

## Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held at Wymondham Village Hall Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

Present:

Councillors: Christian Semmens as Chair, Pat Peters, Trevor Mear, Matthew Williams, Howard Gresham & Kevin Spiers

Clerk: Terry Brown

Anne Harvey for St Peter's School

2 members of the public

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**Public Time:** A parishioner addressed the meeting outlining the rationale for his planning application 18/01280/FUL Workshop Edmondthorpe Road Wymondham.

The Chairman thanked him for his very helpful comments and this information was carried forward to item 159/1 Planning.

Anne Harvey for St Peters School gave a detailed account of the current situation with regard to the School Playing Field. It is on a long lease to the School for Community use, but the School is only responsible in term time. Therefore, other parties would need to provide safety checks for its use in holiday time and weekends.

As the School celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary it seeks to raise £8000 towards the first stage of a replacement of equipment and has so far raised £800. Therefore, Anne Harvey presented an application for grant assistance for £1600 from the W&E Organisation Grants fund to be considered at the January meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Williams requested that Anne Harvey inform the council of the proportion and numbers of children at the school who are from the villages of Wymondham and Edmondthorpe. She undertook to provide this information in advance of the next PC meeting.

A parishioner queried the lack of a public meeting space in the village and the possible consequences and impact on a feeling of community. The Chair reminded her of the importance of the Sedley Field provision.

### 151 To receive apologies for absence

District Councillors: Malise Graham

### 152 District and County Councillor Time

None

### 153 Police Time

PC Sharon Roscoe reported by email:

*"Speeding through the village of Wymondham remains an issue. I will be back out with my speed gun again very soon. In the last 60 days in Wymondham there have been two vehicle crimes of note. On 2/11/18 two vehicles were stolen and this investigation is still ongoing and secondly on 10/10/18 a van was broken into and items stolen. In the last 60 days in Edmondthorpe there have been 2 burglaries. On 9/10/18 a former stable block was broken into and items stolen. On 13/11/18 a house was broken into and a vehicle was stolen. This investigation is still ongoing! "*

### 154 Members Declarations of Interests

Cllr Semmens declared an interest in item 161/7

### 155 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Council held 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The minutes were approved & signed by the Chairman.

### 156 Matters arising from previous meetings

/1 to review progress on allotment issues re WAA meeting 29.11.18

The Clerk reported a cancellation of a recent and planned WAA meeting and of ongoing problems in getting an up to date water bill.

The Chairman reviewed the current status of discussions on the ongoing parking problem and Cllrs Williams and Gresham reminded the meeting of other proposed and alternative arrangements.

**/2 to discuss progress on issues concerning St Peter's School.**

The meeting agreed to consider the funding application received in Public Time at its January meeting.

Action Clerk

**/3 to confirm progress on the new notice board**

Cllr Gresham reported that this was in hand.

Action Cllr Gresham

**157 To receive Councillor reports**

None

**158 To receive & consider reports from representatives on outside bodies & meeting**

**/1 to discuss LCC Highways latest proposals re LCC site visit 24.7.18**

Cllr Spiers reported on a disappointing response from LCC. The meeting agreed that progress on the issue was contingent on meeting a £500 Design fee and this should be resolved at the January meeting.

Action Clerk/Cllr Spiers

Cllr Peters queried the effectiveness of a new VAS to change driver behaviour. But the meeting agreed that such a potential purchase should be pursued to demonstrate to the Community the Parish Council's aim to pursue all possible actions to mitigate the speeding problem.

**159 Planning**

**/1 17/01575/FUL Proposed erection of 9 residential dwellings**

**Land Off Butt Lane Butt Lane Wymondham**

**Decision notice – permitted**

Noted

The Parish Council agreed the need to remind MBC of their concerns that high quality materials are used bearing in mind recent failings on this issue with other recent developments in the village.

It is of considerable importance that materials should be chosen to complement the design of the development and add to the quality or character of the surrounding environment since this site will set the tone for the further development on the adjacent allocated site at Station Yard. It represents a significant expansion of the Village northwards and is directly contiguous to the Conservation Area.

Action Clerk

The meeting also discussed the following planning applications received 3/12/2018:

**18/01280/FUL Workshop Edmondthorpe Road Wymondham**

**Demolition of garage/workshop building. New dwelling.**

Councillors took on board the comments from the applicant in the Public Time. However, there was some divergence of opinion.

Cllr Mear questioned the appropriateness of the design in the context of the village setting and the narrowness of the plot.

Cllr Williams complimented the application on its clear adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policies.

Cllr Gresham raised concerns over the effect of the development on the adjoining river flow and possible interference.

With one exception Councillors supported the application.

Action Clerk

**18/01405/FULHH Station House Butt Lane Wymondham Single storey front and rear extension**

No objections.

**160 Correspondence**

**Emails:**

<b>12/11/18</b>	<b>MBC re snow wardens</b>	In view of both the potential administrative complications and liability the Council decided to take no further action on this matter.
<b>13/11/18</b>	<b>Emma Simkins re housing survey</b>	The Council considered this issue at length but were not inclined to change their view that a new Housing Needs Survey would be unproductive. Further they questioned the validity of such a survey in view of Melton Borough Council's proposed change to the planning conditions attached to the Glebe Road development.
		The Clerk is to respond to Midlands Rural Housing. <a href="#">Action Clerk</a>
<b>15/11/18</b>	<b>LCC re review of Planning obligations</b>	Noted
<b>23/11/18</b>	<b>SLCC re possible reorganisation</b>	Noted

**161 Matters for Discussion****/1 to agree meeting dates for May 2019**

Councillors agreed that that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would be held Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in Edmondthorpe Social Club and the Annual Parish Meeting to be held 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 7.30pm in Edmondthorpe Social Club.

The Clerk to update the website. [Action Clerk](#)

**/2 to consider themes for APM May 2019**

Deferred to the January meeting

**/3 to consider progress on possible LED lights conversion**

The meeting received a proposal from the Clerk but requested further information on both this and the budget situation for further discussion at the January meeting. [Action Clerk](#)

**/4 to consider Councillor responsibility for the Village Hall**

Deferred to the January meeting

**/5 to consider the Budget and Precept for 2019-20**

The Clerk reported that there was the likelihood the 2018/19 budget would be underspent.

The 2019 precept would have to include an allowance for election expenses because of the recent MBC decision to delegate these expenses to the parishes. Also, the Council would have to make a provision for replacement IT equipment.

The meeting noted that the 2019/20 budget would be heavily influenced by the Council's decision for the possible LED light conversion. The meeting requested further information about the 2018 year-end situation and to continue discussion and a decision into the January meeting. [Action Clerk](#)

**/6 to RESOLVE to make a grant for £3000 to the repairs for St Peter's Church clock**

The meeting noted the advice of the Clerk that the Parish Council had the Power to provide public clocks courtesy of the Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2.

The meeting **RESOLVED** to grant £3000 to the repair of the clock.

**/7 to report on Councillor training 15.11.18**

Cllr Mear reported that the training session for new Councillors had been very good and reminded fellow Councillors of the "The Good Councillors Guide 2018".

**162 Finance**

The submitted schedule of payments was approved.

Bank balances at 14/10/18 were confirmed as:

Current account	£21150.07
Deposit Account	£25055.63

**163 Date of next meeting:** Monday 7th January 2019 at 7:30pm at Edmondthorpe Social Club.

The meeting ended at 10.21pm

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