

Withington Group Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 16th July 2015

Meeting started at 7.30

In attendance:, Rachael Leake, Tom Nellist, David Jones, Kevin Hewison, Steve Scotcher, Ed Simcock, Ralph Barber (Chair) , Simon Dent, Martin Kirk, Bob Wood; Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk) 2 Parishioners, Representatives from Russell Pryce and Philip Deeley from RCA.

Apologies

1. Paul Bainbridge, Alison Bainbridge, Jim Callow, Jackie Whibley, Sue Rudd, Jonathan Beech

2. Declarations of Interest

Simon Dent in item 6.

3. Open Discussion/Public Forum

3.1 Report from local police Sent by e mail.

3.2 Report from Ward Councillor – He was not present, and did not provide a report.

3.3 Public Comments /questions – The members of the public were present to voice concerns about the speed of the road at Nunnington. In the 10 months that they have lived there, there have been 4 accidents. KH suggested the Council should be approached as they have been persuaded in other areas to look at road speeds. The suggestion here was 40mph from Cross Keys to Radway.

Clerk to contact the Highways agency for a site visit. TN will be available to tell them more.

4. Acceptance of Minutes of last parish Council Meeting

Accepted

Proposed: David Jones **Seconded :** Bob Wood

Agreed Unanimously.

5. Action Points from Annual meeting:

Preston Wynne held their Group Parish meeting, and had nothing to report.

SS proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing clerk, this was seconded by RB.

Action Points PC meeting:

DJ has had a hand over of w/f info from RS. He is looking for quotes for fencing and path work on the field.

DJ getting quotes

Presentations: Russell Pryce:

6. The developers, David Wilson Homes, on the site North of the A4103 wanted to come back to the PC for feedback on their comments to the original application. It appeared that they had not received the PC's comments from April. It was decided that these should be resent and then they could move forward from there. Longer report at end of minutes.

Clerk to resend April comment.

Presentation: Phil Collins: Land North of Whitestone Business Park

This is a development for over 55's, and will offer accommodation, communal area, pool, gym, shop and a medical or treatment room. Building to be built to a Passivehaus Design and should create more than 49 jobs in the area. Longer report at end of minutes.

Report forwarded to AB and PB for comments.

7. Neighbourhood Plan - Update

RB explained that the change in housing numbers required in the coming years due to the changes in the UDP had rather deflated the NP group as much work now needed to be redone.

RB to check number of houses expected in PW and if these can be offset by another Parishes building.

SD questioned how many houses were now intended for Preston Wynne, RB thought 10-16, but he would check this. SD asked if one of the Group of Parishes' could offset their housing requirements in one of the other parishes. This is been investigated by the chair.

8. Update on Withington Fields –

Touched on in point 5. Also KH informed the meeting that the football club had asked for another electricity meter to go in the village hall cupboard. The VHC had agreed.

9. Lengthsman

His reports had been read and duly noted.

Council asked PB and AB to ask the parishioner if he minded continuing to do this before we ask the lengthsman to add it to his duties.

10. 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.

9. Matters Financial

A Balances

Balances as at End March : Yorkshire Bank – Reserve Acct: £ 4400.00
 End March: Lloyds Bank – Withington Field acct: £ 14856.46
 End March: Lloyds Bank – Parish Account: £ 15751.91

Confirmed by Ralph Barber.

b. Parish Account
 Payments to be agreed: Proposed: Simon Dent Seconded: Kevin Hewison

RG Clerks Salary	£ 70.56
SG Clerks Expenses	£ 25.60
SG Clerks Salary	£ 792.00
Lenthsman for June	£ 330.00
Lengthsman for July	£ 384.00
Countrywide grass cutting (May and June)	£ 314.40
Withington Village Hall Room Hire 2014	£ 70.00
Countrywide W/F grass cutting (May and June)	£ 312.00
Wicksteed Playground parts	£ 36.36
Phil Day Sports (Container in W/F)	£ 1636.80

Clerk to make payments

c. Receipts

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

d. Request for financial aid

Withington News – Pc resolved to pay £500 to the Withington News now, with instructions that they should come back to the PC in six months if they needed any further support

Clerk to write to Withington News and CAB

CAB – PC resolved to say ‘no’ at this time, with a letter of apology.

11. Planning -

Discussed at item 6. Reports to be sent to AB and PB to let a response be formulated and the clerk will submit this.

Clerk to forward reports and submit response when it is ready.

12. Receive Items for the next agenda:

Village Hall committee rep;

Invite the neighbourhood watch person to meeting (Paul Crumpton);

site and suitability of bins;

state of phone box at Whitestone;

30mph speed limit at Preston Wynne (from Hastings Corner to Rosemount) Ed or SD.

13. Future meetings

Future dates:	17 September	(7.30 pm start)
	19 November	(7.30 pm start)
	Clerk to set meeting dates for 2015/16	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....