

**Withington Group Parish Council**  
**Meeting Held on**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm**  
**Withington Village Hall**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Paul Bainbridge (Chairman); Alison Bainbridge; Rob Soutar; Jim Callow;; Colin Stone-Fewings; Ralph Barber; Simon Dent; Shelly Ford; Helen Jones; Cllr Dave Greenow  
**ALSO:** Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk); Jonathan Preece.  
**Public:** David and Ann Packman,

1. **Apologies**  
Tom Nellist

2. **Declarations of Interest**  
None.

**Report from local police** – sent by e mail

**Report from Ward Councillor** – Speed bumps will not be put in at the moment, same with speed signs and weight restriction signs. Cllr Greenow had talked with the local farmer who agreed to be ‘more aware’ of the traffic that his business generated.

3. **Public Comments**

3.1 -Attention was drawn to the flooding and pot holes in Lock Road

3.2 -A request was made for a weight restriction for lorries coming through the village (this was before Cllr Greenow’s comments above)

3.3 - With regard to the village shop; the bricks on the wall in front are falling off, and concern was voiced about them being thrown. Also mentioned was the litter both beside the shop and in the car park and the bushes around it.

-There was a request for the SID results to be reported and for further installation.

-it was pointed out that the web site was still out of date, with no minutes showing for 2012 and out of date accounts.

-PC was asked what their comment had been on the Local transport/housing plans, and the response was that the PC had not made a comment.

-A parishioner had asked if a meeting with the Police would be useful in the Parish. Cllr Greenow suggested inviting the new Commissioner once a settling in period had elapsed, along with a senior serving officer.

*Clerk to look into this.*

*Cllr Greenow to extend the invitation in time.*

4. **Acceptance of Minutes of last parish Council Meeting**

**Proposed:** Kevin Hewison **Seconded** : Jim Callow

**Resolved:** All agreed

4.1 **Parking outside the post office:** Deferred until next meeting

**West Midland Review of Parliamentary Constituencies**

5. The chair outlined the effect of the paper, identifying that the ‘Hagley Ward’ would be put with Malvern and Ledbury. He proposed that the ward should be in the Hereford and South Hereford constituency. This was seconded by Rob Soutar and all agreed.

*Clerk to write to the Commission.*

6. **Armed Forces Covenant and Grant**

It was thought to be not particularly pertinent to our Parish, although one Councillor pointed out that there was at least one parishioner serving in

Afghanistan at the moment. The Chair offered routes for finding out more information if people were interested.

**Community Led Plan**

*Chair and Clerk to liase with HALC*

7. A seminar will be arranged in the New Year to look at how to take this forward, along with the Neighbourhood Plan.  
Sand bag requirements.  
1 pallet to be ordered for each of the Parish areas

*Clerk to order them.*

8.

**A Update on Withington Fields –**

**Sale of land for development** – the money is in the bank. Rob Soutar informed the group that the MUGA is being done although the weather is holding it up. It should be completed this winter. The annual inspection went well, and the football club is doing well although they do need storage for nets and posts, and the village hall committee are looking into this.

- B Fields in Trust Deeds Document** – The Chair drew attention to some of the clauses in the Deed. It was re-affirmed that the deed be entered into.

*Clerk to send off signed deeds to FIT*

**Herefordshire Rights of Way improvement plan**

9. This would appear to be the Council trying to get PC's to take on responsibility for footpaths. The PC moved not to act as the pilot.

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

A letter was sent in from the Baptist Church telling of vandalism that has happened recently.

10. Amey to be reminded about the steps at Duke St needing work.  
Veldo Lane still suffering from dog mess. Lengthsman to put a bin at the top of the wood (with the land owners permission – thank you Rachel)

*Clerk to contact Amey and the Lengthsman.*

11. Matters Financial

**A** Balances – Proposed by P. Bainbridge and seconded Rob Soutar. All agreed as true record.

**B** Payments to be agreed (as on info sheet) These were agreed unanimously – It was agreed to pay back the PWLB loan asap.

*Clerk to action this.*

**C** Receipts (as on info sheet)

**D** Requests for financial aid – none.

**Planning**

12. Westhide Court. The Chair had written to the head of planning, and had just received an unsatisfactory reply. The Mintons, Rob Soutar had voiced the opposition on behalf of the PC to a field entrance opposite the school, and indicated that any gate way to Veldo Lane needs to have a drain built into it. He has agreed to speak to residents on the lane

*R. Soutar to action*

13. **Code of Conduct, standing orders.**

Agreed

14. **Date for next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Future meetings for 2013**

21 <sup>st</sup> March	7.30 pm start
16 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00 pm start
11 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 pm start
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.30 pm start
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.30 pm start

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm**

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....