

Withington Group Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 22nd September 2016

Meeting started at 7.30

In attendance: Paul Bainbridge (Chair), Alison Bainbridge, Ralph Barber, Kevin Hewison, Tom Nellist, Ed Simcock, Steve Scotcher, Simon Dent, Sue Rudd, Jonathan Beech Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk) Cathy Gumbleton (Tree Warden):
2 members of the public.

7.30pm meeting started

Apologies

1. **Martin Kirk, Bob Wood, Jackie Whibley, Rachael Leake, Jim Callow, Dave Greenow (Ward Councillor)**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

Open Discussion/Public Forum

3. **Report from local police** Sent by e mail. The gazebo damage was reported in this information sheet.

3.1

Report from Ward Councillor – None.

- 3.2 **Public Comments /questions –**

Veldo Lane: A concern was raised that green waste being dumped along the lane: The chair, and the meeting felt that the PC could not do much about this other than reminding parishioners that they could get green bags from the council.

3.3

Bins: A comment was made that the bin by the shop had not been moved, neither had the one for the bus shelter. The lengthsman had overlooked this task, and he will be dealing with both issues in early October.

Clerk to mention this in the Withington News

4. **Acceptance of Minutes of Parish Annual Meeting in July 2016.**

Ward Cllr is David Greenow

Proposed: RB **Seconded :** TN

Agreed Unanimously. The Minutes were duly accepted.

Action Points from last meeting:

On agenda or dealt with apart from:-

5. 3.3 Container on the field: The chair explained that as it is below 200 cubic meters, it does not require planning permission.

Ref the free oak tree for Withington Field, the clerk will swap TN and CG's e mail addresses.

Neighbourhood Plan - Update

The chair talked about the 'gap' in the Neighbourhood Plan time line. He used Preston Wynne as an example where if the NDP had been underway they could have stipulated that certain fields were not to be built on. He had been contacted by Hereford Council to ask if

6. WGPC wanted to continue with the NDP or with draw from the process. He asked the chair of the NDP group if he wanted to continue with the plan, RB said that he was keen to push ahead with this. Completing an alternative Rural Development Plan might be an alternative choice - RB will find out more about this.

Chair proposed that 3 consultants should be approached to find what would be an appropriate time line, and how much existing evidence could be utilised.

RB and PB will identify some consultants to approach.

7. **Update on Withington Fields –**

Gazebo – the supplier has agreed to replace it for free, and this will happen in October.

Paths – phase 1 , the dog walking alley has been completed. The second stage of repairing the paths in the play area will come later. The paths outside the play area will be a further

stage in the future, and will hopefully be done with monies from the development off Veldo Lane or from a grant application.

The gate to playground has been replaced – Currently it does not have a self closing mechanism, but the lengthsman is looking for a soft spring to self close so as to not hurt childrens fingers.

Zip line – still does not have the finger guards in place as Wicksteed sent the wrong parts, clerk is in discussion with them to replace with the correct ones. The other basketball hoop has been broken, and a replacement one has been ordered with the agreement of the Withington Field committee.

Clerk to proceed.

Lengthsman and P3 scheme

8. The lengthsman had sent a report which was circulated to all cllrs. Lock Road, the flooding issue from the road into a parishoners garden, the PC agreed that he should cost the job and let the PC know what this would be.

Clerk to inform lengthsman.

Any other problems to be reported to the clerk to pass onto the lengthsman.

The lengthsman has been carrying out regular maintenance checks to the playing fields. The PC authorised him to have a day doing P3 jobs.

9. Tree Warden

CG goes to as many training events as possible, but she asked again if we could appeal for volunteers to help her.

Clerk to put advert in our WN paragraph.

Code of Conduct – Complaints

10. The Chair went through the new process. All complaints go to the monitoring officer at County Council, he makes all decisions on how or if to proceed.

All noted.

Adopt updated Financial Regulations

11. **Proposed: RB Seconded: KH**
All in agreement, no dissenters.

Sandbag requirements

12. Ed will have the builders sand delivered to him, and clerk to order the bags. The PC authorised the purchasing of 5 tons in one ton bags of sand.

ES to liaise with the lengthsman about sand, clerk to order bags.

Parish budget consultation

13. The County council had said that they will have less and less money to do work around the parishes, and there is a suggestion that PC's should raise their precepts in order to do work that was previously done by the county council. This will be discussed at the November PC meeting.

Clerk to add to the agenda

Speeding issues at Cross Keys – Kevin

14. KH had been approached by parishioners about the speed limit not being adhered to either at Cross Keys or at Withies Rd. He asked about putting up gates to indicate a settlement area, or put up a SID. There was a discussion about the cost of SID's, and the clerk will identify the actual cost. Cross Keys, Worcester Rd and Duke St. Preston Wynne from the Bromyard Road .

Clerk to find costs.

Clerk to tell BB about stop line at war memorial on Lock Rd.

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

Noted with out further comment.

14. Matters Financial

A Balances

Balances as at	June 2016 : Yorkshire Bank – Reserve Acct:	£ 4,218.60
	15.8.16: Lloyds Bank – Withington Field acct:	£ 10,107.73
	8.8.16 : Lloyds Bank – Parish Account:	£ 15,956.21

Confirmed by Chair

Payments to be agreed: Proposed: PB

Seconded: TN

From Parish Account	
Clerks Salary	£ 826.82
PAYE	£ 53.09
Clerks Expenses	£ 76.10
Lengthsman (Roads acct Jan)	£ 330.00
Lengthsman (Roads acct July)	£ 201.60
Lengthsman (Roads acct August)	£ 452.40
Countrywide (July)	£ 157.20
Countrywide (August x 2)	£ 202.80
Internal transfer of precept to WF acct	£ 5,000.00
Total Parish Acct Cheques	£ 7,300.01
From Withington Field Acct	
Shelly O'Sullivan- litter picking on WF May/June	£ 80.00
Lengthsman WF Playground work July	£ 302.40
Lengthsman WF Playground work, and bin area (August)	£ 1,058.23
Lengthsman (dog walking path)	£ 4,446.00
Countrywide grass cutting (dog area)	£ 60.00
Countrywide grass cutting (July)	£ 156.00
Countrywide grass cutting (August)	£ 156.00
Withington VH – Muga electricity	£ 92.87
Lanyon Bowdler – Solicitor for deed of dedication	£ 1,243.00
Total Withington Field Cheques	£ 7,594.50

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

b.

Cheques already paid:

None

c.

Receipts

None although we have been notified that second half of our precept is en route.

d.

Request for financial aid

None

13. **Planning -**

Was mainly for Preston Wynne. The PC had objected to a large number of single developments, many of which have been passed. The chair addressed a couple of outstanding applications including 1 Meadow Crescent, and the land adjacent to the village hall. The Chair has written to the planning department asking for one officer to deal with Preston Wynne so that some continuity is in place.

Chair to send responses to the clerk for submission.

The other planning matter is the consultation about the travellers site document. One proposed site is at Sutton St Nicholas, a parishioner has expressed concerns about this site, and has been advised to enter his own thoughts to the consultation document. The chair asked if the PC wished to make any comment? No.

14. Receive Items for the next agenda:

Lengthsman work. Tree warden. Increasing the precept to cover the work previously done by the council.

Future meetings

Future dates:		
	10 th November	7.30pm
	19 th January	7.30pm
	16 th March	7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....