

Neighbourhood Plan - Update

7. There was a meeting at Ralphs recently, where they met with the County NP Officer to ask if there was any point in completing a NP. Chair suggested that perhaps they could do one, having looked at Bartestee's NP, they are in a situation not dissimilar to Withington. Their committee grew from 8 to 18, and they benefitted greatly from this. Chair proposed getting in a consultant as many parishes have done, he suggested holding a meeting in the near future with some consultants to get an idea of a cost to progress the Plan. JW asked if we had to have a NP, Chair answered that in the future section 106 money would be less if you didn't have a NP. Also, if you do get your NP through, then it should carry more weight with the Council on future planning applications.

Chair to invite possible consultants to tender for assisting the PC.

DG agreed that with 4 people trying to do WGPC's plan, it would be an impossible task. He accepts that engaging people is a very hard task in itself.

PC in accord with the movement.

Chair mentioned an issue that had been drawn to his attention about some houses at Eau Withington, which are currently Bartestree, which should perhaps be counted as Withington. We might get a formal request to consider this in the future.

Update on Withington Fields –

8. Fence has been rebuilt, bin store has been built. Next big job, the Chair suggests, is to redo the footpaths, ideally in the spring. He suggested getting some quotes, decide on a specification. SD suggested Mike Darley who has experience in doing this sort of thing. Chair asked the lengthsman if he would be interested in quoting for the job, and he will.

Quotes needed for redoing the footpaths.

Chair asked if any one would be the WF rep for the PC. Would mean attending a meeting four times a year. No immediate response.

Lengthsman

Terry Griffiths gave his report. He mentioned the War Memorial; he has done some work on the memorial as a Parish Asset. Chair asked if he could look as some of the greater restoration of the memorial, so of the key stones need work, and the heather needs cutting back. TG asked if we wanted it on their regular work sheets?

9. Done litter picking from Whitestone Business Park to the village, very bad litter there. Talked about the traffic sign on Withies Rd, which is obscured by a residents hedge, they might be approached by a councillor to ask if they can trim their boundary hedge. He asked for approval to do maintenance days at Preston Wynne, and Westhidge? Granted. JW asked if Cross Keys could be added to the Lengthsman check list. She was particularly worried about drains there due to felled boughs causing a possible blockage and thus a flood risk.

RL/AB to ask the resident to trim their hedge.

Martin Kirk asked about road numbers, between TG and the Chair they answered the question.

Clerk to tell lengthsman of the monies carried over from last year to allow for him to schedule work to use the money.

Clerk to action

Identified work for him with the steps at the bend on Duke Street. Clerk to give him a location.

10. To note the contents of the information sheet.

Insurance needs renewing at the beginning of next year, clerk to get quotes

Clerk to get insurance quotes

11. Matters Financial

A Balances

Balances as at	End Sept : Yorkshire Bank – Reserve Acct:	£ 4400.00
	14.10.15: Lloyds Bank – Withington Field acct:	£ 8676.18
	24.9.15 : Lloyds Bank – Parish Account:	£21347.73

Confirmed by Chair

b. **Parish Account**
Payments to be agreed: Proposed: Chair Seconded: Bob

RG Clerks Salary	£ 814.20
Lengthsman October	£ 330.00
Countrywide Grass Cutting	£ 426.00
Countrywide grass cutting (Aug to Oct)	£ 598.80
PSD Agromony	£ 8220.00
Ray Rice (building rubbish store)	£ 395.00
Ray Rice (Fence by hall)	£ 600.00
	£ 11384

Clerk to make payments

Cheques already paid:

- c. £500 for Withington Parish Magazine, agreed at July’s meeting.

Receipts

Request for financial aid

- d. Withington News – wish to have a further £500 to help them through to the end of the financial year. Clerk has asked for a formal letter to ask for this and to outline what their financial position is. Chair asked for permission to pay this as long as the paperwork is in hand. Bob asked how much they get from advertising? Chair said we hoped to know more soon. All in agreement.
 Age Concern:- Thanks but the PC will not help at this time.

Precept setting:

- E Clerk had circulated the budget for last year and an outline budget for 2016/17.
 Chair proposed that we leave the precept at £17,000 for this year.
 Seconded: Rachel Leake

Planning -

Clerk to submit comments

- 2 applications for consideration. Stoneleigh wants to knock down a conservatory and put up a sunroom instead. Chair proposed a ‘No comment’ response. All in accord.
 12. The other is Brookside Cottage, where a burnt out cottage is requesting to be replaced by a bungalow. Chair again proposed a ‘no comment’ response.
 David Wilson homes at Southbank, had given the parish plans of the footpath, they asked if the PC wanted lighting. The Chair moved to support the motion, JB was against the idea. Following a debate the PC moved to say ‘no’ to lighting, seconded by MK , all in accord.
 SD and RL stayed in the room, but remained silent throughout the following

discussion:-

Vine Tree Close development: ref the 106 agreement, the planner has asked three questions. First are we willing to adopt the public open spaces? We have said no apart from the area opposite the coppice. The scheme provides for a footpath, are the PC happy for this to go ahead, the chair recommended yes subject to satisfactory development. Also would need to be with a maintenance scheme for 15 years,.

Clerk to see Chairs comments then respond to developer.

Finally, the developer asks if the village hall would let the path follow the 'desire line' behind the Village Hall. Chair recommends that Kevin Hewison as Chair of VH committee is connected to the developer to take this forward.

Ref: affordable housing, we have said no so far as we have enough social housing already in Withington, We did say that we would have some shared ownership housing.

Chair talked about whether or not to have street lighting in the estates? Chair said he had a view that lighting might be an idea in a residential estate. MK was against the idea, as Vine Tree was the highest point in the village.

With regard to South Bank scheme, the roads will not be adopted, as such the council will have no powers as to whether or not there will be street lighting.

Chair moved not to pass comment on South Bank and say 'no' to Vine Tree. All in accord.

- 13. **Receive Items for the next agenda:**
Lengthsman work.

Future meetings

14. Future dates:	14 th Jan	7.30pm
	10 th March	7.30pm
Annual Meeting and Parish meetings	12 th May	7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....