

Wyberton PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes taken by Val Austin Clerk, at the meeting of Wyberton Parish Council, which was held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7pm in Wyberton Community Centre**

Present: Cllr Mike Sharp (Chairman), Cllr Hev Ainsworth (Vice Chair), Cllr Richard Austin, Cllr Steve Slater, Cllr Paul Lote, Cllr John Smith, Cllr Jason Stevenson. County Councillor Alison Austin, (arrived 19.03pm & left 19.24pm) & The Clerk Val Austin.

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

1. Chairman to open the meeting / Remarks:

Hello & Welcome to you all, on this very hot Tuesday evening.

Please keep a look out for your neighbours, especially the elderly in this hot weather.

2. Apologies for absence: To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting:

No absences

3. Public Forum: To resolve to suspend the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow members of the public to ask questions or make short statements to the council.

No members of the public were present.

4. Declarations of interest (if any): To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests: No interest was declared.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2022- To resolve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes. With no objections, all resolved to accept them as a correct record of the meeting & gave permission for the chairman to sign the minutes.

6. Lincolnshire County and Boston Borough Councillors

i. Cllr Mrs Alison Austin:

See Attached report – Appendix AA0722

Cllr Alison Austin left at 19.24pm

ii. Cllr Mr Richard Austin:

Emergency planning groups in parishes for individuals to support a crisis, an emergency responder. Volunteer training sessions.

The Quadrant traffic lights by Chestnut homes is planned for the end of July.

Cllr Mike Sharp (Chairman) thanked both councillors for their reports & comments.

7: Updates – No action required.

- The clerk has contacted GBSG & waiting for a date for installation of the Alarm as agreed in the Parish meeting in June 2022
- The clerk has ordered the benches from Marmax, waiting for a date for delivery.
- The clerk has contacted roofing / fascia / guttering companies waiting for quotes to come in.
- The kitchen items were delivered on Monday 4th July, the Fridge Freezer was not able to be connected straight away due the hole in the cupboard being too small for the plug to fit. Councillor John Smith to make the hole bigger for the plug on the evening of the 6th July.

The dishwasher – The clerk to arrange for the handyman to come in & sort out.

Cllr Mike Sharp has mentioned that he would be able to install the dishwasher.

- The clerk has contacted all regular users, advising of a price increase on the 1st September 22, the clerk advised that they would receive one month's notice of the increase which would be in August. So far, no regular user has commented.
- The clerk has been in contact with the energy suppliers, & have changed from Eon to EDF this will take affect from the 1st September when the Eon contract expires.

The new supplier will install the smart meter.

- Update: Carpark line marking: - Due to a heavy workload, waiting for a start date.
- Fencing – The clerk has received notification that the work on the fencing will start on the 8th July 22.

Cllr Mike Sharp, mentioned the new fence line & the gate to be installed at the other end of the garden.

Cllr Steve Slater, asked if the wire fence was being removed & the earth to be flattened down to prepare for the seeding of the new grass.

Cllr Mike Sharp: A decision to be made after the work has been completed.

Cllr Mike Sharp & Cllr R Austin, have agreed for further work to be completed by Dependable Property Maintenance. This was agreed by all other councillors at the meeting. The clerk to contact the contractor to advise of the agreement.

- Events at Community Centre – The clerk has received from Community Lincs details of what is required for events at the community centre. (16-page document) - Details at next meeting.
- Highways boundary issue (64 Saundergate East) - Update – The clerk received notification from Highways advising that the resident has agreed to removing the fencing. Further update when received.

8: Councillors to discuss & resolve the following items.

a) Grant Scheme for Wyberton Booklet / Parish Magazine: Update from Cllr Mike Sharp

No further update

b) Allerton Court – Tree planting – Update Cllr R Austin. No further update.

c) Christmas festival – Update – Cllr S Slater & Cllr H Ainsworth;

Cllr Steve Slater, mentioned the date for the Christmas around Wyberton would be the 9th December 2022. There are volunteers happy to help with the event.

A meal was suggested for the elderly prior to Christmas around 21st December 2022.

The clerk to send the form for the road closure to Lincolnshire County Council.

d) Family Disco – Update: Cllr H Ainsworth, mentioned that the event was a huge success with at least 150 people attended the event, including toddlers to teens, including the residents of the Manor Gate care home. As the event was so successful the residents would like to continue with different events throughout the year, including a Halloween party in October 2022.

It was also mentioned that youngest would like to set up a Young Councillor group.

e) Noticeboard – The clerk contacted Glasdon the manufacturer of the noticeboard by the Spar shop, unfortunately, they no longer supply parts for this item. (Refer Email dated 24th June 22)

Cllr Mike Sharp advised he would find out the cost from a DIY store & purchase what is necessary.

