

# Withington Group Parish Council Meeting

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Meeting started at 7.30

In attendance: Ralph Barber (in the Chair), Kevin Hewison, Jackie Whibley, Tom Nellist, , Rachael Leake, Martin Kirk, Jim Callow; Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk) Cathy Gumbleton (Tree Warden) 5 members of the public.

### Apologies

1. Paul and Alison Bainbridge, Steve Scotcher, Bob Wood, Sue Rudd, Jonathan Beech, Simon Dent

**Absent without apologies:** Ed Simcock, Ward Cllr David Goodwin

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 3. Open Discussion/Public Forum

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

- 3.2 **Report from Ward Councillor** – None

### 3.3 Public Comments /questions –

Public question about the blue container on the field, what are they doing with it? He told the meeting that kids climb onto it and beat it with sticks.

*Chair to check with PB on this.*

A parishioner also mentioned that the dog path is prone to flooding, so the walkers climb the fence and walk in the playing field. He was informed that the PC are currently reviewing tenders to get this work done before the winter.

*Clerk to direct lengthsman to contact her to look into this.*

CG lives in Lock Road, the drains on the road are blocked and the water which cant go down the drain floods the garden.

### Acceptance of Minutes of Parish Annual Meetings on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**Proposed:** TN

**Seconded :** RL

### 4. Acceptance of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Proposed:** KH

**Seconded:** JC

Agreed Unanimously. The Minutes were duly accepted.

### Presentation about prospective Fish and chip shop in the village – Bix (Nermal)

Bix (his chosen name) Introduced himself as the proprietor of the local Post Office. He now wishes to open a fish and chip shop in the village. They have run a survey over the last month which has been positive.

He asked for thoughts and questions.

5. Public: Concerned about the position of the shop, with a single track road running next to it which cannot get blocked. Also concerned about rubbish and the smells, as well as potentially late night noise. A neighbour also said that she had not been surveyed.

Bix responded, he was not building behind the post office, he did not think that the traffic would be a big issue. He hoped that most people would be coming on foot, as he expected his customers would be locals. He hoped that he would not be opening late, his intention was certainly not to. Another member of the public suggested that the chip shop would get less foot fall than the village shop – and that was manageable. Another comment was that this was a new enterprise so that the public did now have the chance to comment on it.

In summing up, the size of the venture (his existing car port), opening hours would be Mon to Sat 12-2 then 5 to 8.30 or 9pm. Bix clarified that there would not be an opening onto the lane.

The chair asked for a time scale – Bix said that he was not ready yet to submit the planning application.

Comment of the lack of professionalism in the survey.

MK said he'd filled in a survey. He suggested that the immediate neighbours are the ones who should be surveyed. BIX said he would follow up on this. Bix, said he'd be providing bins. TN said that there was a chip shop planned in Bartestree, and Bix was aware of this. He tried to reassure the meeting that his fitter had sourced an excellent filter that reduced the odours considerably. He then thanked the meeting.

**6. Action Points from last meeting:**

Were either on the agenda or had been dealt with.

**7. Neighbourhood Plan - Update**

RB informed the meeting of the current position of the NDP, still not progressing at the moment. In a recent call for sites showed none of our parishes listed for further development.

**Update on Withington Fields –**

**8.** The hedge on the field needs cutting – although this will have to wait until Autumn as the land has an agricultural number listing.

Clerk to call a WF committee meeting to discuss a number of field issues including the need to include depreciation in their budget and the WGPC have identified that there needs to be a paragraph about the WF expenditure in the financial regulations.

*Clerk to action.*

Chair informed the meeting of the position of the Deed of Dedication.

**Lengthsman and P3 scheme**

**9.** All cllrs get Terrys notes and they were happy with them.

*Cllrs*

JW asked if they should be looking for defective footpath signs, and all cllrs were told that this was the last year for the P3 grant, so now is an ideal time to identify if signs need replacing.

The Clerk was asked to get the lengthsman to move the bin to being by the bus stop.

*Clerk*

**Tree Warden**

**10.** CG reported that the centenary oak had died. A local lady had offered to replace it, and the cllrs suggested getting a decent tree guard around it.

*CG will look further at the oak being offered.*

MK asked about TPO's on trees in the parishes, CG didn't know of any but she would look into finding out for a further meeting. She also suggested that next time the hedge cutting happened could they leave a tree say every 30 foot.

**Adopt New Financial Regulations**

**11** RB suggested not yet adopting them as he felt that we should put the Withington Field Account in it. (Including depreciation) When it is included, this can be brought to next meeting.

*Clerk to bring to next meeting.*

**Proposed:    Seconded:**

**Adopt new Standing Orders**

**12** Chair moved to adopt them

**Proposed:    KH    Seconded:    JC**

*Clerk to file.*

**The Standing orders were adopted.**

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

MK asked what happened if cllrs who were not on the planning group disagreed with the comment, what could they do? He was told that cllrs could always argue with the comments at any PC meeting.

**14. Matters Financial****A Balances**

Balances as at June 2016 : Yorkshire Bank – Reserve Acct: £ 4,218.60  
 25.1.16: Lloyds Bank – Withington Field acct: £ 3,602.50  
 11.3.16 : Lloyds Bank – Parish Account: £ 29,613.94

Confirmed by Chair

Payments to be agreed: Proposed: KH

Seconded: TN

b.

<b>From Parish Account</b>	
Clerks Salary	£ 849.91
PAYE	£ 61.08
Clerks Expenses	£ 85.84
HALC Training	£ 18.00
Re-payment of overpayment from HC	£ 5,058.00
WVH meeting room costs (Jan to March)	£ 32.00
Countrywide (April x 2)	£ 111.60
Countrywide (May x 2)	£ 157.20
Countrywide (June x 2)	£ 157.20
<b>Total Parish Acct Cheques</b>	<b>£ 6,530.83</b>
<b>From Withington Field Acct</b>	
Safe and sound - basket ball Hoop	£ 138.00
Shelly O'Sullivan- litter picking on WF May/June	£80.00
Lengthsman WF Playground work May	£ 414.00
Lengthsman WF Playground work June	£ 300.00
Lengthsman WF Playground work July	£ 492.00
Countrywide grass cutting April x3	£ 234.00
Countrywide grass cutting May	£ 78.00
Countrywide grass cutting June x 3	£ 234.00
Wicksteed - aerial run way parts	£ 44.75
Signs and Labels (3 signs)	£ 187.34
<b>Total Withington Field Cheques</b>	<b>£ 2,202.09</b>

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

**Cheques already paid:**

None

**C. Receipts**

From: Hereford council for period 4 of Lengthsman £ 9073.63  
 (including £5058 which was overpaid by them)

**d. Request for financial aid**

None

**13. Planning -**

No comments

14. **Receive Items for the next agenda:**  
Lengthsman work. Tree warden.

**Future meetings**

Future dates:		
Changed date	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	7.30pm
	10 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm
Added dates	19 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30pm
	17 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....