

Withington Group Parish Council
Meeting Held on
Thursday 5th July 2012 at 7.30pm
Withington Village Hall
MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bainbridge (Chairman); Rob Soutar (Vice Chair); Alison Bainbridge; Wallace Brown; Jim Callow;

ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk); Cllr Dave Greenow; 2 Parishioners

- 1. Apologies**
Simon Dent and Steve Scothcher
Sylvia Fletcher passed on a letter of resignation effective immediately

*PB to write a letter of thanks
Clerk to notify HALC of
vacancy*
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 3. Appointment of the following officers**
Internal Auditor

*Clerk and RS to have meeting
with Rob Rawlinson ref the
PC accounts.*

Deferred until next meeting
- 4. Vacant Post for Parish Councillor for Withington x2 and Preston Wynne x 1**
The Withington posts can now be recruited locally as no objections were noted.

*Clerk to put advert in the
Withington news.*
- 5. Minutes of Last meeting**
Approved
- 6. Public questions**
None
- 7. Local Police Report**
None
- 8. Matters arising from last meeting**

 - a. Asbestos Showing in the Coppice**
A small section of asbestos was located and removed.
 - b. Litter outside the Post Office**
Allison Bainbridge made some no littering signs which were passed unanimously. *AB making and putting up
signs.*
Also some 'no dog poo' signs for Veldo Lane – also passed unanimously.
 - c. Parking outside the post office**
Cllr Greenow is arranging a visit from Clive Hall in the coming weeks and will look *Cllr Greenow to have
meeting with Clive Hall.*
at this problem. He will feed back next meeting.
 - d. West Lydiatt Landline**
The underground line is in place and active, the old wire has been removed from
the hedge.
 - e. Non renewal of P3 grant**
WGPC need to repay £1055 to Herefordshire Council which is money that was not *Clerk to repay this sum to HC*

spent on footpaths in the last year.

f. Localism Act – Expressions of Interest

The view was expressed that this was “an unnecessary use of red tape” and that it was an ‘attack’ against volunteers.

Clerk to submit the signed forms, and ensure that those not submitting forms are aware that by not doing so they are breaking the law.

HALC – Planning outcomes

g. Group informed of the decision to no longer notify the Clerk if a planning decision had been reached in our area. Equally Clerk will not be informed if a planning application has been lodged in our area.

Clerk to support HALC in their bid to get this notification in place.

Community Led Plan

9. Jackie Bremner stood down as flood defence person. Currently any relevant notifications are being sent to the Clerk. Group was made aware that Steve Caine had stood down from the CLP, which raised a question as to who would now be chairing the CLP, and this was all put for consideration at the next meeting.

Withington Fields – sale of land for development

10. A draft deed of covenant has been received and now it is going round the solicitors.

Speed Limit – The Stallenge/Duke St

11. A phone cable was severed by an HGV last winter, which led to the residents asking for a weight and height restriction on the road. Last month a car went through a fence due to excessive speeding. Cllr Greenow will ask Mr Clive Hall about getting a 40 mph limit from Veldo Lane to Cross Keys. He will feed back next meeting.

Cllr Greenow to ask Clive Hall about imposing a speed limit.

Jobs for the Lengthsman

12. Suggestions were made for some jobs for the Lengthsman to do, any further jobs identified should be sent to the Clerk.

Clerk to put article in Withington News asking public if they identify any jobs for the Lengthsman.

Correspondence

13. Nothing further

Matters Financial

14.
a. Balances as at 30th May : Yorkshire Bank: £13,228.03
20th May : Lloyds Bank : £11,164.54

Payments to be agreed:

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| b. | Countrywide Grounds maintenance (June) | £ 193.20 |
| | Herefordshire Council (repayment of P3 monies) | £ 1,055.00 |
| | Clerk’s Salary April to July - £500 already paid | £ 924.16 |
| | Clerks Expenses | £ 59.39 |
| | Geoff Studerus (for management of Lengthsman Scheme 2011/12) | £ 218.00 |
| | Signs and Labels (Jubilee sign) | £ 36.00 |
| | Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (July) | £ 193.20 |
| | Proposed: Kevin Hewison Seconded: Allison Bainbridge | |

c. Payments already Made

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| | First Responder | £ 150.00 |
| | Withington PCC | £ 800.00 |

d. Receipts

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| Precept | £ 7,500.00 |
| Hereford Council - refund of Lengthsman costs from last financial year | £ 310.00 |
| Anon | £ 2,000.00 |

e. Request for financial aid

None

St Peter's Church – Grass Cutting

Each year the PC assists in the funding of this. The view was offered that if the PC arranged the grass cutting directly, then there could be a saving of money. Suggested that this agreement was limited to an initial 3 yrs.

f. **Proposed:** Paul Bainbridge **Seconded:** Tom Nellist

Planning

14. Comment was made that planning department was rather slow at the moment, and planning applications were being held up.

Clerk to chase up outcomes on existing planning applications.

Future meetings

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| 15. Future dates: | 15 November 2012 | (7.30 pm start) |
| | 17 January 2013 | (7.30 pm start) |
| | 21 March 2013 | (7.30 pm start) |
| | 16 May 2013 | (7.00 pm start) |
| Added Date: | 4 July 2013 | (7.30 pm start) |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....