

**Minutes of  
Withington Group Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ralph Barber (Vice Chair); Jonathan Beech; Steve Scotcher; Tom Nellist Rachel Leake;  
Ward Cllr Dave Greenow

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

**Meeting started at 7.32pm**

**Apologies :**

1. **Paul Bainbridge; Alison Bainbridge; Kevin Hewison; Rob Soutar; Jim Callow;**  
**Also absent: Simon Dent; Helen Jones**

With the Chair being absent, RB, the Vice Chair, took the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

RL declared a DPI for item 11.1 and JB declared a DPI for item 11.2.

**3. Open Discussion/Public Forum**

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

3. **3.2 Report from Ward Councillor** – DG explained that he along with 3 other cllrs had been to talk with Balfour Beatty to discuss a number of matters. One request had been for the tip to be open late at least one night in the week to try and reduce fly tipping. They also discussed different ways to manage the green waste that the council has, in other areas it is used by local farmers as fertilizer. Verge cutting is remaining at 3 x a year for this year, but next year it will be back as it was previously. Finally, the ward cllr said that in the last 3 days planning inspectors have been asked to pay attention to the Neighbourhood Plan (and even in draft format) before making a planning decision.

**3.3 Public Comments /questions –**

None

4. **Acceptance of minutes of July Parish Council meeting:**

Proposed: Jonathan Beech    Seconded: Tom Nellist    Agreed Unanimously

- 5.

**Action Points from previous meeting:**

- Clerk talked to H'fd Council about the dog waste bins on Veldo's Lane. Told that the problem was still happening.

Clerk to go back to the council to get it emptied again.

### Neighbourhood Plan

6. RB explained that he was still doing the data entry having taken some time to put together a format to enter the date. The NP Group are looking for a data entry consultant to help with this.

### 7. Update on Withington Fields

The Clerk explained that first payment has been made from the Sports England funds, and that the new benches for the Fields are to be delivered this week.

### Lengthsman

8. RB explained that two applicants had been interviewed and Terry Griffiths had been appointed. TG was present and gave a verbal report on his initial findings. He said he would usually give a weeks notice before coming to the parish so that cllrs could tell him of any work that needed doing. It was resolved that in the future TG would send a written report, and the cllrs would only discuss the 'actions' listed. It was also resolved for the clerk to contact the localities steward to get him to visit the parish and to find out when the verges are getting cut, finally question him about the lines at the school.

**Clerk to inform TG of future reporting requirements.**

**Clerk to contact the localities steward.**

### To note comments from the information sheets:

9. Withington News: is being continued with a new editor and will go out every 2 months. It is understood that the PC's financial contribution is to be returned. It was with sadness that Wallace Brown's resignation was accepted from the PC and as the Village Hall representative. No cllrs were present from Preston Wynne, but a new cllr from that parish can now be co-opted onto the PC. A consultation paper about Travellers Sites in Herefordshire needs a response in early October, the Chair and Vice Chair will draft a response.

**New Village Hall rep to be decided.**

**RB and PB to draft.**

### Matters Financial

10. Clerk asked for permission to have internet access to see the balance of accounts only, not for any financial transactions. Proposed Rachel Leak Seconded: Jonathan Beech  
Clerk also asked for a 4<sup>th</sup> signatory to the bank accounts to be signed up, the Vice Chair, Ralph Barber. Proposed Rachel Leake Seconded: Jonathan Beech

**Clerk to proceed with these points.**

Balances as at August 2014 : Yorkshire Bank: £ 3,200.00  
18.7.14: Lloyds Bank WF acct : £ 13,067.22  
18.7.14: Lloyds Bank Parish act: £ 16,566.06

Confirmed by Ralph Barber 9.9.14.

### 10.1 Payments to be agreed:

Clerks salary	£ 774.96
Clerks expenses	£ 67.62
Country wide (church grasscutting) July	£ 157.20
Precept to be paid to WF acct	£ 5,000.00
Terry Griffiths (Lengthsman)	£ 324.00
Street Master – benches for WF	£ 2,382.00
John Watkins (mow playing field May and June)	£ 200.00
Countrywide (WF grass cutting July)	£ 156.00
<b>Total cheques this period</b>	<b>£ 9937.78</b>

Clerk to make payments.

<b>Cheques already paid this period</b>	
Flag weights for flag pole	£ 33.00
EMI Scan and topo (Sports England fund)	£ 765.00
<b>Cheques Received</b>	
Precept (notification of payment although not in acct yet)	
<b>Cheques authorised for payment</b>	
Countrywide grass cutting x2 for August when invoices come in.	
<b>Proposed: Rachel Leake Seconded: Jonathan Beech</b>	
<b>All agreed</b>	

**Request for financial aid**

**Withington Primary School fireworks - £250 requested**

10.3

Following a discussion and a vote as to whether or not to support this event, it was resolved 3 against 2 not to support them this time, although the PC wished them success with the event.

Clerk to notify the applicants.

**Withington Church Sign – amount unknown at present**

Deferred until next meeting when the amount might be know and KH would be present to explain the position.

**Planning** - RL and JB left the meeting.

**Vine Tree:** RB outlined the current position with this application, explaining that a meeting was being arranged with the applicant, the Chair, the chair of the planning group and cllrs. Following this, a comment would be submitted to the Planning Dept.

**Meeting to happen.**

11.

**Land at Whitestone:** RB read out some comments left by the Chair, in summation that the decision should be left to the Planning Dept, hence it was resolved to submit a 'no comment' response.

**Clerk to submit comment.**

**Meadow Barn, Preston Wynne:** Clerk to chase SD to get a response on this application.

**Clerk to chase comment.**

**Received items for the next agenda:**

12.

Standing orders and finance regs.

**Future meetings**

	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
<b>New Dates</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> May	AGM 7.00 start
<b>For 2015</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 pm start
	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.30 pm start
	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.33 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....