

Withington Group Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 21st May 2015

Meeting started at 7.30

In attendance: Paul Bainbridge, Alison Bainbridge, Jonathan Beech, Rachael Leake, Tom Nellist, David Jones, Jim Callow, Ralph Barber, Simon Dent; Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk) Rebecca Gill (Newly appointed Clerk) Bob Wood (prospective cllr) 10 Parishoners

Apologies

Kevin Hewison, Steve Scotcher, Ed Simcock.

Robert Wood was introduced to the meeting and was co-opted as a new Councillor for Withington.

1. The Chair told the meeting that he and RB has interview Rebecca Gill and would move to appoint her. RB seconded this and all agreed. She is to start at scale point 16 with 2 incremental increases when she gets her CiLCA. Her salary will next be reviewed in April 2017. The current clerk to liaise with her with regard to handing over the duties. *SG and RG to arrange hand over.*
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Simon Dent and Rachel Leak expressed an interest in item 11 b.

Open Discussion/Public Forum

3. **Report from local police** Sent by e mail.
- 3.1 **Report from Ward Councillor** – He was not present, and did not provide a report.
- 3.2 **Public Comments /questions** – The members of the public were present to
- 3.3 discuss item 11.c, so the chair took this item at this point.

Acceptance of Minutes of last parish Council Meeting

4. Accepted
Proposed: Alison Bainbridge, **Seconded :** Jonathan Beech
Agreed Unanimously.

Action Points from last meeting:

5. Rob Soutar did not get the quotes mentioned in April, David Jones will now undertake these duties. *DJ to look at any remedial work needed on the WF equipment.*
The Chair reported the fence and it is now being investigated.

Neighbourhood Plan - Update

6. RB explained that the NP group were still regrouping following the change of the numbers of houses that now need to be accommodated within the Withington Group of Parishes. He explained that both Westhide and Preston Wynne will need public meetings to discuss their requirements. Both RB and PB will be representing the PC at a NP meeting on 26th June. *RB to attend meeting.*

Update on Withington Fields –

7. Two new bins have been purchased and put up by Steve Caine on the field. The container for the football club equipment has also be ordered. The major works on the drainage of the football pitch is about to start.

Lengthsman

8. The Clerk will introduce the new clerk to the lengthsman, and RG will arrange to get this years lengthsman's contract signed so that Terry Griffiths can start working around the parish. *SG and RG*

9. **To note the contents of the information sheet.**

Letter from ex parishioner about the state of the war memorial – discussion ensued that the War Memorial was tended, voluntarily, by a parishioner who was thought to be a retired soldier and he was happy to continue to do this.

Matters Financial

Balances

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Balances as at	End March : Yorkshire Bank – Reserve Acct:	£ 3,765.00
	End March: Lloyds Bank – Withington Field acct:	£ 16,772.71
	End March: Lloyds Bank – Parish Account:	<u>£ 9,408.31</u>
	Total:	<u>£ 29,946.02</u>

Confirmed by Paul Bainbridge.

Payments to be agreed:

b.

From Parish Account	£
Clerks Salary	792.00
Clerks Expenses (office £20/Travel £21.60)	41.60
Clerk-lengthsman management fee	179.00
Internal Audit	240.00
ICO- Data protection(to repay Yorkshire acct)	35.00
To Yorkshire acct (unspent election expenses)	600.00
Country wide grounds Maint (church grass cutting)	202.80
Withington Field Acct	
Vinco sales ltd (WF container)	1494.00
Withington village hall (WF electrics)	38.25
Countrywide PC grass cutting April	234.00
Ray Rice – to repair gazebo	150.00
For Neighbourhood Planning	

Clerk to make payments

Proposed: Rachel Leak Secoded: Tom Nellist

c.

Receipts

Hereford Council (Precept)	£ 8500.00
Lottery Fund (Sports England Grant)	£ 2310.00

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Request for financial aid

None

Planning - Rachel and Simon left the meeting.

Vine Tree appeal – The chair told the meeting that this had been dismissed.

David Wilson Homes application - The Chair updated the meeting on the current position ie that the PC have been consulted by Herefordshire Council about this development. He explained that the Neighbourhood Planning Group had been working on numbers of houses to be built, that had been changed in Feb 15 from from an increase of + 18% of houses in Withington, to +18% also in Westhide and Preston Wynne. The NP group will now be consulting in these Parishes to find out the constituents feelings. The Chair also explained that the majority of respondants in the Withington consultation preferred this site, but that his own feeling was that the site was fine, just not the plans as they stand. He indicated that the lay out of houses was not correct, nor their style. He took a question from the floor about how the primary school would cope with an increase in the population, answering that the developers would have to pay for extra class rooms if necessary. He was also asked why this sort of applicant had been rejected

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Clerk to submit the Parish Council's comments.

in other areas, to which he responded, either because there was deemed to be no need, or drainage, access or landscape impact was too high.

The Chair asked the PC if they were happy with his comments, he was asked to make the waterlogging issue more clear, and then accepting his comments was proposed by RB and seconded by AB.

Rachel came back into the room, but SD had left.

13. Receive Items for the next agenda:

None

Future meetings

15.

Future dates:	16 July	(7.30 pm start) RB to Chair
	17 September	(7.30 pm start)
	19 November	(7.30 pm start)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....