Cllr John Smith – Update: Talking to the Coop

Cllr Jason Stevenson – Update: Poster for regular events to be placed in noticeboard, the poster is a work in progress.

f) Garden maintenance, - Quotes were issued from two gardeners, however it is agreed that Cllr Steve Slater & Cllr John Smith will both cut the grass on rotation with the equipment at the community centre. Cllr Paul Lote mentioned that the clover is taking over the grass & the grass needs feeding.

g) Climate Change Action Group – Cllr M Sharp mentioned should Wyberton Parish Council be doing something for the climate change. It was agreed by all councillors to keep in mind for now & come back to this at a later date.

h) The outside security key box has arrived, & Cllr John Smith to arrange for the box to be installed, the clerk to arrange for the keys to be cut.

i) Petty Cash – To discuss: Resolved - All councillors agreed to £100 petty cash float, at the office for small items.

j) The clerk received an email from a resident with concerns to children playing football on Winters Way. The clerk to contact the local PCSO, for which they are aware of the problem & have patrols around the area.

k) The clerk received an email from a resident with concerns to grass cutting along Parthian Avenue. The clerk to contact the resident to advise that it is not Wyberton Parish council responsibility & it is down to LHP.

l) Farmers Market – To discuss: Cllr S Slater, to speak to the owners at the next market, the clerk to contact BBC with regards to the rules of holding these events.

m) A16 Footpath - To discuss: Cllr S Slater: This was agreed to leave for now & come back at a later date.

n) Communications – To discuss – Cllr Jason Stevenson: Work in progress, will advise when the next update would be required.

o) Walk around the Village – To discuss: Cllr S Slater: to deal with this item & come back to full council with details of what is required.

p) Uniforms for staff at Community Centre: To discuss: All councillors agreed to a uniform for the staff. The clerk to get prices for items required & Cllr Jason Stevenson to design a logo in conjunction with the website. Work in progress.

#### 9. Finance

a. Approve Payments of Accounts – Total Payments to be made, £9,798.45,

Total Receipts received. £1,110.00

b. Bank statements – Shown to all councillors dated 12th July 2022.

10. Planning matters: Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by the Borough Council – To include those received between the day of posting this notice and the day of the meeting

No planning matters received.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th August 2022, Monthly Parish Meeting.

With no other matters the meeting closed at 21.00pm

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#### **Appendix Item AA0722**

##### **Report from Councillor Alison Austin.**

Cllr Alison Austin requested to read the report to all councillors without interruptions & advised that questions would be answered at the end.

##### **First the bad news:**

My desire to get a light controlled crossing over the A16 at Tytton Lane East will not be allowed.

The reason for this is that it is wished to make the A16 between Boston & Spalding a 60-mph road with the minimum of interruptions. The plan involves a bid for levelling up money to make this possible & involves a number of interventions at all the roundabouts between the two towns in order to make this possible.

Starting at the Marsh Lane roundabout, approaching from Wyberton, northbound, there is planned to be an additional lane on the Calder's side of the road, that will be a through lane with no interruption. There is sufficient land available for this.

The other two lanes will be controlled by traffic lights & will either be for turning right or alternatively carrying straight on. Southbound traffic will be signalised.

As far as I can tell, there are no plans relating to the Quadrant roundabout.

I cannot meaningfully keep my comments to the parish of Wyberton because the roundabout at Kirton is key to many people's journeys.

There will be dedicated unhindered left turn lanes from all directions: From Horseshoe Lane towards Spalding: from the Spalding direction into the village centre and similarly both to and from the Boston direction. To the best of my understanding, the roundabout will be removed & in all cases, there will be dedicated light controlled lanes for right turns.

The existing toucan crossing will remain in place.

South of Boston on the approach to Spalding, the Greencell roundabout will receive similar treatment to the Marsh Lane roundabout with a dedicated straight on lane & two light controlled lanes for right turns into the industrial area.

I'm unsure of the plans for the Springfields roundabout, although I do have some plans for it.

We assume that all of this will happen if the two councils are successful in their bid for levelling up money.

A positive for Wyberton is that the puffin crossing on London Road from Parthian Avenue has been approved & will be installed. I'm unsure of the exact location & would suggest the parish council, in conjunction with the residents discuss this matter with Highways.

The principle of the footway completion on West End Road is accepted but the problem is sourcing the funding. I'm no optimistic that this will happen within the next two years, but the large amount of traffic using the road is recognised.

Many Wyberton residents use Ralphs Lane & consultation is currently being carried out regarding a 40 – mph speed restriction all the way from London Road up to the existing restriction through Kirton End, the crossroad near St Michael's church is very dangerous.

My only other news is the fact that the large "Biomass" Power Station on the industrial estate close to the riverbank has been operating for some weeks & is feeding electricity into the local grid. The feedstock is in fact "Black Bag" waste that is brought onto the site, I do not know the source of it, but it means that we do not use landfill or send waste overseas.

As yet we have not heard the decision on the Alternative Energy application, we presume that it is still with the secretary of state.

Finally, an early date for residents' diaries:

I will be holding my "Service of Dedication" locally in Wyberton Church on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd October 2022, this will be followed by refreshments in the hospitality suite of the new Jakeman's Community Stadium.

I've opted for my local church rather than the cathedral when we would not have any choice of dates.

Invitations will be issued nearer the time. All will be welcome.

Cllr Mike Sharp, suggested all councillors read the report before the next meeting, then to discuss any issues they may have.

Cllr Mike Sharp, asked for maps, which would make the details above easier to look at, Cllr Alison Austin to send the clerk the hyperlink to forward to all councillors.

Cllr Alison Austin asked for emails regarding highways to be sent to her with details of the complaint.