

Minutes of

WITHINGTON - ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 21st May 2015

6 Councillors present

Meeting opened: 7.01pm

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| 1. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting | Approved in July 2014 |
| 2. Any other business | None |

Meeting Closed at 7.03pm

PRESTON WYNNE - ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 21st May 2015

1 Councillor present

Meeting opened: 7.03pm The meeting was not quorate and was rescheduled.

1. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting
2. Any other business

Meeting Closed at 7.04pm

WESTHIDE - ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 21st May 2015

2 Councillors present

Meeting opened : 7.05pm

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| 1. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting | Approved in July 2014 |
| 2. Any other business | None. |

Meeting Closed at 7.06pm.

Signed Chairman:

Dated:

Withington Group Parish Council
Annual Meeting Held on Thursday 21st May 2015

MINUTES

Present: Paul Bainbridge, Alison Bainbridge, Jonathan Beech, Rachel Leake, Tom Nellist, David Jones, Jim Callow, Ralph Barber, Simon Dent; Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.

The Meeting opened at 7.07pm

i. Election of officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman)

Chairman: Paul Bainbridge

Proposed: Ralph Barber

Seconded: Jim Callow

Carried unanimously

Vicechair: Ralph Barber

Proposed: Paul Bainbridge

Seconded: Simon Dent

Carried Unanimously

ii. Chairman's Annual Report

Chairman's Annual Report 2014/15

Once again the year has been busy, with the continued preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. I must thank Ralph, Jonathan, and Helen, and from 'outside, Sue Patmore, for leading on this, and for running the various public presentation days.

Unfortunately since the public inquiry into the Core Strategy the ground rules have been changed by Herefordshire Council which has increased our housing requirement from 65 to 126. This will be considered in the coming few months.

The Vine Tree Close application has been refused on appeal and a second application for fewer dwellings was also refused. In the meantime an application for 69 dwellings has been lodged for Site One adjacent to Southbank, but more on this later.

Looking at last year's report I noted that the bus shelter had not appeared. It now has and any previously expressed concerns have not materialised.

The Withington Fields development is still progressing. The football pitch provision is being further developed with additional drainage being installed through significant grant aid, secured by the hard efforts of Steve Caine and his team. My thanks once again go to Rob for his continuing hard work and commitment to this development, but also now we have to say goodbye to Rob. He has been a councillor for over 30 years, including being my predecessor as Chairman.

I wish to record my thanks to the councillors who represent us on other bodies or with 'jobs', Rob as footpaths officer, Rob as Village Hall representative, and Alison with the planning group. Also my thanks to Councillor Greenow, to the local policing team, and to all the Parish Councillors, who represent the community without remuneration, unlike our county councillors. I would also like to thank Kevin and his team for running the Village Hall, which clearly is a major asset for the village, and our internal auditor, Bob Rawlinson.

I must also thank other Councillors who have left or not stood for election. Helen Jones, Preston Wynne, and Wallace Brown, Withington. I also welcome all councillors for the three parishes and for Withington and Preston Wynne ask you all to persuade your friends, neighbours, relatives etc to be open to co-option.

Finally, in the changing times when more and more responsibility appears to be being hived off from the county council onto the parishes, my personal thanks, and on behalf of the whole group parish, to Sophie for her work as parish clerk. As you all know, Sophie is leaving for pastures new and on behalf of the group I wish her well. She is now training her prospective replacement. More later.

iii. Clerks Annual Financial Report/ Adoption of accounts

The clerk went through the end of year accounts and gave an update of the current financial position of the Parish Council. The Chair moved that the accounts be adopted, and this was seconded by Jonathan Beech, and was carried unanimously.

iv. Appointment of members to Committees, working groups etc

- Planning Working Group: Chair: Alison Bainbridge, Proposed: Jim Callow, Seconded: Ralph Barber
On the working group: Paul Bainbridge, Kevin Hewison, Rachel Leake, Tom Nellist
- Representative on Village Hall committee: Move to next meeting.
- Neighbourhood planning group: To remain the same Chair: Ralph Barber, Proposed: Paul Bainbridge, Seconded: Jim Callow
On the working group: Jonathan Beech and Sue Patmore will be approached for her continued support.

v. Review of Footpath Officer, Internal Auditor etc

Footpath officer: Rob Soutar

Proposed by: Paul Bainbridge

Seconded by: Alison Bainbridge

Internal Auditor: Rob Rawlinson

Proposed by: Paul Bainbridge

Seconded by: Tom Nellist

vi. Review of insurance policies

This was done earlier in the year.

vii. Review of subscriptions

Hereford and Gloucestershire Canal: All agree happy to continue with the subscription at £25 per annum.
HALC: Chair recommended to continue with the subscription to this, Seconded: Simon Dent, unanimously agreed

viii. To remind Councillors to update their Notice of Registrable Interests.

All present had their completed forms with them.

Meeting Closed at 7.27pm

Signed: Chairman:

Dated: