

Withington Group Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 14th January 2016

Meeting started at 7.31

In attendance:, Paul Bainbridge, Alison Bainbridge, Ralph Barber (Vice Chair), Kevin Hewison,, Jackie Whibley, Jim Callow, Rachael Leake, Simon Dent, Martin Kirk, Bob Wood; Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk) Cathy Gumbleton (prospective Tree Warden)

1. **Apologies**

Tom Nellist, Steve Scotcher, Ed Simcock, Jonathan Beech

Absent without apologies: Sue Rudd

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Open Discussion/Public Forum**

3.1 **Report from local police** Sent by e mail.

One of the councillors told the meeting about a trend for post to be stolen from post boxes positioned outside properties.

3.2 **Report from Ward Councillor –**

None and he was not present, nor did he pass on his apologies.

3.3 **Public Comments /questions –**

It was reported that litter bins throughout Withington are very full, including the dog poo bins at Veldo's Lane.

Clerk to contact BB ref the bins.

4. **Acceptance of Minutes of last parish Council Meeting**

Sue Rudd did not attend.

No 8, 'so' should read 'some',

Proposed: Bob Wood

Seconded : Rachel Leak

Agreed Unanimously. The amended Minutes were duly accepted.

Action Points from last meeting:

5. RL/AB to ask the resident on Withies Rd to trim their hedge. *Has now been done*

Neighbourhood plan group to consider inviting tenders, and as necessary do so, for outside agencies to assist the PC with the NDP.

Obtain quotes for redoing the footpaths on WF

Clerk to get insurance Quotes: PC are still tied into 3 year deal, so insurance just renewed.

6. **Tree Warden:**

Chair read out the Tree Warden information sheet for the Cllrs and introduced Cathy Gumbleton who is interested in being our Tree Warden having seen an advert for the post in the Withington News. There would be a cost of £25 per year to join the initiative. JW mentioned the Ash Tree disease that is possibly coming to the county. KW proposed signing her up, all were in agreement.

Clerk to provide the parish maps for her to mark any specific trees.

7. **Neighbourhood Plan - Update**

Including Weston Under Beggard consultation.

RB talked about the current position with WGPC NDP. Still waiting to hear feedback on the draft document that they have drawn up so far and submitted to HC.

8. **Update on Withington Fields –**

Clerk to action.

Chair and KH were at the meeting on Tuesday. Wicksteed will be carrying out the annual safety inspection.

We still don't have a council rep to sit on the Withington field committee, sits on a meeting 4 x a year, also just keeping an eye on the upkeep of the field. There will also be a big job coming up when the footpaths need to be replaced in the spring. Chair said that clerk had had no response to an e mail asking for a rep, so instead he proposed the clerk taking over the responsibility, and paying her for doing the job. Suggested paying her an extra hour a week. KW seconded this. Clerk is now the Withington field rep. All in agreement.

Clerk to add this to duties.

Chair explained the financial position about the delay in the Sport England payments. Chair also voiced his concerns that SE pay their grants less VAT, and small PC's really struggle to pay the VAT themselves.

Lengthsman

9. Sent a report. Shared with the meeting.

The county have suspended the new lengthsman applications for next year. We are still covered, and payments will be staying the same next year as they were this year.

To note the contents of the information sheet.

10. Clerk read out the thank you letter from Withington News. Chair then explained that the owner had submitted her budget for the year this afternoon. He went through her figures with the meeting. Chair asked for a little more information before the PC made a decision about future funding. RB wondered why carry over was not in the 2015/2016 budget

Clerk to ask for a copy of the budget forecast for this financial year.

11. Matters Financial

A Balances

Balances as at	End Sept : Yorkshire Bank – Reserve Acct:	£ 4400.00
	7.1.16: Lloyds Bank – Withington Field acct:	£ 10,998.79
	8.1.16 : Lloyds Bank – Parish Account:	£ 12,471.38

Confirmed by Chair

Payments to be agreed: Proposed: Chair Seconded: Bob Wood

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Parish Account	
Clerks Salary	£ 396.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 18.36
Lengthsman December	£ 210.00
Wiser Hosting (Domain Name)	£ 11.88
Zurich Insurance	£ 771.58
ICO Data Protection	£ 35.00
Withington Village hall (room rental)	£ 32.00
Phil Day Sports	£ 8833.88
Total Cheques this period	£ 10,308.70

Chair moved to make payments. All agreed. Clerk to make payments.

Chair asked permission for clerk to attend SLCC training in February.

Passed, clerk can attend.

Cheques already paid:

£68.74 for Withington Village Hall, supplying Muga electricity.

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Receipts

£5399 from Sport England. The clerk informed the meeting about the delay in SE providing the full payment for the work done on WF. SE are still waiting for confirmation of a legal matter that Carver Jones were due to have sorted out last year. This was not done, and now, Carver Jones are no longer trading. Mortimers Solicitors in Hereford are looking after their files and will look into this as a matter of urgency.

Clerk to ensure Mortimers take up this problem with SE

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Request for financial aid

None

12. Planning -

153711 – Inglenook Cottage, Withington; Replacement porch. Chair moved to support. Dingley Dell, Shucknall Hill: adjacent parish to ours.
The Mintons: 2 story extension; objected.
Whitestone Extra Care Facility: resubmitting amended plans, wishes to come and talk to the PC. PC will wait for amended plans.

Clerk to submit comments

13.

Receive Items for the next agenda:

Lengthsman work. Tree warden.

Future meetings

Future dates:	14 th Jan	7.30pm
	10 th March	7.30pm
Annual Meeting and Parish meetings	12 th May	7.00pm
	14 th July	7.30pm
	15 th September	7.30pm
	10 th November	7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....