

Withington Group Parish Council
Meeting Held on
Thursday 13th November 2014 at 7.30pm
Withington Village Hall
MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bainbridge (Chair); Ralph Barber (Vice Chair); Steve Scotcher; Tom Nellist
Alison Bainbridge; Kevin Hewison; Rob Soutar;; Simon Dent:

ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk); Ed Symcock (prospective cllr); Terry Griffiths (Lengthsman) present up until the end of item 8.

Meeting started at 7.33pm

1. **Apologies :** Jonathan Beech; Jim Callow; Rachel Leake;
Also absent;; Ward Cllr Dave Greenow; Helen Jones

2. **Declarations of Interest**
None

3. **3. Open Discussion/Public Forum**

3.1 Report from PCSO Dean Wall – sent electronically.

3.2 Report from Ward Councillor – Not Present.

3.3 Public Comments /questions – None

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

Proposed: Tom Nellist Seconded: Rob Soutar Agreed Unanimously

Action Points from previous meeting:

Including outcome of discussion with Localities Steward: The Chair explained what the BB Localities Steward did, and that he was the point of contact for the PC with any enquiries about BB issues. Further meeting to happen for him to be taken round the parishes to see local problems. This should be done with the lengthsman present ideally.

Clerk to arrange further meeting

Appointment of new Village Hall Rep: RS offered to become the Rep – agreed unanimously.

Appointment of Planning Group member: TN to join the Planning Group.

Travellers Site Consultation: The PC was advised by the Ward Councillor not to comment, so they did not do so.

Lines outside the school: Some of the lines have been done, but still need to have the 'SLOW' put on the road – perhaps the most vital part of the markings.

Clerk to contact BBLS

Neighbourhood Plan

6. RB told the meeting that the NP Group have met a number of times. There will be a public update event on the NP on 10th Jan at Withington Village Hall. The analysis of the questionnaires has shown that more than 80% of respondents wanted developments of no more than 10 homes. He requested a further £500 of petty cash

Clerk to arrange Petty Cash

for the NP Group Proposed : PB Seconded: RS

PB will look at the issue of what 'affordable houses' might mean and will draft a policy for the NP. PB also asked the cllrs their thoughts on if the school was in the right place? To be added to next agenda.

Update on Withington Fields

7.

RS told the meeting that the seats had been delivered and are being looked after by Countrywide whilst waiting to be put in place on the field. It was proposed to pursue the lighting in the gazebo Prop: KH Seconded: AB

Permission was sought to place an equipment store for the football club on the field : It was resolved to accept the proposal, and the PC agreed to underwrite the costs, however further discussion was required to finalise the location.

Clerk to facilitate this meeting

Lengthsman

8.

TG outlined the work that needed to be done: mainly in Preston Wynne. SD offered to work with him to identify the farmers who might be able to work together to help with the cleaning out of drainage ditches. RS proposed that the PC asks the lengthsman to start the work at Preston Wynne now before the winter sets in, seconded by SS. It was resolved to do so.

TG to start in Preston Wynne

The Chair outlined the proposed new lengthsman scheme proposed for 2015/16.

To note comments from the information sheets:

9.

It was suggested that an item is put in the Withington News highlighting the mobile phone blackspots that Bill Wiggins is collating.

Clerk to fwd PB's letter to all Cllrs.

Matters Financial

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10.a

Balances as at August 2014 : Yorkshire Bank: £ 3,200.00
1.10.14: Lloyds Bank WF acct : £ 10,733.22
17.10.14: Lloyds Bank Parish act: £ 23,611.08

Payments to be agreed:

10.b

Clerks Salary	£	774.96
Clerks Expenses	£	65.64
Countrywide Grounds Maint (church grass cutting Sept)	£	157.20
Countrywide Grounds Maint (church grass cutting Oct)	£	136.80
Lengthsman (Sept period)	£	324.00
Lengthsman (Oct period)	£	330.00
Payment of precept to WF account	£	5,000.00
Payment of VAT to WF acct	£	831.73
Payment of Election reserves to Yorkshire acct	£	600.00

Clerk to make payments.

Data analysis	£	180.00
Petty Cash for NP	£	50.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint (Sept)	£	78.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint (Oct)	£	156.00
Payment to Steve Caine for bin bags	£	14.90
To Parish Acct for payment of WF survey	£	637.50

Payment proposed: AB seconded: RS

Receipts

- 10.c Herefordshire Council ½ yr Lengthsmans fees £ 895.50
 VAT return applied for 1.10.14 £ 1,431.29
 Sports England Payment for WF survey £ 638.00

Clerk to check with SE about future payment

Request for financial aid

- 10.d **Withington Church Sign** – It was resolved to support the church’s application for support in their purchase of signs to the sum of £175.00 Proposed: PB Seconded: RS
 SS asked for the PC to remember that all 3 parishes had churches, but he was reminded of the parishioner numbers in each parish – however, all parishes will be considered.

Clerk will make this payment.

- 10.e **Precept setting:** The PC discussed the accounts as they stood, and considered various opportunities for drawing down funding next year. It was resolved to increase the precept to £17,000 for 2015/16 Proposed PB Seconded KH

Clerk to notify HC. Also, Clerk to ask BB if any invoices were outstanding.

Planning -

11. **Vine Tree:** The Chair thanked the Clerk for attending the Planning Committee to represent the PC.

Senior Village: The Chair outlined a planning query which had been put to the NP group and now to the PC about the building of a ‘retirement village’ on the outskirts of Withington. PB will send some comments to the planning consultant.

Clerk to invite the consultant to Jan meeting.

12. **Introduction to prospective councillor:** Ed Symcock, a farmer from Preston Wynne, introduced himself to the PC and will come to the January meeting to decide if he wishes to proceed as a cllr.

13. **Received items for the next agenda:**

Future meetings

	15 th January 2015	7.30 pm start
	19 th March	7.30 pm start
New Dates	21 st May	AGM 7.00 start
For 2015	16 th July	7.30 pm start
	17 th Sept	7.30 pm start
	19 th Nov	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.38 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN Dated:.....