

Withington Group Parish Council
Meeting Held on
Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7.30pm
Withington Village Hall
MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bainbridge (Chair); Ralph Barber (Vice Chair); Jonathan Beech; Jim Callow; Rachel Leake; Alison Bainbridge; Rob Soutar; Tom Nellist; Simon Dent; Ed Simcock;
ALSO PRESENT: Sophie Glover (Parish Clerk); Ward Cllr Dave Greenow;

Meeting started at 7.30pm

1. Apologies : Steve Scotcher; Helen Jones; Kevin Hewison; David Jones

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs RL and SD declared interests in item 12.

3. Open Discussion/Public Forum

3.1 Report from PCSO Dean Wall – sent electronically.

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

3.3 Public Comments /questions – None

4. Acceptance of minutes of January Parish Council meeting:

Proposed: Jim Callow Seconded: Ralph Barber Agreed Unanimously

Action Points from previous meeting:

5. - Recruitment of new clerk: Closing date for applications has been extended until the end of the month, HALC is dealing with this for the PC.

- SID: Following a discussion it was resolved not to apply for one of these yet – the clerk informed the PC about a Neighbourhood Speed Watch initiative, and this was being looked at before booking a camera for Withies Rd.

**Clerk to put
this in WN
and to
circulate
more info.**

Neighbourhood Plan

RB informed the meeting that the steering group had met, and tasks had been allocated, but until the LDF was finalised, they were at a bit of an impasse. The Chair updated the meeting on the LDF update which had reported that the future housing needs were not based on Withington village, but on the whole of the Parish. Thus in Withington the housing stock is now approx 700 which will significantly increase the number of houses suggested to be needed for development.

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The next tranche of funding is available for the NP's but until the Parish knows what their next move is, it was resolved to wait before reapplying.

RS to proceed in getting quote for the job. Clerk to make payment when invoiced.

7. Update on Withington Fields

RS told the meeting that an inspection had been carried out on the play equipment which was generally pretty good, however one part of the aerial runway was found to be needing replacement. He was getting a quote for this.

Payment was authorised for the purchase of two new bins for WF.

Lengthsman

8. The Lengthsman has done further work in Preston Wynne, local cllrs said that the work had been good. The Chair met new Localities Steward, Mike Gill, and he has got new Slow signs coming for by the school, and re marking around the war memorial. Chair had also completed the BB form for Lengthsman and P3 expected budget for 2015/16. RS thanked the Chair and the Clerk for their work in getting the New Lengthsman Grant and the P3 Grant in place.

Parish Cllr nominations

9. The Clerk had the papers for the Cllrs to reapply for seats on the PC for the next 4 years. These were completed and many handed to the Chair for delivery the following day.

Chair to take forms to Town Hall.

10. To note comments from the information sheets:

Matters Financial

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11.a Balances as at 17.2.15 : Yorkshire Bank: £ 3,765.00
 27.2.15: Lloyds Bank WF acct : £ 14,772.30
 10.2.15: Lloyds Bank Parish act: £ 10,645.84

Payments to be agreed:

Clerk to make payments.

11.b	Clerks Salary	£	774.96
	Nalc salary increase from Jan 2015	£	15.39
	Clerks Expenses	£	20.00
	H'fd & Worcs Canal Trust subs	£	25.00
	Wiser Hosting - Domain hosting	£	66.00
	H'fd Council - paper planning applications	£	72.00
	Lengthsman March invoice	£	330.00
	Payment from Parish Acct to Y'shire Acct for DD	£	35.00
	Wicksteed (WF inspection)	£	85.20

Payments to be agreed: for two replacement bins on W'ton Field

Payment proposed: AB seconded: RB
 Unanimously agreed

11.c Receipts: None

11.d Request for financial aid

None

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

Update on Vine Tree application: the Chair explained that an application had been received for 31 houses, this went to planning committee, where it was refused. Straight after this there was a visit from an inspector who was looking into an appeal for the application for 45 homes on this site. Decision is pending in the next 3 weeks.

12. SD and RL returned to the room, and a discussion ensued about the Fence being erected in old Withington at 'East View'. PC resolved to make no official complaint about it, but further information was to be sought about laws pertaining to fencing. **Chair to find out.**

On the application at Bank Cottage, Withington, it was decided that the PC would take no action. .

13. Received items for the next agenda:

Future meetings

	21 st May	AGM 7.00 start
	16 th July	7.30 pm start
	17 th Sept	7.30 pm start
	19 th Nov	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....