

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 8th May 2019 AT THE JUBILEE HALL,
WITHINGTON AT 7.30 PM

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jane Gibbs, District Councillor Robin Hughes, County Cllr, Paul Hodgkinson and the Clerk/RFO.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. None**
4. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 20th March 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillor's; they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Progress report and comments on the meeting held: 20th March 2019

5. Matters Arising

Neighbourhood Watch meeting update – this meeting took place in March and was very well attended. As a result, they are looking to set up a committee and villages have been asked to sign up for alerts. There was a request for a volunteer to stand as Chairman for this committee. Adam Winter who set it up is not able to Chair it as he is away a lot. Cllr Brenninkmeijer asked that at the last meeting a decision was taken to not raise the Precept however there is a 1.7% rise which has gone out to villagers. His concern is why this has happened and that when this does happen shouldn't CDC inform the Parish Council as it looks like the Parish Council have put the Precept up when they are reporting that it has stayed the same. This was discussed and the Clerk updated that there are less adults in the village this year, last year we had, 74, this year we had 70 which would explain the rise. Cllr Brenninkmeijer also wanted to know when the date was picked for this information to be based on.

Action 1 20/03/2019 to ask Cllr Hughes to ask about Precept at CDC

Action 2 20/03/2019 for Cllr Webb to put something in the magazine to let people in the village know that the Parish Council did not put the precept up this year even though it has gone up.

Cllr Webb updated on the Sports England grant, there has been considerable work taking place between meetings – information being sent to them and they have awarded £7,800 to the playing field to replace the sewage tank, She said that as costs were based on last year's quotes, they will need to look into costs as they may have gone up. It was agreed this was a great result and the Parish Council thank Cllr Webb for all her hard work in getting a positive response.

- After the resignation of Cllr Bruce the Clerk advertised the vacancy for a new Councillor by putting something on the website and the notice board but as yet there has been no interest. Cllr Webb said that the PC would like to formally thank Cllr Bruce for all her hard work over the years and asked the Clerk to send her a letter of thanks. After discussion it was also agreed to ask if anyone from Foxcote would like to be co-opted onto the PC. For the Cllr Hodgkinson to provide the clerk with the name of interested parties that attended the road meeting he chairs??

- **Mobile Speed Monitor – Cllr Webb updated that the speed monitor has been place in a number of places around the village and the** Clerk contacted the insurers and put it on the existing insurance for 6 weeks from the 1st April at no extra charge
- Parking at Compton Rise (to extend car park) and overgrown foot path behind Harnham Lane, nothing has happened – last correspondence received said that if nothing had happened to take it up with Lisa?? It was updated that Lisa has left Bromford and nothing has happened about the parking. Weed killer was put down on the footpath and the elder are dying. Cllr Hodgkinson will chase again Cllr Webb will go and check tomorrow how the footpath is now looking.
- Cllr Brenninkmeijer reported on a footpath which runs past Woodlands Farm as it looks to have been diverted due to the rain and because of a septic tank. The clerk has written with the concerns to Gloucestershire Right of Way to inform them that this has happened and asked for them to visit and investigate this re-routing of a footpath. Mike Barton of Gloucestershire has e-mailed back to say the path has been following this route for some time although this is the first, they have received a complaint about it. He will investigate but not sure how soon as I will be able to do so owing to workload. There are just 7 covering 3,500 miles of the network of which he has 60 parishes it is on his list to investigate will do so as soon he can. The clerk forwarded this information on to Cllr Brenninkmeijer.
- Cllr Brenninkmeijer and Cllr Theyer to discuss and decide where is best to put additional salt bins – look at Colsbourne Hill

6. Planning application and updated

19/01125/FUL – update Full Application for Alterations and extensions to an existing Coach House, Silver Dale has been resubmitted. Clerk has received e-mail from them asking to let them know when it will be discussed as they would like to attend. Still with CDC

19/01031/FUL 15 Brassington Gardens proposed conservatory to rear elevation including verandah – no comments, all voted in favour

19/00874/FUL 5 Foxcote – Single and two-story side and rear extensions – this is a reduced size application – no comments, all voted unanimous in favour

Action 1 08/05/2019 Clerk to respond to CDC on planning applications

7. New Signatory

It was agreed that losing Councillor Bruce from the Parish Council would be a loss, it was agreed that as she was a signatory on the cheque account that another Councillor should be make a signatory. After discussion it was proposed that Cllr Lowe be the new signatory.

Action 2 08/05/2019 for the Clerk to obtain the paperwork, fill it in and pass it to Cllr Lowe to go into the bank with two pieces of ID to be set up as a new signatory and to take Cllr Bruce off the cheque Account.

8. Update from County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

Cllr Hodgkinson updated on the meeting he attended at Withington School with Cllr Webb. They have not yet received the results from the speed survey that highways carried out.

Cllr Hodgkinson said that it was good news about the A40 reopening this be continuously monitored for any land slippage every month.

Cllr Hodgkinson Updated on a No Crash Road Safety meeting he held in Andoversford. He said a number of residents from Foxcote came with issues of turning into Foxcote from the main road opposite the Kilkenny as there is a lot of speeding traffic along that road and there are issues hose boxes going into the turning s they need to swing in across the road. He said highways will look into this. There were a couple of people from Foxcote who came to the meeting that would be good to have on the PC he will pass the names to Clerk

A new Police Inspector for Gloucestershire constabulary came along the next meeting is on the 20th June is there any issues with villages come along and talk about it.

Road resurfacing – Danny Taylor has told me that the whole stretch of road from the top of Withington Woods (by the Chedworth turning) through the village and out to the A436 will be patched properly and surface dressed in the new financial year. This is good news as there are lots of potholes along that stretch

Good news for Withington woods as the road has started to be patched to the A436 in the summer it will be dressed with loose chippings so the stretch will be good

9. Update from District Councillor Robin Hughes

Cllr Hughes updated that he has been re-elected as District Councillor and will be on the planning committee. He was congratulated.

Cllr Hughes said there is a push from CDC to look at litter picking as litter is a major issues and a really hard one to sort out. He still has serious concerns about fly tipping and puts this down to the opening hour of the recycling sites in the area.

He said he has concerns about this as does Cllr Hodgkinson as they have cut the opening hours of the rubbish tips/recycling household waste areas, and there is a serious litter problem on the A436 from fly tipping. Some Cllr have reported that this is going to be a trial, but Cllr Hughes said it will be permanent. He reported that if householders asked, they can have another Green bin.

10. Finance

Cheques were raised for the following:

Insurance £463.26

GAPTC £128.66

Clerks Salary £217.94

HMRC not due this month

Drain Doctor – works to the sports ground £9037.20

Action 3 08/05/2019 for the Clerk to send information off for the insurance

Action 4 08/05/2019 for the clerk to get information for GAPTC

Action 5 08/05/2019 for the clerk to get cheques signed out of the meeting for the drain doctor and GAPTC but agreed to pay at the meeting

13. Correspondence

The clerk has received notification that due to operational issues Highways have suspended works on the Chedworth road to Withington until further notice they will be returning back to complete the patching works in the near future.

14. AOB

A notice has been put up at Halewell about a footpath from Shire Hall – Cllr Webb updated that the notice is just stating that there are 2 footpaths on their land and there are not other rights of way across the land.

Date of the next meetings:

Next meeting will be the 3rd or 10th July 2019

Meeting closed at 8.45