

Withington Group Parish Council
Meeting Held on
Thursday 21st March 2013 at 7.30pm
Withington Village Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bainbridge (Chairman); Alison Bainbridge; Ralph Barber; Simon Dent; Wallace Brown; Steve Scotcher; Helen Jones; Shelly Ford; Tom Nellist; Jim Callow; Kevin Hewison:
ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk); 2 x Parishoners

Meeting started at 7.33pm

1. **Apologies**
Rob Soutar; Colin Stone-Fewings; Rachael Leake; Jonathan Beech; Cllr Dave Greenow
2. **Declarations of Interest**
None.
3. **Open Discussion/Public Forum**
 - 3.1 **Report from local police** – sent by e mail, but PC Neil James was also present. *Clerk to reply to consultation.*
Comments on PCC report – Chair went through the paper, indicating no major changes to policing levels in the Ward, perhaps even an additional ‘special’. *Clerk to forward question on one way road.*
 - 3.2 **Report from Ward Councillor** – Not present. *Chair to reply.*
 - 3.3 **Public Comments /questions** – There was a request for the chair to respond to an e mail sent on 20th Feb, he will do so.
4. **Acceptance of Minutes of last parish Council Meeting** with one typo on page one, where ‘grand’ should read ‘grant’.
Proposed: Alison Bainbridge, **Seconded** : Wallace Brown
Agreed Unanimously.
Draft Core Strategy
Chair explained some of the history of the Strategy, explained there were identified ‘hubs’ for development and in the second draft, some of these hubs had been dropped, but now approx 40 villages can ‘grow’. Withington has a growth figure of 18% thus about 63 houses before 2031. Three councillors will attend a training day in April, and this topic to be on the next agenda for further discussion. However, the Chair proposed to lodge an objection to the 18%, seconded by T Nellist, S Dent abstained from voting, all others present agreed. *Chair to object to the 18%, Clerk to add subject to next agenda.*
6. **Community Led Plan.** *Clerk to add to May agenda.*
Update on Withington Fields –
The work on the MUGA has still been postponed due to the weather. R Soutar gave an indication that the money put aside for the development of the MUGA should be spent £25K in May, £25K in June and the Balance in September. Also, the football pitch has been damaged by the rain.
7. i) **The Coppice** – W Brown fed back comments that he has had about the Coppice and reminded the meeting that 70% of people wanted more trees planted in the CLP, and they also wanted to create wildlife friendly areas in the village. WB took this to the Withington Fields Management Committee – the paper is attached.

ii) **Fields in Trust** – The Sign is on its way and there will be an opening ‘do’ in the summer.

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Pot Holes

Member of the public mentioned the pot holes by Easy Lawn, and questioned whether there was a problem from an overflowing pond there.

Clerk to forward the e mail address

To note comments from the information sheets:

9. i) Speeding in Preston Wynne – deemed that the specific area of trouble was not in our Parish, the complainant was given the relevant contact details.

Matters Financial

10. Balances as at 18th February : Yorkshire Bank: £10,065.43

a. 6th February : Lloyds Bank : £66,038.06

Confirmed by Paul Bainbridge.

Payments to be agreed:

	Clerks salary	£ 712.08
	Clerks expenses	£ 44.18
	To Lloyds Acct (vat reclaimed)	£ 56.19
b.	Steve Caine (Gate fixtures)	£ 11.96
	HALC Subs	£ 483.36
	Land Registry	£ 80.00
	PCC (grass cutting)	£ 1034.40
	Proposed: Paul Bainbridge Secoded: Wallace Brown.	

Payments Already Made

	Wiser Hosting	£ 66.00

c. **Receipts**

	Repayment of VAT	£ 111.01
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d. **Request for financial aid**

Leominster shopmobility, Herefordshire CAB, Heart Start. All were considered not to be appropriate for support from the Parish Council.

Planning - as per the information sheet. It was noted that there were no refusals in WGPC area.

11.

Receive Items for the next agenda:

Bin on Veldo Lane, the Bus Stop on Withies Road

Future meetings

	Future dates:	16 May	(7.00 pm start)
		18 July	(7.30 pm start)
		19 September	(7.30 pm start)
		14 November	(7.30 pm start)
13.	Added Date:	16 January 2014	(7.30 pm start)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.09 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....