

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 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, Clare Higgins (Clerk).

**Attendees via Zoom:** County Cllr Richard Shepherd.

- 1. Apologies:** It was resolved to accept apologies from: Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- 5. Leicestershire County Council Report:** County Cllr Richard Shepherd informed us that the County Council is urging people to take the first steps to find out more about fostering. Details may be found on the Council's website by visiting [www.fosteringleicestershire.com](http://www.fosteringleicestershire.com). The details include information about the Council's "Find out about Fostering" events. It is emphasized that whatever a person's gender, race, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status, the Council would like to hear from them. More information is also available by telephoning 0116 305 0505. The Council's request is: "If you think you could help just one child make good choices, learn how to do basic life chores, live life to the fullest, and most importantly be happy in 2023, make the first steps to find out more information". County Cllr Richard Shepherd also drew to the attention of the Council to the email he circulated again regarding the County Council's Budget Consultation. With regards to the ongoing application to the Members Highways Fund, all applications are being looked at individually, but due to supply and other issues it may take some time to finalise a decision.

Item **17a** and **17b** of the agenda were discussed at this point, prior to County Cllr Shepherd leaving the meeting.

County Cllr Richard Shepherd left the meeting at 7.11pm.

- 6. Charnwood Borough Council Report:** Borough Cllr Jenny Bokor sent in her report as she was unable to attend the meeting. She confirmed that the S106 monies associated with the new warehousing on Wymeswold Industrial Estate of £100,000 is to be shared between Burton/Cotes/Prestwold Parish Council and Wymeswold Parish Council as per the report in the last Christian Link. She advised the Council to contact Burton/Cotes/Prestwold Parish Council for an update on their meeting with CBC Planning this month where they will be discussing the sorts of projects that the money can be spent on to offset environmental damage.
- 7. Police Report:** During the month of November 2022 Wymeswold had 1 x Criminal Damage, 2 x Theft and 1 x Vehicle Crime reported. No report has been received as yet for December.

## 8. Accounts:

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

January 2023	10/01/2023	Clare Higgins Salary	n/a	
	10/01/2023	HMRC NI Contributions - Clare November Salary	n/a	£26.50
	10/01/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Zoom	£2.40	£14.39
	10/01/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Parish Council Mobile Phone	n/a	£7.50
	10/01/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Norton Anti-Virus Software	n/a	£14.99
	10/01/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Easyspace Ltd - Secure Hosting - December	£4.20	£25.20
	10/01/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Easyspace Ltd - Starter Plus Renewal Annual - December	£18.98	£113.89
	10/01/2023	Richard Higgins Expenses - Easyspace Ltd - Whois Privacy Renewal - January	£2.29	£13.74
	10/01/2023	Total Energies	£4.21	£88.21
	10/01/2023	WaterPlus Ltd - Sports Pavilion - December Invoice	n/a	£24.61
	10/01/2023	WaterPlus Ltd - Cemetery - December Invoice	n/a	£8.18
	10/01/2023	C. Skirrow Mowing - November Invoice	n/a	£410.00
	10/01/2023	Capstone Consulting Engineers Ltd	n/a	£2,850.00
	10/01/2023	Mark Munro Gardening	n/a	£220.00
	10/01/2023	DK Rumsby & Co - December Invoice	£10.00	£60.00
		<b>£42.08</b>	<b>£4,827.21</b>	

- b) Bank Reconciliation and position

<b>January - Bank</b>	
Bank Opening Balance	£26,817.08
Spend	£4,827.21
Income – Wymeswold Open Gardens Grant and E.ON Next FIT Tariff Back Payment	£839.09
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>To be confirmed at the end of January</b>

- c) Cllr Higgins presented the proposed Budget spreadsheet for 2023/2024 (which had been circulated to all the Cllrs prior to the meeting). It was resolved to set a budget of £59,952.32 for the financial year 2023-2024.
- d) The Council resolved to send a precept request to Charnwood Borough Council of £47,127.32. This will represent a charge of £75.61 per year for each Band D household (this is the Wymeswold Parish Council element of the overall Council Tax Charge); an increase of 9.35%, which is a £6.77 total increase for the year per Band D property. We understand that this is a difficult time for all our parishioners, and we have agreed a budget that reflects underlying cost increases that the Council is facing.

9. **Risk Assessments:** The Monthly Washdyke and Sports Field Risk Assessment for December was performed by Cllr Mills; no action is required. The Quarterly Cemetery Risk Assessment was performed by Cllr Simpson; no action is required. The Quarterly Sports Pavilion Risk Assessment was performed by Cllr Garvey; no action is required.

