

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WYMONDHAM & EDMONDTHORPE
PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Edmondthorpe Village Hall, Main Street, Edmondthorpe.
Tuesday 14 April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present :-

Cllr. Lorraine Watkins (Chairman) (LW)
Cllr. Christian Semmens (CSJ)
Cllr. Chris Semmens (CSS)
Cllr. Pat Peters (PP)
Cllr. Howard Gresham (HG)
Cllr. Amy Roberton (AR)
Mrs. Sharon Coe (Clerk)

2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies received

2. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting dated 3rd March 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No reports were received.

RESOLVED : That no reports be received.

5. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND MEETINGS

a) **Police Report** :- No report had been received.

b) **Sedley Trust** :- No report had been received.

c) **St Peters Primary** :- PP reported that there would be an increase of 8 pupils from September which would increase the roll to 40 or 41. There had been questions regarding the use of the play equipment as it was sited within the school and the gates were locked in school time so the wider community couldn't access the equipment in school time. Questions were raised regarding insurance and liability, the Clerk to go back in the Parish records to see if there were any details regarding this.

Some ASB had been noted around the school that had happened out of school time.

d) **Rights of way / Footpaths**:- The Wadlings was swampy but passable in places. CSJ would look at the maps regarding the rights of way around the back of the sewerage works.

e) **War Memorials** :- No problems. The Clerk to facilitate the cheques for the care of the War Memorials in the new financial year.

f) **Health and Safety / Maintenance.** :- Cllr HG reported that he had mended the glass pane in the telephone box in Edmondthorpe. A complaint had been received regarding the fact that people were putting dog mess into the litter bins because the dog bins were full. The dog bins were also not being correctly lined which meant cleaning was not happening due to the debris in the bin. The Clerk to bring this to the attention of MBC Cllr Graham. The street light cover on the lamppost outside Sycamore Cottage was missing. The clerk to report this to LCC. HG gave the Clerk keys to the new Notice

Board in Edmondthorpe. It was decided that these should be held by The Clerk, Chairman, PP and AR to cover all eventualities.

g) **Village Hall** :- Centre stage had put on their last performance at the Village Hall due to funding cuts and it had been very enjoyable. The breakfasts and coffee mornings had been well supported and profitable. More quizzes were planned and the annual meeting was scheduled for 11th May. The produce show would take place on 19th September.

The sink was now fully plumbed in and the macerator was not being used. Fund raising events were being planned with July 4th as a working date.

h) **Wymondham and Edmondthorpe Civic Society** :- The AGM was taking place in Wymondham Village Hall tonight.

i) **Allotments**:- There are still issues with the parking around the allotments. The Clerk had been in contact with Buckminster Estates and this was ongoing. Cllrs would forward the Clerk some photographic evidence so this could be forwarded for clarification. The perspex in the allotment notice board was also cracked and broken, CS would get the keys and replace this.

j) **LRALC** :- The Clerk confirmed that both she and CSJ had attended a "Neighbourhood Planning Nuts and Bolts" event at LRALC which they had both found informative and worthwhile.

RESOLVED :- That these reports are received and any actions carried out .

6 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

a) **Public Speaking Protocol** - The Clerk had received a request from Matthew Williams to speak regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

b) The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to make representations about any item not on the agenda (parishioners time).

An update regarding the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) was outlined by Matthew. This was a broad outline of the constraints and learning curve that both the group and the Parish Council had undergone. There had been difficulties over the receipt of the bridging grant from the funding body, due to administrative problems both with the fund provider and the Bank. The NPG had undertaken a wildlife survey however which will be necessary supporting data for the eventual plan. The NPG asked that the Parish Council reconsider its relationship to the NPG and consider them to be a committee of the Council where they could operate under "terms of reference".

A discussion took place but it was decided that in order to make an informed decision which would work for both the Council and the NPG, that the Clerk would call a meeting towards the end of May/early June with the Neighbourhood Plan as a one item agenda.

Members raised the issue of potholes again, the Clerk will chase this but Council realise that this is a very busy time at LCC and MBC as the General Election is very much the priority.

RESOLVED : To call a meeting late May/early June.

8. **TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT TO DEVELOP**

None Received.

9. **TO RECEIVE DECISIONS FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

15/00074/TPO The Pump House , 5 Nurses Lane
15/00104/FULHH 2, Meadows Rise, Wymondham

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10. FINANCE

The financial reports were produced to Council in the agenda packs. The Clerk also confirmed that the Burial Account had been closed in accordance with members wishes and the resulting amount had been paid into the TSB account. At year end the closure amount would then be transferred into the Earmarked Community Reserve fund.

RESOLVED: That the accounts paid up to the end of February 2015 are confirmed. The bank reconciliation statement dated 28th February 2015 was signed by the Chairman on behalf of Council. The Clerk to action the setting up of the Earmarked Community Reserve fund with RBS at Year End.

b) To receive and update on the grant applications received.

Members reviewed the grant application submitted by Wymondham Village Hall in the sum of £1,200 to be used towards the cost of film screening equipment following funding cuts. Members voted unanimously in favour of this application. A discussion ensued regarding whether to use the Community Reserve but it was felt that the Community should engage further and also the local school should be involved with suggestions before awarding money from that particular area. The Clerk suggested that they may use the general reserve funds to make the grant.

RESOLVED :- Members agreed to £1,200 for the above application with funds being taken from general reserves.

11. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported the following :-

Letters of thanks had been issued to the Parishioners who had been looking after the War Memorial on behalf of the parish.

The Clerk was in an ongoing dialogue with Buckminster Estates regarding allotment access and LW confirmed that there was photographic evidence which she would forward to the Clerk for onward transmission.

The Parish Council website now had a link for the Neighbourhood Plan Group, the Clerk would update this as information was received.

As mentioned previously the Clerk and PP had closed the old Burial Account and transferred funds to the TSB account. The Clerk and CSJ had also attended LRALC's "nuts and bolts" neighbourhood planning training at Anstey.

The horse signs requests were being looked at by LCC with a view to a placing these in Edmondthorpe.

The Clerk had re- negotiated the electricity tariff with the providers and had achieved a 4% discount for the coming year.

The Clerk made members aware of the considerable difficulties she was still experiencing with the TSB bank, one of which being the return of the NPG cheque. The Clerk requested that she be able to investigate other options regarding banking facilities. Members were happy for the Clerk to undertake this. With Possible new members of Council being required after the elections this seems like a sensible time to effect this.

The Clerk was thanked for her informative report.

RESOLVED To accept the Clerks Report and actions contained therein. The Clerk to investigate a new banking provider.

12. TO RECEIVE THE CORRESPONDENCE LIST

To receive correspondence report: RESOLVED: The list be received and noted. All correspondence had been copied to members.

RESOLVED :- That the correspondence and actions are noted.

13. TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER MEETINGS, ORGANISATIONS OR EVENTS.

None received.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Full Council meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.00pm in Wymondham Village Hall.

With there being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.