

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 March 2023 at 7:00pm. Parishioners were welcome to attend in person OR via Zoom.

Attendees: Cllr Richard Higgins (Acting Chair), Cllr Adrian Cooke, Cllr David Albert, and Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor.

Attendees via Zoom: Clare Higgins (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** It was resolved to accept apologies from: Cllr Laura Mills (Chair), Cllr Kevin Sayce, Cllr Tom Simpson, and County Cllr Richard Shepherd.
2. **Declarations of Interest or Requests for Dispensation:** None.

Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor entered the meeting at 7.05pm.

3. **Public Participation:** Richard Ellison (consent to use his name was obtained) attended the meeting to inform the Council about Rights of Way in the village. He stated that The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 introduced a cut-off date of 2026 when all 'unrecorded' public rights of way (old trackways and paths not included in the 1949 National Parks and Access to Countryside Act) may be permanently extinguished. Our parish has a few of these, and also other paths that have been used but are not public rights of way. The Council agreed to support Richard Ellison in his investigation of this matter and the Clerk will contact LCC to ascertain more information.

4. **Approval of previous minutes:** The meeting approved minutes from the WPC meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023.

5. **Leicestershire County Council Report:** County Cllr Richard Shepherd was unable to attend the meeting but referred the Council to information regarding the application he has submitted on the Council's behalf for a replacement speed indicator sign (SID) on East Road, from the Members' Highway Fund. He requested some clarity on the specification for the proposed SID and the timing for its installation, which we are providing.

6. **Charnwood Borough Council Report:** Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor informed the Council that the Examination in Public of the Charnwood New Local Plan has finished. The results are due to be released in June. Borough Cllr Bokor reported that the inspectors felt the Plan was sound and that she has negotiated for no further development in the Wolds villages. This is valid until 2037. The New Local Plan which will become law in September guarantees the required 5 year supply of housing in the Borough. Borough Cllr Bokor also reported that the construction of the noise-reducing Bund within the Prestwold Estate will be commenced in April.

Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor left the meeting at 7.26pm.

7. **Police Report:** During the month of February 2023, Wymeswold had 1 x Public Order and 1 x Vehicle Crime reported.

8. Accounts:

- a) Expenditure for March (payment of February invoices) was approved by the

Council and is detailed in the table below:

March 2023	Clare Higgins Salary - February 2023	n/a	
	HMRC NI Contributions - Clare Salary (January 2023 - February 2023)	n/a	£3.45
	Richard Higgins Expenses - Zoom	£2.40	£14.39
	Richard Higgins Expenses - Parish Council Mobile Phone	n/a	£7.50
	Total Energies	£4.74	£99.75
	WaterPlus Ltd - Cemetery	n/a	£8.40
	LRALC Limited - Internal Audit Service 2022-2023 - January Invoice	n/a	£260.00
	Easyspace Ltd - Easyspace Domain Yearly Billing Fee - For April 2023	£6.52	£39.11
	Roma Landscapes Ltd - Washdyke Hedges and Poplar Tree felling - February Invoice 2023	£182.00	£1,092.00
	Parochial Church Council of St Mary Wymeswold - Church floodlighting - February Invoice 2023	n/a	£277.54
	£195.66	£2,585.14	

b) Bank Reconciliation and position

March - Bank	
Bank Opening Balance	£18,754.08
Spend	£2,585.14
Income for February	£0
Closing Balance	To be confirmed at the end of March

9. Approval of the Internal Auditor for the Council for the financial year 2022-2023:

The Council approved that the LRALC are confirmed as the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2022-2023.

10. Updated Standing Orders document: The Council approved the updated Standing Orders document which will be published on the village website.

11. Updated Payments Practices document: The Council approved the updated Payments Practices document which will be published on the village website.

12. Updated Financial Regulations document: The Council approved the updated Financial Regulations document which will be published on the village website.

