure. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of **3 days commencing on the 29th March 2023.**
- The 2023 Leicestershire Half Marathon is set to take place on **Sunday 26th February 2023** starting and finishing at Prestwold Hall. The race start time will be **9:30am** and the event will finish by **12:30pm.**
- The parishioner footpath (H64) query from January has been investigated by Leicestershire County Council (LCC). Cllr Mills and County Cllr Richard Shepherd are looking to arrange a meeting with a number of parishioners regarding this.
- Concrete fencing on the pedestrian side of the brook on Hoton Road (at the junction with Burton Lane) in Wymeswold has been broken/pushed over. This has been reported to LCC Highways who are still in the process of resolving this matter.
- The damaged streetlight on Hoton Road (opposite Trinity Crescent) has been made safe whilst a replacement part is on order. It will be fully fixed when the part is obtained by LCC.

- Following a request to investigate two possible abandoned cars on Wysall Lane, Charnwood Borough Council were contacted and neither car was classed as abandoned. Any suspected abandoned cars in the village can be reported by parishioners via: https://vof.charnwood.gov.uk/form/auto/sm_abandonedvehicles.
- The village noticeboard will be refurbished when the weather is warmer and drier.
- The demolished illuminated traffic bollard on the pedestrian refuge island on Rempstone Road was reported to LCC. This was made safe, and a new illuminated bollard is on order, and will be replaced when it is obtained.
- The Zip line on the Washdyke will be serviced this month.
- The question regarding a new voluntary Public Footpath Warden for Wymeswold was raised. If any parishioners would like to volunteer for this position, then please email the Clerk at wymeswoldpc@hotmail.co.uk.
- Quotes for safety/information signs for the MUGA and Washdyke/ Community Orchard are being sought.

17. Church Wall and Clock:

- a) Cllr Mills informed the Council that a new Church Clock repairer has been contacted and will review the Clock in the coming month.
- b) Cllr Higgins and Cllr Mills met with the Church Architect who the Council have engaged to coordinate and run the next phases of the Church Wall repair. The Council approved an entry being made on the Contracts Finder website to enable tender submissions. Cllr Higgins confirmed the process for the Public Works Loan Board and the LCC application process for the necessary future road closure, and the Council approved both actions going forward.

18. Parishioner Queries:

- a) None.

19. Items for further consideration: The boundary fence on the Sports Field has further deteriorated recently, so the Clerk will seek quotes for potential replacement. Cllr Sayce raised an issue regarding the mowing of verges on Appleton Drive. These will be included in the mowing schedule.

The meeting closed at 8.11pm.

The next Wymeswold Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 6th March at 7pm unless advised otherwise.