

Withington Group Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 10th November 2016

Meeting started at 7.30

In attendance: Paul Bainbridge (Chair), Alison Bainbridge, Ralph Barber, Simon Dent, Jonathan Beech, Martin Kirk, Bob Wood, Jim Callow.

Also: Sophie Glover (Clerk): 2 members of the public.

7.30pm meeting started

1. Apologies

Kevin Hewison, Steve Scotcher, Sue Rudd, Rachael Leake, Ed Simcock, Tom Nellist ,
Dave Greenow (Ward Councillor) Cathy Gumbleton (Tree Warden)

Actions

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 given.

3.3 Public Comments /questions – None

4. Acceptance of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 22.9.16.

The minutes were accepted as being a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: AB **Seconded :** SD

Agreed Unanimously. The Minutes were duly accepted.

Action Points from last meeting:

RB and PB to identify some NDP consultants

Clerk to order basket ball hoop – done

Clerk to order sand bags and get lengthsman and Ed to arrange sand delivery

Clerk to inform BB about white lines at war memorial – done

5. SID's - clerk updated the meeting about the availability of SID's both through BB and also hiring one through Tarrington; Proposed: AB seconded BW It was resolved to take the BB opportunity of a Sid in December and then discuss using Tarrington in the future.

Slow sign at the school on the road, north of Veldo Lane and North of the school on the other side.

Clerk to identify 2 consultants, PB and RB to identify one other.

Clerk to confirm this With BB.
Clerk to approach BB and offer to pay for this.

Neighbourhood Plan – Update from RB

6. RB said they would look for consultants and it was hoped that they could be recruited so that they would be working from April 1st due to funding cycles. Also, he is talking to county about resolving the number of houses in the parishes before the big push of next year with the NDP.

7. Update on Withington Fields –

The paths have been completed inside the play area, and are looking very smart.

A new basket ball hoop has been purchased, and is awaiting being put in place.

A new Gazebo is now in place.

The football field flood lights have had a faulty timer, but this should have been resolved today.

The chair talked to the meeting about the new ISO container. He asked the meetings approval to improve the access to this, putting in a sliding door to the side of the container. It will be divided up inside, with a small kitchen, seating area etc for those watching matches to sit in. The new ISO will be painted a dark green like the previous one. A complaint had been made against the ISO, with a member of public expressing concerns about its existence. The Chair had answered this saying that it was in line with development guidelines, and the planning enforcement team had concurred with this. It was resolved to do the work to the ISO proposed: BW seconded: MK

Parish magazine had incorrectly called this structure a club house – it isn't and this will be corrected in the next Withington Magazine .

Steve Caine

Lengthsman and P3 scheme

The Lengthsman grant is being reduced to £30/km (25% of today's level)

The P3 grant is remaining the same at £50/km

Both are reducing to nothing in the year 2019/20

Grants are only awarded once the parish has made its mandatory contribution, which is £60/km

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for the lengthsman and £15/km for the P3. So in effect the PC will have to pay :-

Lengthsman: £1,080 before the council pays £ 540

P3 : £ 342 before the council pays £1,140

£1,422

£1,680

Giving a total spend of £3,102

where for the last

2 years we have had £6,882

Clerk to submit the expression of interest form.

To allow the lengthsman to continue, the chair proposed that we increase the budget to £3,000 for this year. This will be discussed later under the precept.

9. **Tree Warden – update from Cathy**

CG had not submitted a report. Clerk noted that the millennium oak tree had been replaced in the dog walking area.

Telephone box consultation

10. Does Withington wish to buy its unused phone box? BT are intending to take 192 phone boxes out of Herefordshire. Chair suggested leaving the one at Orchard Dr as a new development is due to take place right by it. Proposed by chair, seconded RB

Clerk to ask BT if they will keep this one for 2 or 3 yrs.

To note the contents of the information sheet.

11. Chair informed the meeting that Jackie Whibley had resigned from the parish council due to her moving to Cornwall.

Chair also told the meeting that in September, the clerk had achieved her CiLCA and was to be given the pay rise that was in her contract, from point 21 to point 22.

12 **Matters Financial**

a

Balances as at 13.6.16 : Yorkshire Bank – Reserve Acct:	£ 4,218.60
31.10.16: Lloyds Bank – Withington Field acct:	£ 3,756.23
25.10.16 : Lloyds Bank – Parish Account:	£ 25,617.78

Confirmed by Chair

Payments to be agreed: Proposed: **BW** Seconded: **RB**

b

From Parish Account	
Clerks Salary	£ 875.14
PAYE	£ 69.89
Clerks Expenses	£ 37.34
Countrywide (Sept)	£ 157.20
Internal transfer of precept to WF acct	£ 5,000.00
Internal transfer of WF VAT reclaimed	£ 1,288.98
Internal transfer to Yorkshire acct for NDP	£ 2,000.00
Total Parish Acct Cheques	£ 9,878.55
From Withington Field Acct	
Shelly O'Sullivan- litter picking on WF Nov/Dec	£ 80.00
Countrywide grass cutting (Dog walking area)	£ 60.00
Countrywide grass cutting (September)	£ 156.00
R Barrell – hedge cutting	£ 135.00
Hereford Council – Withington bin collection	£ 167.40
Total Withington Field Cheques	£ 598.40

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

Cheques received:

20.9.16	2 nd half of precept	£8,500.00
18.10.16	Tax rebate	£2,641.58
c. 21.10.16	Repayment for lengthsman 1 st and 2 nd quarter	£ 820.00

d. **Request for financial aid**

None

e. **Precept Setting**

The chair suggested that despite the PC being relatively well off, he suggested that the precept be put up to £18,000 to allow for the PC to pay enough into the lengthsman monies. RB suggested putting some money for the NDP, aside. PB suggested moving £2k to the Yorkshire acct earmarked for the NDP if needed.

Clerk to move the monies

Proposed: PB Seconded RB

Clerk to submit precept request.

All in favour, resolved to raise the precept.

Planning -

Sonas House – Chair outlined the history and explained why the PC had objected.

13. Preston Wynne – Chair talked about the amount of planning applications that had come in for this area. One was ‘next to the old school house’, and the Chair pointed out that an objection had been submitted as the deadline was before the PC meeting. The Chair explained that it was development in open countryside, and not in accordance with the development plan. Both members of the public wanted to speak in favour of the current application. One comment was that there were 15 letters of support. The Chair explained that they had had their opportunity to speak at the start of the meeting. One member of the public expressed surprise that the PC were not given the opportunity to vote on the planning application, and it was explained to them that a planning group looked at applications that came in between meetings, and they submitted their comments to the clerk for her to submit to the Planning Office.

14. **Receive Items for the next agenda:**

Lengthsman work. Tree warden. Mobile phone belt of not working mobiles.

Future meetings

	19 th January 2017	7.30 pm start
New dates:	23 rd March	7.30 pm start
Annual Meeting	18 th May	7pm Start
	13 th July	7.30 pm start
	14 th September	7.30 pm start
	16 th November	7.30 pm start
	18 th January 2018	7.30 pm start

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32 pm

SIGNED:..... CHAIRMAN

Dated:.....