

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held at Wymondham Village Hall, Church Lane, Wymondham on Monday 04 September 2017 at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: Howard Gresham; Pat Peters; Christian Semmens Snr.; Christian Semmens (Chair); Kevin Spiers & Matthew Williams

Clerk: Sharon Pyke

Borough Councillor: Malise Graham

County Councillor: Joe Orson

Members of the public: 0

73. To receive apologies for absence

None received, as all Councillors were present

74. To receive disclosures of members' interests (i.e. the existence and nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda)

Councillor Christian Semmens declared a personal interest & a pecuniary interest in agenda item 13 relating to the Community Grants Policy as Councillor Semmens's wife is a member of the Village Hall Committee & Councillor Semmens' son is an employee of the Village Hall.

Councillor Howard Gresham declared a personal interest in agenda item 13 relating to the Community Grants Policy as Councillor Gresham is a member of the Edmondthorpe Social Club's Committee.

75. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Council held on Monday 03 July 2017

The minutes were approved & signed with minor amendments.

76. Public Participation

- a) Public Speaking Protocol – requests received by the protocol deadline to be reported to the Clerk of the Parish Council with detail of the agenda item to which they relate.

The Clerk had received no requests from members of the public to speak.

- b) The meeting will be suspended to allow members of the public to make representation about items that are not on the agenda (Parishioners time).

The meeting was suspended at 7:44pm

- A member of the Edmondthorpe Social Club updated Councillors on the frustrations of communication with the Licensing Department at Melton Borough Council Committee.
- It was pointed out that the missing name plate is not Main Street but Melton Road.
- There is a missing name plate at Meadows Rise
- The street lighting in Spring Lane which is not the Parish Council's responsibility has been changed & it seems to be considerably brighter than other street lighting.

The meeting resumed at 7:52pm

77. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Borough Councillor Malise Graham reported that activity is still quiet at the Melton Borough Council. The new Chief Executive, Edd de Coverly has only recently started & has made a number of changes already. Edd's previous post was at Ashfield which was at a larger Borough Council with more of an industrial base than rural Melton Mowbray which is the fourth smallest Borough.

Borough & County Councillor Joe Orson said that Melton Mowbray had experienced a 23% rise in crime which follows an award 13 months previously for being the Safest Place in England & Wales. The increase has been attributed to drug usage & the low grade of heroin available. The Police Crime Commissioner & the Chief Constable are holding a public meeting on 26 October at Melton Borough Council.

Biffa, Melton Borough Council's waste & recycling collection contractor, is coming to an end. Tender responses have been returned with contractors offering some intelligent & innovative ideas. Fortnightly collections will be maintained with other service options being evaluated.

The County Council has launched its Fair Funding Consultation. Over the last 4 years the Highways budget has halved which has been possible because Leicestershire's highways network is of a good standard. Borough Councillor Joe Orson offered to meet with Councillor Christian Semmens to discuss the traffic concerns in Wymondham.

78. To receive & consider reports from representatives on outside bodies & meetings

No reports had been received

79. To receive an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan

The independent examiner has recommended that subject to a number of minor modifications that the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum. The Neighbourhood Plan will proceed through two Committees at Melton Borough Council & then it will go to referendum. The Parish Council will need to give consideration to a leaflet drop to raise awareness of the referendum.

80. To receive an update from the Wymondham Traffic Group or any other parties in regard to traffic issues in & around the parish

Councillor Matthew Williams is looking to issue a questionnaire to Leicestershire County Council Highways to establish the estimated cost, feasibility & process requirements of various speed mitigation solutions. The speed reduction to 50mph on the B676 to & from the A1 suggests that a solution to keep drivers on the B676 rather than deviate through Wymondham should be a priority.

81. To update the Parish Council on the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk & agree next steps

Three applications have been received but one candidate has recently withdrawn as they were the applicant who responded to the first round of advertising. Interviews will take place on Thursday 07 September with an interview panel of Councillors Semmens, Spiers & Williams with all Councillors invited to join. It was agreed that the panel would appoint the new Clerk.

