

**Withington Group Parish Council**  
**Meeting Held on**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm**  
**Withington Village Hall**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bainbridge (Chairman); Ralph Barber (Vice Chair); Alison Bainbridge; Kevin Hewison; Simon Dent; Jim Callow; Rob Soutar; Colin Stone-Fewings; Jonathan Beech; Wallace Brown; Steve Scotcher; Rachel Leake;**

**ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk); Cllr Dave Greenow**

**Meeting started at 7.32pm**

**1. Apologies**

Pc Neil Powell; Helen Jones; Shelly Ford

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Open Discussion/Public Forum**

**3.1 Report from local police** – Sent by e mail

**3.2 Report from Ward Councillor** – The Ward Councilor, Dave Greenow was present, but explained that he was currently officially off 'on sick leave'.

**3.3 Public Comments /questions** –

None.

**4. Acceptance of WGPC Parish Council minutes from November:**

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

**5. Action Points from previous meeting:**

On the Mintons Planning application, the Chair explained that the PC had objected to the new entrance at the site, and that the PC were disappointed that Cllr Greenow had supported the application. The Cllr agreed that he would re visit the application and discuss it with the Planning Officer.

Wallace Brown is trying to source Union Jacks that are actually made in the UK.

Simon Dent confirmed that the War Memorial was now ok.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

- 6.** Ralph Barber reminded the PC that the open days start on 17.1.14 at Preston Wynne with Withington and then Westhild to follow. He asked other parish councillors to help at these events, and explained that whilst they had been promoted by posters, banners, the web site and on Facebook, he could not begin to speculate how many people might attend. It was proposed that the Neighbourhood Planning group ran a petty cash system of £500, this was proposed by Alison Bainbridge and seconded by Steve Scotcher, and agreed unanimously.

Clerk to set up  
£500 petty cash  
for NP

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**7.1 Update on Withington Fields**

Lights, the football club have turned 2 lights onto the field and this is adequate and they do not need any more. They are looking at a system to control the lights in the future. Lighting in the gazebo will be discussed at a meeting on 17.1.14.

**7.2 Update: Building equipment store:**

Kevin Hewison explained that this project was not ready to proceed at present, and funding opportunities were being considered.

**Balfour Beatty (BB)**

8. The Clerk advised Cllrs that in the handing over from Amey to BB all previous work sheets could not be accessed, so any particularly bad pot holes should be reported again either directly to streets@hereford

**To note comments from the information sheets:**

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None

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**Matters Financial**

Balances as at 18.12.13 : Yorkshire Bank: £18,368.87

10.1

2.12.13: Lloyds Bank : £17,338.94

Confirmed by Paul Bainbridge.

**Payments to be agreed:**

10.2

Clerks salary	£ 706.80
Clerks expenses	£ 81.67
Herefordshire and Glos Canal Trust	£ 25.00
Halc Training	£ 72.00
John Watkins (WF drainage)	£ 1800.00
Ray Rice (Gazebo repairs)	£ 150.00
Zurich Insurance	£ 725.73
Withington Village Hall room hire	£ 106.00
ICO – data protection registration	£ 35.00
Halc – Good Cllrs guide	£ 21.00
Wiser Hosting – website domain name	£ 11.88
CiLCA registration	£ 150.00
Dave Smith for WF report	£ 50.00
Hoople – NP maps	£ 202.80
Sue Patmore for NP comp prizes	£ 30.00
Total cheques this period	<b>£ 4,167.88</b>
<b>Proposed: Kevin Hewison Seconded: Wallace Brown</b>	<b>All agreed</b>

Clerk to make payments.

**Payments Already Made**

None

10.3

**Receipts**

Grant for Neighbourhood Plan: £6,300.00

**Request for financial aid**

10.4

Hereford CAB – Declined unanimously.

PCC (£2,800 + VAT) for automating church clock – Declined at this time, but the PC will look on future applications on their merits.

Clerk to submit paperwork for the precept.

- 10.5 Precept Setting**  
The Chair suggested a £1,000 increase in the precept from £15,000 to £16,000  
Seconded by Rob Soutar 11 Councillors voted in favour and one was against.
- 11. Planning** - as per the information sheet.

- 12. Received items for the next agenda:**  
From the actions.

**Future meetings**

Future dates:	20 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm start
	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	7.00 pm start
	10 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 pm start
	11 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30 pm start
	13 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....