

Withington Group Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 19th January 2017

Meeting started at 7.30

In attendance:, Ralph Barber (In the Chair) , Paul Bainbridge (until 8pm) , Alison Bainbridge, Martin Kirk, Bob Wood, Jim Callow, Steve Scotcher,

Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk): 1 members of the public.

7.30pm meeting started

Including two changes as agreed at the PC meeting 27.3.17 in blue.

Apologies

1. Kevin Hewison, Simon Dent, Sue Rudd, Rachael Leake, Ed Simcock, Cathy Gumbleton (Tree Warden)

Actions

Absent without apologies: Jonathan Beech, Tom Nellist , Dave Greenow (Ward Councillor)

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

3. **Open Discussion/Public Forum**

- 3.1 **Report from local police** Sent by e mail.

- 3.2 **Report from Ward Councillor** – None sent and he was not present. A cllr asked if Cllr Greenow was ever present at meetings? It was explained that he had a number of Parishes to cover, as well as other responsibilities, however his lack of attendance at parish meetings was a disappointment.

Clerk asked to pass on the cllrs feelings to Cllr Greenow.

- 3.3 **Public Comments /questions** –

None

Acceptance of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (November 2016).

4. The minutes were accepted as being a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: AB

Seconded : BW

Agreed Unanimously. The Minutes were duly accepted.

Action Points from last meeting:

5. - Identification of NDP consultants – Clerk sent two to PB and RB They will be discussing the next steps in the near future.
- A SID had been requested and was placed at Withies RD in December. JC questioned its accuracy.
- White Lines and SLOW have been requested for the spring. JC mentioned a problem in Westhild where the SLOW has never been repainted after the road was resurfaced.

Clerk to find when we will have the data from the SID and ask about accuracy.
JC to tell the clerk exactly where this is for reporting to BB.

Planning:

6. We have had two planning applications in this morning. The post office and another in Preston Wynne. 9th Feb is the date for comments on the first of those. The Parish Council will hold a public meeting to discuss both of these. 2nd Feb is the suggested date. There was a delay in getting the details on the web site for the second application, and the comment date will be extended accordingly.

Clerk and AB to arrange this meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan – Update from RB

7. RB and PB are still identifying another consultants name so that they can be invited to tender for the job. The chair explained that the PC will also be going for grants. RB went

Clerk to send out newsletter to all cllrs

through a HC NDP newsletter, including that a new member of the team has joined the NP team at Herefordshire Council.

Update on Withington Fields –

8. Lighting at the Gazebo, CF Roberts have quoted for the work, however their quote for digging in the wire is high so the clerk will approach others for alternative quotes. MK asked about the lack of gate at the play area, clerk said that the football club had agreed to put the gate up, so it was a case of waiting until they had the time to do this. There was a suggestion that we ask the lengthsman to quote to do the job, as an open gateway is an invitation for dogs to foul on the pitches and the playground.

Clerk to ask lengthsman to quote.

9. **Lengthsman and P3 scheme**

The clerk updated the PC on the spending so far with the P3 and the Roads budgets and asked for confirmation that she could submit the form to BB asking for the rest of the grant.

*Clerk to submit the form.
Clerk to ask cllrs for jobs to use the budget*

10. **Tree Warden –Cathy not present**
Deferred until the next meeting.

Withington Village Hall

11. RB asked for the discussion on the increase in the parking area to be deferred to the next meeting, when the chair of the village hall committee would be present. It was resolved to do so. BW is our VH rep mentioned the poor parking when there are lots of people using the hall and its field.

To note the contents of the information sheet.

Invitation to attend the Travellers Sites Development Plan drop in session: 6.2.17

RB suggested that the Preston Wynne cllrs might be able to go – also TN

12. The Chair also recommended Halc Training sessions, and suggested that anyone interested should attend as there was money set aside in the budget for training.

Clerk to ask cllrs if they can attend.

Speeding on the A4103 – Raised by KH. Clerk has been in contact with the community speed watch group, and also the police themselves to find if they are doing something specific in that area . AB recalled that when the speed was dropped to 40 the police had said then that it would be difficult to control as that was a particularly tricky road to park police cars on.

Clerk to feed back if something can be done

13. 2016-17
 A Current Financial Position
 For Jan meeting 2017

Yorkshire Bank	Reserve account	4281.60	
As at 13.6.16		4,281.60	
Lloyds TSB			
As at 9.1.17	Parish Account	16,505.34	
30.12.16	Withington Field Account	14409.81	
		30,915.15	
	Total		35,196.75

B Cheques received

9.12.16 ESC Lottery Fund £6,206.00

Cheques already paid this period None

C Cheques to be authorised at this meeting

Chair moved to make payments. All agreed. Clerk to make payments.

From Parish Account	Clerks Salary	£875.14
	PAYE	£69.89
	Clerks Expenses	£45.45
	Countrywide (October grass cutting)	£157.20
	Zurich Insurance	£769.42
	Withington Village Hall	£60.00
	Herefordshire and Gl'shire Canal Trust	£25.00
	Lengthsman (Bin replacement)	£96.00
	ICO - Data protection registration	£35.00
	Payment to Yorkshire acct for NDP	
(previous cheque lost in the post)		£2,000.00
		<u>£4,133.10</u>

From Withington Field acct

Shelly O'Sullivan- litter picking on WF Nov/Dec	£80.00
Hereford Council - Withington bin collection	£115.70
Countrywide (October grass cutting)	£156.00
CF Roberts (repair faulty timer to lights)	£167.20
Phil Day Sports (from Lottery funding)	£4,267.10
Fields in Trust (changes for Deed of Dedication)	£159.60

T Griffiths (payment for 2nd part of paths work) £4,668.00

Lengthsman - Gate posts replacement at WF £40.32

Lengthsman - play area check £114.00

£9,767.92

Total cheques this period £13,901.02

Less internal transfers £11,901.02

Applications for financial aid

None

D Payments to be agreed: Proposed: AB Seconded: JC

Mobile phone 'dead areas' -

- 14. Put on the agenda by MK. He explained that he couldn't get phone signal in much of the village. PB thinks that there is a band that goes through the village that is out of contact. RB suggested that anyone with a problem with their mobile phone reception should write to Bill Wiggin our MP. Individuals should also write to their suppliers. JC said that he had tried to have a smart meter fitted today, and it couldn't happen as there was no mobile reception at his address.

Clerk to add a paragraph in the WN, telling people to write to their MP.

- 15. **Receive Items for the next agenda:**
WVH parking, Clerks appraisal.

Future meetings

Confirmed date!	23 rd March	7.30 pm start
Annual Meeting	18 th May	7pm Start
	13 th July	7.30 pm start
	14 th September	7.30 pm start
	16 th November	7.30 pm start
	18 th January 2018	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....