

Wymeswold Parish Council Chairs Report 2019-2020

This report details some of the many issues Wymeswold Parish Council has been concerned with in the last year:

Flooding

Following the heavy flooding event in the village earlier this year several properties were affected, and 5 cars lost. Charnwood Borough Council has a high-water warning system located on the River Mantle near to the junction of Brook Street and Church Street. When this alarm is breached it has been arranged for an alert to be sent to Wymeswold NHW co-ordinators for onward transmission.

Charnwood Borough Council are responsible for River Mantle clearance of vegetation in early Autumn. This includes strimming & dredging; a request has been made for an additional clearance in early June if needed. As a gesture of goodwill Charnwood Borough Council has agreed to order some gel sandbags for Wymeswold which will be distributed to properties that are likely to flood.

S106 monies

Residents were consulted in February 2019 about potential uses for some of the S106 monies from the Storkit Meadows development; this is the planning obligation which makes a positive contribution to the local community. In this instance it is the provision of youth and adult recreational equipment. The Parish Council have applied to the Derbyshire Environment Trust for 'match' funding for a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Washdyke field. An application has also been made to replace the artificial playing surface and nets on the sports field.

Cemetery Tree Maintenance

A Health and Safety survey on the trees at Rempstone Road cemetery was carried out in March. Quotations have been received for extensive works to the trees, it is anticipated that these works will commence within the next couple of months.

Mowing and verges

The Parish Council are responsible for mowing and maintaining areas of the village such as highways, paths, churchyard, cemetery, playing field, Washdyke and around the Memorial Hall. We have now incorporated the verges along Mill Hill Leys and Waydale into our mowing schedule.

The License from Leicestershire County Council for guarding to verges along Brook Street and the service Road has been received and it is hoped to commence installing the bird's beak fencing in the coming months.

The annual cost for all the mowing almost equates to 50% of the precept annually, over £14,000.00. Please help the Parish Council to look after the grass areas and verges by avoiding parking vehicles on verges.

Parish Council communication

Apart from regular updates in the 'Christian Link', the Loughborough Echo and on the notice board, news from the Parish Council is updated on the village website www.wymeswold.com

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the help given by Dan Norcott and Janet Thomas to run and maintain the website.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the regular monthly meetings, usually held on the first Monday of the month at 7.00pm in the Sports Pavilion. All contact details are advertised on the Parish Council notice board in the Stockwell, as are the agenda and minutes of the most recent meeting, together with any other relevant information.

I would like to thank my fellow members of the Parish Council – Adrian Cooke, Lesley Blount, Maria McKean, Laura Mills, Kevin Sayce and Richard Higgins– for all their support and hard work over the past year, and to acknowledge the contribution that Alice Gardam has made to the Parish Council during her 9 years of service as Parish Clerk.

I would also like to record our thanks to our County Councillor, Cllr Richard Shepherd, for his help and advice over a numerous matter with the County Council, and similarly to our Borough Councillor, Cllr Jenny Bokor.

Finally, I wish to thank the Parish Clerk, Louise Turner our new Parish Clerk, for her work in support of the Council.