

Withington Group Parish Council
Meeting Held on
Thursday 20th March 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

**ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk); Cllr Dave Greenow; PCSO's Dean Wall and Elena Ekanite
3 members of the public.**

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Apologies :

1. Steve Scotcher; Rachel Leake; Tom Nellist

Absent with out apologies

Helen Jones; Shelly Ford

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. Open Discussion/Public Forum

3.1 Report from local police – The PC were told of 3 occasions that they had been called to 'public disturbances' involving young people, in the village. The youngsters said that they would not go to the gazebo on the field until it was lit. RS informed them that this should be done by next winter. WB had been informed of antisocial behaviour happening in the Coppice, and the CPSO's agreed to patrol there occasionally. There being no further questions the CPSO's left the meeting at 7.50pm

3.2 Report from Ward Councillor – The Ward Councilor, Dave Greenow reported that he had received a lot of correspondence about the proposed Vine Tree development. On the 25th March he is doing a tour of the Parishes with Balfour Beatty to look at a number of outstanding problems. The Chair commented on the PC's disappointment about not being listened to in regard of planning decisions. The Ward Councillor reminded the meeting that it was almost certain that bin collections would move to fortnightly collections, alternating with recycling collection.

3.3 Public Comments /questions –

All members of the public present were attending due to their concerns about the proposed development at Vine Tree Close. They thanked the PC for keeping the public informed about this development, but they felt that the proposal had 'jumped the gun' before the villagers have had a chance to have a say about where they would like any development to happen in Withington – the Chair added that this was the exact purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The list of objections against the development were then voiced by the public present. The Chair outlined the PC's response to this development, namely that any proposal was too early as there is no LDP and WGPC have not completed their NP. He also said that the density was too high for a rural development, and that if a planning application was put in, that the PC would make a public consultation and build its response around the findings.

4. **Acceptance of WGPC Parish Council minutes from January:**
Proposed: Jonathan Beech, Seconded: Alison Bainbridge Agreed Unanimously.

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

- 5: Union Jack flags: WB trying to source British ones, but has a couple in stock.
- 6: Petty Cash for NP group: Done
- 8: Pot holes: BB have been informed about a number of jobs, site visit planned for next week with Ward Cllr.
- 10.5: precept: As agreed £16,000 applied for.
: Church sign; now has a BB job number.

Neighbourhood Plan

Feedback on consultation sessions.

6. RB told the meeting about the open sessions, Preston Wynne had 26% attendance of population, Westside 27% and Withington 3%. There will be a further open session on March 29th in the Hewison Suite, Withington Village Hall. Details on the website.

6.2 Proposed housing developments – Simon Dent declared a pecuniary interest. This item was covered in 3.3, but it was pointed out that in a year, Neighbourhood Plans might be abolished following the elections. The Chair asked the Ward Cllr when HC might complete their LDP, and was told the outline was expected in May, but it might not be passed for many months yet.

7. **Update on Withington Fields**

7.1 Lights on the Muga are on too much, and a timing switch is being fitted to try to address this. There is a new contract for grass cutting with 1 contractor doing the pitches and one doing the rest of the field. A working party will be clearing up the Coppice this weekend (22nd/23rd March). Steve Caine is putting in a substantial application for funding to improve the drainage on the playing field.

7.2 **Lighting in Gazebo:**

As mentioned in 3.1 it is hoped that this will be in place by next winter.

Planning applications and consultation responses

8. The consultation was addressed earlier at 3.3, as was the Chair's disquiet at the Parish Council's views being disregarded over a number of recent applications.

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

None

10 **Matters Financial**

Balances as at 17.2.14 : Yorkshire Bank: £15,640.99
3.2.14: Lloyds Bank WF acct : £15,338.94
12.3.14: Lloyds Bank Parish acct: £ 3,075.04

Confirmed by Paul Bainbridge 18.3.14.

10.1 **Payments to be agreed:**

Clerks expenses	£	19.86
L'man management fee to clerk	£	179.00
Halc Subs	£	637.00
Wiser hosting – domain name	£	66.00
From Parish Acct to WF acct (VAT reclaimed)	£	871.34

Clerk to make payments.

	Hoople (maps for NP)	£ 66.90
	H'frd Council – paper copies of planning consultation	£ 28.00
	Total cheques this period	£ 15,016.26
	Cheques Received	
10.2	HMRC VAT return	£ 1,105.04
	Lengthsman monies inc 10% mgmt fee	£ 1,970.00
	Payments Already Made	
	From Yorkshire acct to WGPC Lloyds (moving monies to parish acct)	£ 12,440.99
	Permission sought for cheque	
	CF Roberts- touch switch for lighting	£ 226.70
	Proposed: Kevin Hewison Seconded: Colin S-F	All agreed

10.3

Request for financial aid

1st Withington Brownies; Clerk to direct them towards the Byworth Trust.

Clerk to pass on contact details.

10.4

New Financial Regulations

Clerk reported that these would be available shortly, and she is to attend training on this.

Clerk to feed back at next meeting.

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Planning - as per the information sheet.

Received items for the next agenda:

12.

From the actions. Lengthsman, clerk to list his duties etc, to discuss tendering for next year's contract.

Chair proposed going in to closed session; seconded by RS

Clerks appraisal – the clerk was asked to leave the room.

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Following the discussion, clerk returned and it was agreed that the appraisal should be an annual event. The PC were all in agreement to paying the Clerk £10 a month for broadband, phones and office costs, and they agreed to raise the Clerks salary to SCP 20.

Future meetings

Future dates:	20 th March	7.30 pm start
Changed date	15 th May	7.00 pm start
	10 th July	7.30 pm start
	11 th September	7.30 pm start
	13 th November	7.30 pm start
	15 th January 2015	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....