## 10. Planning Applications and Appeals:

Application Number	Proposal / Location	Comments Deadline	Distribution Date to Cllrs
<b>P/22/2107/2</b>	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Discharge of condition 18 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) (amended layout) 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><b>Location:</b> Land South of East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Not to comment on this application.</p>	22/12/2022	02/12/2022
<b>P/22/2117/2</b>	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Discharge of condition 20 of P/20/2427/2 – Drainage</p> <p>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><b>Location:</b> Land South of East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Not to comment on this application.</p>	22/12/2022	02/12/2022
<b>P/22/2118/2</b>	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Discharge of Condition 11 (Pedestrian Improvement Scheme including a controlled pedestrian crossing) 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><b>Location:</b> Land South of East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Not to comment on this application.</p>	27/12/2022	07/12/2022

<b>P/22/2232/2</b>	<p><b>Proposal:</b> Discharge of S106 obligations – Affordable Housing Scheme.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Land South of East Road, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Not to comment on this application.</p>	12/01/2023	20/12/2022
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#### **11. Landscaping, Environment and Biodiversity:**

- a) Cllr Garvey highlighted the recent village planting of 3,500 bulbs, as part of our ongoing initiative to improve floral diversity within the village following a grant gratefully received from The Garden Walkabout Committee. Furthermore, we would like to thank the 40 or so volunteers that came to plant native trees and hedgerow just before Christmas on the Washdyke. We had 300 hedgerow plants, consisting of: Hazel, Dogwood, Wild Rose, Hawthorn, and Holly, as well as around 20 Oak and Field Maple trees. Huge thanks to Richard Ellison for spearheading the initiative and for accessing the Branching Out Fund grant from the Tree Council which has enabled this to happen.
- b) Cllr Mills countersigned the new mowing and maintenance contracts which come into operation from March 2023.

#### **12. Cemetery:**

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

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

- a) Cllr Simpson confirmed the potential Section 106 funding which may become available from the Dandara, East Road development. The Council will work to identify opportunities to use this funding when it becomes accessible. Cllr Simpson confirmed he will contact CBC in relation to Section 106 funds from the new warehousing units on Wymeswold Industrial Estate.
- b) Cllr Simpson presented new quotes from contractors for the installation of new MUGA sides. The Council has approved one of the quotes subject to a clarification of technical specification.
- c) The Council was approached by the Street Naming Team at CBC with suggested street names for the Dandara, East Road development. The Council decided that the suggestions were not suitable and that a selection of new suggestions will be submitted.

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

- a) The Council discussed and approved the licence fees for 2023-2024 for use of the Sports Pavilion and Sports Field in line with increasing costs.
- b) Cllr Albert confirmed that he had enabled the Feed-in Tariff for the solar panels on the Sports Pavilion to be reactivated.

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

- The biannual fire alarm service in the Sports Pavilion was completed in December.
- The Council has received and approved the Urban Grass Cutting contract with LCC for the period 2023-2025.
- The 2023 Leicestershire Half Marathon is set to take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 starting and finishing at Prestwold Hall. The race start time will be 9:30am and the event will finish by 12:30pm.

- Forthcoming Temporary Traffic Restriction Orders:
  - a. East Road for Dandara to undertake works on the access to the new development. Speed restriction of 30mph commencing **4th January 2023 to 31st March 2023**.
  - b. Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds for LCC to undertake carriageway patching works. Duration not expected to exceed a period of **1 night 19:00-06:00** commencing **30th January 2023**.
  - c. Burton Lane, Wymeswold for Allroads Ltd to undertake carriageway resurfacing works in connection with the new Industrial site. Duration should not exceed **2 days** commencing **28th January 2023**.
  - d. 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**.
- **Bank Holidays** - It was agreed that the May 2023 Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 9th May because of the Bank Holiday and local elections.
- The timetable for the forthcoming Parish Council election was brought to the attention of the Council.
- The upended wooden post on the Church Street triangle was reported to LCC and is now fixed.
- The white concrete barrier on the pedestrian side of the brook on Hoton Road (at the junction with Burton Lane) in Wymeswold still requires repair. LCC Highways have been contacted several times regarding this and are in the process of evaluating the task.
- The broken street light on Hoton Road, opposite the entrance to Trinity Crescent has been reported to LCC and is being assessed.
- The Council has confirmed the Zip line on the Washdyke will be serviced in the next few months; date to be determined.
- A quote was approved by the Council for the felling of a dangerous poplar tree in the Sports Field. This will be done when the weather improves.
- The contractor who caused the damage to the grassed area on Trinity Crescent was contacted and has repaired the damage.

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

- a) Cllr Mills will liaise with the Church regarding the latest situation on the Church Clock.
- b) Having received the 'Specification for Works Report' which was done on the Church Wall, it was resolved to liaise with and engage the Church Architect to help move the process forward.

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

- a) The Council received a parishioner complaint regarding the numerous stiles in place on the H64 footpath from East Road to Wysall Lane which is a Public Right of Way. This has been reported to LCC and is being investigated by them.
- b) The Council received a parishioner complaint of HGVs, articulated lorries and buses using London Lane as a cut-through despite the road having a 7.5 tonne weight restriction. This was also reported to LCC; receiving an explanation that vehicles are permitted to use a road with a weight restriction if it is for access to a depot/ or for making a delivery, but not just as a cut-through road. They have suggested that if parishioners are concerned that large vehicles are choosing to ignore the signage and are illegally travelling along this weight restricted route then they may wish to report this to the online reporting form at LCC:  
<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/weight->

restriction-monitoring or to the Police directly on 101. A notice will be placed in the Christian Link with this information.

**18. Items for further consideration:** Cllr Mills highlighted that the children's play area on Home Leys Way requires attention and has a missing swing. She will get in touch with Greenbelt regarding this.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next Wymeswold Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm unless advised otherwise.