82. To consider the applications listed below for consent to develop & any subsequent applications received after the posting of this agenda:

- a) 17/00927/LBC - Bryans Lodge, Glebe Road, Stapleford - No objection
- b) 17/00597/FUL - Stokes Cottage, 13 Bursnells Lane - Comment
- c) 17/00801/COU - Spring Farm, Spring Lane - Comments
- d) 17/00945/FULHH - 9 Sycamore Lane - No objection

83. To note the applications listed below for consent to develop with a closing date for comment prior to this meeting:

- a) 17/00806/TPO - The Old Station, Butt Lane - Noted
- b) 17/00708/FUL - The Cottage Stores, 55 Main Street - Noted
- c) 15/00882/NONMAT - Stokes Cottage, 13 Bursnells Lane - Noted

84. To receive decisions from the planning authority listed below & any subsequent decisions received after the posting of this agenda:

- a) 17/00878/TCA - Rose Cottage, 9a Spring Lane - Approved
- b) 17/00466/FUL - The Bowery, 2 Church Lane - Approved
- c) 17/00666/FUL & 17/00667/LBC - Navvies Cottage, Butt Lane - Approved
- d) 17/00277/FULHH - 2 West End - Approved
- e) 17/00730/TCA - Sycamore House, 2 Sycamore Lane - Approved
- f) 17/00699/FULHH - 5 Old Manor Gardens - Approved

85. To consider the Community Buildings grant applications

Two applications have been received from Edmondthorpe Social Club for £350 toward their licensing fees & Wymondham Village Hall applying for the residual amount of the total grant available for £1,500 to be allocated toward utility bills.

Councillors Howard Gresham & Christian Semmens left the room.

It was agreed to award £350 to Edmondthorpe Social Club & £1,150 to Wymondham Village Hall. Councillor Christian Semmens Snr. abstained.

Councillors Howard Gresham & Christian Semmens returned to the room.

86. Finance:

- a) To receive the financial reports up to 26 July 2017 - Reports received with the current account standing at £34,406.46 & the deposit account £24.73.
- b) To confirm & sign the balance sheet - The Chairman signed the reconciliation statements upon Council's approval
- c) To agree the accounts for payment - The Council approved the accounts for payment totalling £2,569.55 with the Chairman signing the accounts for payment summary on behalf of the Council
- d) To consider transferring monies from the current account to the deposit account - It was agreed to transfer £25,000 to the deposit account.

87. To note registration for LRALC's internal audit service for the year ending 31 March 2018

Noted

88. To note the declaration made in respect of the Automatic Enrolment duties to the Pension Regulator

Noted

89. To note the new Data Protection Regulations that will come into force May 2018 & agree a way forward to ensure the Parish Council is compliant

Noted. LRALC is hosting training relating to the new Data Protection Regulations. Councillors &/or the new Clerk should give consideration to attending this training.

90. To discuss & agree any next steps in relation to West Well gate

Deferred

The Parish Council meeting reached 2 hours duration. It was agreed to extend the meeting by another 30 minutes to conclude the agenda items.

91. Status of service requests to Melton Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council & other agencies:

- a) Overgrowth along Rookery Lane after West End junction - remains outstanding. Query passed to Leicestershire County Council last year but there has been no further action.
- b) Faulty streetlights - street light close to Lavender Cottage on Teigh Road, the timer doesn't appear to be operating correctly.
- c) Replacement of Main Street name plate - should be Melton Road, update Melton Borough Council
- d) Cleaning of street name plates & road signs - A request for the cleaning of the road signs has been sent to Leicestershire County Council.

92. To receive any update on parking at the allotments

No update has been received. Councillor Matthew Williams to chase up.

93. To consider the Parish Council's response to Leicestershire County Council's Fair Funding Consultation

The Parish Council will not be responding but Councillors can respond as individuals.

94. To discuss the preferred size & design for the new Parish Council noticeboard so that quotations can be requested

Councillor Pat Peters asked for clarification that the new noticeboard was a replacement for the existing Wymondham noticeboard. Councillor Christian Semmens confirmed that it was. The preferred size is to accommodate 8 A4 notices but this will need to be checked to ensure there is sufficient space.

95. To note the installation of the new streetlight in Church Lane & to discuss the removal of the disconnected streetlight from the Reading Room

Installation of new streetlight was noted although it has not as yet been connected by Western Power. The discussion on the removal of the streetlight from the Reading Room was deferred.

96. To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to purchase any lamp-post poppies from the British Legion in commemoration of Remembrance Sunday

The Parish Council decided against this option.

97. To receive the correspondence:

This has been received by members via email during the course of the month

98. To receive Councillors reports:

a) Footpaths to be inspected

99. To receive the Clerk's report:

- a) Transparency Code Compliance - work has been completed to make the Council compliant
- b) Asked Councillors to give consideration to new community projects

100. Future agenda items

The meeting ended at 10:00pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 02 October 2017 at 7:30pm at Edmondthorpe Social Club