

**Withington Group Parish Council**  
**Meeting Held on**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm**  
**Withington Village Hall**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bainbridge (Chair); Ralph Barber (Vice Chair): Steve Scotcher; Jonathan Beech; Jim Callow; Rachel Leake; Helen Jones; Alison Bainbridge; Kevin Hewison; Rob Soutar;; Simon Dent:**

**ALSO: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk); Ward Cllr Dave Greenow; Ed Simcock and David Jones (prospective cllrs); P.Gwynne (Thingehill Court); Terry Griffiths (Lengthsman) present from 8. 35pm.**

**Meeting started at 7.31pm**

**1. Apologies : Tom Nellist**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs RL and SD declared interests in item 12.

**Introduction to prospective Councillors and conscription to the PC**

**3.** Both E Simcock and D Jones were conscripted to WGPC, ES for Preston Wynne and DJ for Withington.

**Clerk to complete  
and submit  
paperwork**

**4. Open Discussion/Public Forum**

**4.1 Report from PCSO Dean Wall – sent electronically.**

**4.2 Report from Ward Councillor –** None given, although he was present for questions throughout the meeting.

**4.3 Public Comments /questions –** None

**Planning: AMS proposal for Thingehill Court –**This item was taken early in the agenda.

**12.1** P Gwynne gave a short presentation about the application for raised strawberry beds at this location. The Chair and Cllrs recapped previous applications at this site. PG confirmed that the skins of the poly tunnels would have to be removed in August and go on in March.

**5. Acceptance of minutes of September Parish Council meeting:**

Proposed: Alison Bainbridge    Seconded: Helen Jones    Agreed Unanimously

**6.**

**Action Points from previous meeting:**

All addressed on agenda.

### Neighbourhood Plan

7. RB explained that there had been an open session on the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 63 people attended, of these, 29 said that they supported the current aims of the NP, 4 said that they didn't. 61% liked site 1 most for development, but they said that they wanted no more than 10 homes on any site.

### Update on Withington Fields

8. RS told the meeting that Steve Caine had got match funding for 50% of the costs of the new equipment store, for which he was applauded. His request for the PC to be prepared to make the whole payment initially and then to receive a donation towards the costs was received by the PC.

RS said that to get lights in the Gazebo, the cost might be in the region of £3,000, this is still being followed up.

S Caine had also supplied an e mail suggesting that work needed to be done on the footpaths in Withington Field as they were currently deteriorating. RS said that the Withington Field committee are looking into this.

### Lengthsman

9. Had sent a report by e mail. He has been concentrating on Preston Wynne, and councillors from there complimented the work that he had done.

### To note comments from the information sheets:

10. Information received about the cost of getting a SID in 2015. Info also received from grass cutting contractors, but the PC and VHC are happy with the existing contractor for now.

**Clerk to remind HC that they owe the PC a free session with a SID**

### Matters Financial

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- 11.a Balances as at August 2014 : Yorkshire Bank: £ 3,200.00  
1.12.14: Lloyds Bank WF acct : £ 14864.82  
25.11.14: Lloyds Bank Parish act: £ 18931.77

### Payments to be agreed:

11.b	Clerks Salary	£	774.96
	Clerks Expenses	£	25.60
	Lengthsman (Jan invoice)	£	960.00
	Insurance	£	737.11
	Data Protection	£	35.00
	To Yorkshire acct for elections	£	600.00
	Neighbourhood Plan Group cheques:		
	Banners	£	1285.20
	Stationary for NP	£	1017.53
	Hoople for maps	£	1490.80

**Clerk to make payments.**

Village Hall hire	£	63.00
Countrywide Grounds Maint	£	324.00
WVH for MUGGA electricity	£	38.25
CF Roberts – repairing lights	£	216.00
JR Barrell – hedge cutting	£	156.00

Payment proposed:  
HJ seconded: JB  
Unanimously agreed

**11.c Receipts**

VAT return £ 1,431.29

**Request for financial aid**

**11.d Withington News:** KH explained the position, Cllrs generally keen to support the ongoing production of this valuable village asset, as long as attention is paid to the cost of production. The Chair proposed paying £500 for this financial year, and let it be known that financial support was available if needed for next year.

**Payment will be made once payee is confirmed.**

**Planning** - RL and SD left the room for this element of the discussion.

**12. ii. David Wilson Homes Exhibition:** The chair explained the proposal, and said that the open day had not attracted many people. He then read out his suggested comments on the application. Unanimous agreement to send them in.

**Update on Vine Tree application:** A new application for 31 homes on the site was received on 15.1.15. The response to this will be drawn up by the planning group.

**Deferred item from 10**

The Chair told the meeting that the clerk had tendered her resignation. He outlined the recruitment process – HALC will advertise, interviews to be on either the 9<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. The Clerk will work a months notice and will offer cover for a hand over period with the new Clerk. She will also prepare the 2014/15 accounts for audit.

**Chair to proceed with this.**

**13. Received items for the next agenda:**

**Future meetings**

	19 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm start
<b>New Dates</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> May	AGM 7.00 start
<b>For 2015</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 pm start
	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.30 pm start
	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....