

Minutes of Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council Meeting

Held at Wymondham Village Hall, Church Lane, Wymondham

Monday 03 April 2017 at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: Christian Semmens Snr.; Christian Semmens (Chair) & Matthew Williams

Clerk: Sharon Pyke

Borough Councillor: Malise Graham

County Councillors: Joe Orson & Byron Rhodes

0 members of the public

345. To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Kevin Spiers, Howard Gresham & Pat Peters sent their apologies; which were **ACCEPTED** by Council.

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

Councillors Christian Semmens & Christian Semmens Snr: item 13c on the agenda, as a grant award cheque is to be signed for the Wymondham Handbell Ringers - personal interest as a member of Councillors Semmens' family is a member of this group.

347. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Council held on Monday 09 January 2017

The minutes were approved & signed.

348. 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 & none were present so the meeting continued.

349. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Joe Orson gave the following verbal report:

- As a result of the Electoral Commission's Boundary changes Wymondham & Edmondthorpe parish moves out of the Belvoir division & into the Melton Wolds division.
- The County Council elections are Thursday 04 May
- Should the Conservatives retain their seat in Melton Wolds, County Councillor Joe Orson will represent Wymondham & Edmondthorpe
- Joe has been a County Councillor for 12 years is a Leicestershire County Council Cabinet member & sits on the Policing & Community Safety Committee

County Councillor Byron Rhodes arrived later in the meeting but for the purposes of observing the agenda order County Councillor Byron Rhodes's verbal report is included below:

- All meetings relating to the Melton Local Plan have been cancelled as the Officers wrestle with the dilemma of how to take the plan forward in light of the differing recommendations offered in the HEDNA report
- Melton's new ring road is inter-dependent on the Local Plan proceeding on the current housing numbers
- County Councillor Rhodes has been Wymondham & Edmondthorpe's representative for 20 years
- Leicestershire County Council's programs have been wrapped up in preparation for the new Council
- Leicestershire County Council is making progress on its Fair Funding Campaign
- There is a further £66m to come out of the budget but it is hoped that returns on a number of programs will limit the budget cuts
- Social care provision will benefit from an increase from central Government through the Better Care Fund but the NHS is seeking funding from the same reserve of money

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

None received

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

Wymondham & Edmondthorpe's public consultation period has closed with the only substantive comments from Melton Borough Council, the Hill Trust & Historic England. All comments will be addressed.

Due to the issues the HEDNA report has thrown up the Melton Local Plan in its current form is 'in peril'. This potentially impacts the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Committee have agreed to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan but will amend the wording to provide Wymondham & Edmondthorpe with the necessary protections to weather any changes.

352. To receive an update from the Wymondham Traffic Group

- a) To review & finalise the draft reply in response to Leicestershire County Council's traffic assessment of Wymondham The Parish Council **AGREED** to use the Wymondham Traffic Group's letter & make a number of modifications. The common outcome that both the Wymondham Traffic Group & the Parish Council are seeking is an on-site meeting with Leicestershire County Council Highways Department. The Clerk was tasked with re-drafting the letter & submitting to the Parish Council for approval.
- b) To discuss & agree whether to propose Wymondham as a possible location for Leicestershire County Council's new community average speed cameras

County Byron Rhodes said the prospect of community average speed cameras is proving popular in villages & with residents. Seven schemes across Leicestershire County have been identified for different reasons. The B676 from Melton to the county boundary has been selected. Councillor Christian Semmens said that if the community average speed camera are placed on the B676 then this could make Wymondham a diversionary faster route to the A1.

The Parish Council **AGREED** to submit Wymondham as a potential location for the new community average speed cameras.

353. To receive an update on the new streetlight in Church Lane

Western Power has installed the cabling for the new streetlight & capped off until the new street lighting column is installed. Western Power have confirmed they will connect the power free of charge. No progress has been made with Leicestershire County Council in terms of the installation of the new streetlight. The Clerk will continue to chase up. The Parish Council stated their preference for the lower of the standard heights of street lighting columns & asked if there was a choice of lamp styles.

