

The Annual General Meeting of Withington Parish Council

Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7.30 pm. For the purpose of transacting the following business:

Attendees

Glenys Webb – Chairman Parish Council
Nicky Lowe – Councillor
Mavis Lady Dunrossil –Councillor
Jeremy Theyer - Councillor
Jane Gibbs - Councillor
Paul Hodgkinson – Gloucestershire County Councillor
Robin Hughes - District Councillor
Parish Clerk

Apologies for absence - Bruno Brenninkmeijer - Councillor

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Glenys Webb was proposed and Seconded by Cllr Dunrossil and Cllr Lowe

Cllr Webb accepted

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chairman

Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil was proposed as Vice Chairman and Seconded by Cllr Theyer

Cllr Dunrossil accepted

Finance Officer

Cllr Brenninkmeijer was proposed as Finance Officer and Seconded by Cllr Dunrossil.

Cllr Brenninkmeijer to accept

Tree Warden

Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer was proposed as Tree Warden and Seconded by Cllr Lowe

Cllr Brenninkmeijer to accept

Planning Committee

All Councillors will be members – the Vice Chairman will only come if needed.

3. MINUTES OF THE AGM

Were held on the 1st May 2018 and were read out to the meeting they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Chairman's Report - Withington Parish Council AGM 8th May 2019

Since last year's AGM we have had 5 full meetings and 1 planning meeting.

We considered 15 full planning applications.

The application for a Racing Stables at Ravenswell Farm caused some concerns to residents of both Withington and Compton Abdale. Most people supported the plans but there were serious concerns about the extra traffic on our narrow village roads. I attended a planning meeting along with Keith Jordan from Compton Abdale to put our concerns to members of the planning committee. However, the plans were passed by the committee.

The other planning application to cause concern was that for Silverdale Coach House. There was planning consent to convert the Coach House using the original footprint. However the applicants submitted new plans for a separate dwelling behind the existing building. This was opposed by the Parish Council and the neighbours at Silverdale. This application was subsequently withdrawn and another application submitted which was similar to the original application. The Parish Council had no objection to this and it has now been passed by CDC. At the last AGM, I mentioned that there had been some work done at Keeper's Cottage which was a cause for concern. Although CDC's Enforcement Officer informed concerned neighbours that the owner would be required to put in a retrospective planning application and they would have the opportunity to submit their comments, it would seem that following a site visit, no further action was taken.

We agreed to keep the precept unchanged for another year.

There are ongoing parking issues at Withington School. I attended a meeting between parents, governors, Paul Hodgkinson and Danny Taylor of Highways at the school. Parents had been offered the option of parking at the Mill Inn but seemed unwilling to do this. The school are looking into the possibility of using other land nearby. The problem of speeding was also discussed and it was agreed that we would borrow the Mobile Speed camera from Shipton PC. This has been put up at a few locations in the village. The data recorded will be analysed by Paul Morrish of Shipton. It is currently near Compton Rise on the road from Compton Abdale.

A meeting was held at the village hall with a view to setting up a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme and it was very well attended. Residents signed up to receive e-mail alerts and mobile phone messages about any incidents in the area.

The repairs to the drains at the Sports Pavilion have now been completed and I have submitted our claim to Sport England, so that we can pay the contractor. We are grateful to County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson for his attendance at meetings and his help with various matters in particular the poor state of repair of the roads. Highways are currently working on the road through Withington out to the A436.

Also thanks to District Councillor Robin Hughes for his regular attendance at our meetings and his support with the planning applications and matters dealt with by CDC.

The defibrillator was fitted just after last year's AGM and the kiosk was painted. There has recently been a training on the use of the defibrillator which was attended by 13 people.

Thank you to my fellow councillors for their support during the year, particularly Mavis as Vice-Chairman. Thanks also to Sue, our clerk for her invaluable help and support.

5. Reports from other Councillors (Cllr N Lowe and Cllr M Dunrossil)

Osborne and Riche – this is a grant to help support travelling costs for those in education. There have been no requests for funding last year. Cllr Dunrossil said the balance, has not increased much since it was reported on at the last AGM and does not have a lot of reserves left. It was agreed that a notice should be put up to remind villagers that the grant is available if anyone is in need of it.

6. 01/05/2019 Presentation of accounts from 2018/2019 and Annual Return

The clerk presented the accounts for 18/19 and updated the Council on any differences from the budget.

The Council went through the Annual Return agreeing the expenditure and signing the document ready for Internal Audit.

Part one concludes.