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

14. Planning Applications and Appeals:

Application Number	Proposal / Location	Comments Deadline	Distribution Date to Cllrs
P/23/0031/2	<p>Proposal: Removal of paint from surface of internal timber beams.</p> <p>Location: Magnolia Cottage, 124 Brook Street, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6TU.</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	24/02/2023	03/02/2023

P/23/0175/2	<p>Proposal: Replacement dwelling.</p> <p>Location: Fourways Farm, Narrow Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6SD</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	09/03/2023	21/02/2023
P/23/0271/2	<p>Proposal: Site for the reception of up to 3 dwellings (Outline planning application with all matters reserved except the access).</p> <p>Location: 1 London Lane, Wymeswold, Leicestershire, LE12 6UB</p> <p>Resolved: Not to comment on this application.</p>	14/03/2023	21/02/2023

15. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity:

- a) Cllr Cooke informed the Council that before leaving as a Cllr, Sarah Garvey had kindly applied for hedging plants and trees from The Woodland Trust. These have arrived and have been planted in the Washdyke.

16. Cemetery:

- a) There are no upcoming interments due this month in the Cemetery so far.
b) The Council approved the application for two memorial benches in the Cemetery.

17. Section 106 and Village Projects:

- a) Cllr Simpson was not available to update the meeting.

18. Sports Pavilion and Playing Field:

- a) Having sought multiple quotes, the Council approved a contractor quote for the replacement of the boundary fence on the Sports Field.
- b) It has become apparent that there are issues with refuse bags being left next to the bins at the Sports Pavilion, and this is causing an associated rodent issue. All users of the Sports Pavilion have been contacted, and the Council agreed to inform the village via a note in the Christian Link, and to investigate an extra refuse bin. It was reiterated that the Sports Pavilion bins are only for use by the users of the Sports Pavilion. ALL rubbish must be placed inside the bins and not left next to them.

19. Clerk's Report:

- A list of contact details for parishioners to report a problem is 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.
- The Council approved the annual contribution to the Christian Link.
- LCC Highways have rescheduled the repair of the white concrete posts on the Hoton Road/Burton Lane junction for 29th and 30th March with full safety scaffolding for their team.

- The streetlight on Hoton Road (outside Trinity Crescent) has now been replaced by LCC.
- Severn Trent have again attended a water leak on Burton Lane and remediated the issue.
- The upcoming Community Speedwatch for 2023 has been deferred to 2024 because of the East Road new development speed restriction being in place from January 2023 - March 2024, as accurate traffic data would not be able to be obtained.
- The Sports Pavilion is to be used for access to the toilets for the village event on Monday May 8th.
- Forthcoming Temporary Traffic Restriction Orders:
 - a. A46 Six Hills to Dalby – National Highways will be carrying out essential maintenance work to the embankment and drainage. This will be completed between **13th March 2023** and **mid-May 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 between Brook Street and Melton Road. 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**.
 - d. Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds for M+J Evans Construction safely undertake carriageway resurfacing works in connection with the new William Davis development. The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure. The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of **2 days** commencing on Saturday **29th April 2023**.
- A volunteer position for a Wymeswold Public Footpath Warden is still vacant. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact the Parish Clerk on wymeswoldpc@hotmail.co.uk

20. Church Wall and Clock:

- a) Cllr Mills was unable to attend the meeting but had informed the Council that a new Church Clock repairer has been to review the Clock and has quoted for a series of repairs. The Council approved the initial repair quoted for so the repair can be arranged.
- b) Cllr Higgins informed the Council that the contract for repair of the Church Wall has gone out for tender, and has been placed on the Contracts Finder website. The tenders submitted will be reviewed following the tender deadline.

21. Parishioner Queries:

- a) A parishioner raised a query to the Council regarding the possibility of car parking provision on the green space on the corner of Hoton Road and London Lane. The Council discussed this and concluded that it was unable to help in this matter for a number of reasons. Primarily, the Council does not own the land and therefore has no authority/power to action this. Furthermore of note, there is an existing pedestrian footpath which is used daily; it would contravene the Council's important Biodiversity ethos, and also may cause a significant visibility hazard for pedestrians and other road users.

22. Items for further consideration: None.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

The next Wymeswold Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 3rd April at 7pm unless advised otherwise.

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