354. To consider the donation request for a contribution toward the mowing costs for Edmondthorpe graveyard & cemetery

The Parish Council **AGREED** not to make any further contribution toward the mowing costs other than the provision already made in setting the precept which will be paid out in due course.

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

- a) 17/00247/FUL - Thorpeholm, 6 Wrights Lane - 2 dwellings
This area of land was previously a protected open space & is within the Conservation Area.
The Council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application
- b) PL/0038/17 - Proposed western extension to South Witham Quarry, the completion of operations in the existing quarry together with the relinquishment of the permitted area to the north of Mill Lane granted under a historic Interim Development Order
The Parish Council's primary concern is logistics. It wants to see a decrease in lorry traffic through Wymondham not an increase. There has been good co-operation between the Breedon Group & Wymondham Traffic Group in working toward all Quarry traffic using the southern exit. The Parish Council **AGREED** to use its previously response as a template with the Clerk making subsequent amendments & circulating to Council for approval.

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

- a) 16/00914/TCA - Summerton House, 13 Spring Lane - Approved
- b) 17/00070/TCA - Hunters Lodge, 2 Edmondthorpe Road - Approved
- c) 17/00079/TCA - Laurel Cottage, 21 Sycamore Lane - Approved

The decisions were **NOTED** by the Council

357. Finance:

- a) To receive the financial reports up to 28 February 2017 - the bank statement has not been received
- b) To confirm & sign the balance sheet - the bank statement has not been received
- c) To agree the accounts for payment - **AGREED** with the exception of the Wymondham Handbell Ringers grant award cheque & a replacement cheque for Councillor Matthew Williams as there were insufficient number of Councillors to sign these cheques
- d) To check for accuracy, the calculation of the Parish Clerk's salary from 01 April 2017 - the calculation was **VERIFIED**
- e) To approve & sign the letter to TSB Bank advising them of a change to the Standing Order for the Parish Clerk's salary - the letter was **SIGNED**

358. To agree to adopt NALC employment contract in relation to the Clerk's employment - **DEFERRED** until May's meeting

359. To review & update the asset register

The asset register to be further updated & brought back to Council for approval

360. To review a draft of the Parish Council's Risk Assessment policy with a view to adopting **DEFERRED** until May's meeting

361. To consider whether to set up a parish emergency plan
DEFERRED until September's meeting.

362. To discuss & agree the format for the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 15 May in Wymondham Village Hall
It was **AGREED** to invite local groups & ask the Wymondham Handbell Ringers if they would play, provided their handbells have been returned from re-tuning. The Chairman will need to prepare a report for the meeting.

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

- a) BT phone wires in trees on Meadows Rise - the co-ordinates have been sent through to Melton Borough Council who have confirmed ownership of the trees.
- b) Overgrowth along Rookery Lane after West End junction - to be checked to see if it has been attended to
- c) Condition of road surface outside 62 & 64 Main Street & the Park Cottages junction - no further update has been heard from Leicestershire County Council
- d) Faulty streetlights on Main Street & Church Lane - Leicestershire County Council has logged the streetlights for repair.

364. To receive the correspondence:

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

365. To received Councillors reports:

- a) Councillor Christian Semmens will be on holiday for 2 weeks in early July & said that typically there is no meeting in August.

366. To receive the Clerk's report:

- a) Holidays - booked w/c 01 May off work but unable to take the full week off due to the RBS doing the year end close off & preparations for the Parish Council meeting on 08 May & w/c 10 July.
- b) Read all policies as due for review at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May - a limit on the duration of meetings to be considered for Standing Orders & revise the Code of Conduct to fall in line with other Parish Councils Code of Conduct
- c) Reminder to Councillors to review their Disclosable Interest forms

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- d) General Power of Competency - the Parish Council will be in a position to take on the General Power of Competency once the Parish Clerk has confirmation that she has passed her CiLCA qualification.
- e) Consideration to be given to a community aspirations wish list so that the Parish Council is prepared should there be the prospect of applying for any section 106 monies.

367. Future agenda items

No further items were suggested

The meeting ended at 10:10pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 08 May 2017 at 7:30pm at Edmondthorpe Social Club