

**Minutes of Withington Group Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bainbridge (Chairman); Ralph Barber (Vice Chair); Alison Bainbridge; Kevin Hewison; Rob Soutar; Colin Stone-Fewings; Jonathan Beech; Steve Scotcher; Wallace Brown; Tom Nellist**

**ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk);**

**Meeting started at 7.30pm**

**Apologies :**

- 1. Jim Callow; Rachel Leake; Simon Dent; Dave Greenow**

The Chair informed the meeting of two resignations from Cllrs Shelly Ford and Colin Stone-Fewings.

- 2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Open Discussion/Public Forum**

- 3.1 Report from local police – sent electronically.**

**3.2 Report from Ward Councillor – none submitted.**

**3.3 Public Comments /questions –**

KH reported a parishioners concern that the dog waste bin on Veldo's Lane was overflowing again.

**Clerk to talk to BB.**

**Acceptance of minutes of WGPC Annual Group Parish Council meetings:**

Proposed: Kevin Hewison, Seconded: Alison Bainbridge Agreed Unanimously.

- 4. Acceptance of minutes of WGPC Annual Parish Council meeting**

Proposed: Rob Soutar Seconded: Alison Bainbridge Agreed unanimously

**Acceptance of minutes of May Parish Council meeting:**

Proposed: Helen Jones Seconded: Rob Soutar Agreed Unanimously

- 5.**

**Action Points from previous meeting:**

- Damage to lights on WF, clerk to see if worth making an insurance claim
- Get land valued

**It's not External auditor says not to bother doing this, its not necessary**

**Neighbourhood Plan**

- 6.** 223 questionnaires had been returned so far, approx a 15% response. The Chair confirmed that Withington was looking at finding another 18 – 20 houses before 2023.

### Update on Withington Fields

The Chair told the meeting that Sport England had awarded a grant of £63,000 for work on the football pitches, he thanked Steve Caine for his hard work in being awarded this grant. RS and PB had accepted the money, and asked for the PC's approval in supporting this action to be done, this was resolved with all in favour. RS proposed to ask Steve Caine to be the Project Manager for this work, seconded by WB.

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RS proposed that the seats on the Field be replaced with metal ones at an approximate cost of £2,000. This was seconded by WB and agreed unanimously.

**RS and Clerk to order.**

WB asked for consideration that the PC would pay for the electricity used on the MUGA when the bill comes, and not wait for a PC meeting to get approval. RS agreed to check the units used, and it was resolved that signatories could indeed sign a cheque if the bill came outside a reasonable time before a meeting.

### Lengthsman

2 applicants were interviewed, and Mr Terry Griffiths was appointed as the new Lengthsman for WGPC. It was resolved that he would be shown the parishes by the following:- Withington by PB and RS, Preston Wynne by SD and Westhide by RB and commence work as soon as the contracts are signed.

8.

**Clerk to draw up contract.**

### To note comments from the information sheets:

The grass cutting scheme was discussed and it was resolved that the Clerk would draft a letter submitting further questions to the council.

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**Clerk to draft letter**

### Matters Financial

External auditor passed the accounts for 2013/14.

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Balances as at March 2014 : Yorkshire Bank: £ 3,200.00

30.05.14: Lloyds Bank WF acct : £ 14,369.68

9.06.14: Lloyds Bank Parish act: £ 18,135.25

Confirmed by Paul Bainbridge 9.7.14.

### Payments to be agreed:

10.1

Clerks salary	£ 774.96
Clerks expenses	£ 74.23
Country wide (church grasscutting) May	£ 202.80
Country wide (church grasscutting) June)	£ 157.20
Grant Thornton (External audit)	£ 360.00
NP Questionnaires (as agreed last meeting)	£ 428.00
CF Roberts (time switch on MUGA)	£ 226.70
CF Roberts (repairs to lights)	£ 766.76
Countrywide (WF grass cutting May)	£ 156.00
Countrywide (WF grass cutting June)	£ 156.00
<b>Total cheques this period</b>	<b>£ 3,302.65</b>
<b>Cheques Received</b>	None
<b>Proposed: Rob Soutar Seconded: Tom Nellist</b>	<b>All agreed</b>

Clerk to make payments.

10.3

### Request for financial aid

None

11.

### Planning - as per the information sheet.

Chair informed the PC that best practice indicated that if a Cllr was submitting a

planning application, then it should be considered by the whole Parish Council.

Proposed: PB Seconded: RB

Agreed

**Received items for the next agenda:**

12. Apologies received from PB, AB and RS.

**Future meetings**

Future dates:	11 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30 pm start
Changed date	13 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 pm start
	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	7.30 pm start
	19 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....