

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HELD ON
Thursday 10th April AT THE JUBILEE HALL, WITHINGTON AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Webb (Chairman), Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, District Cllr David Broad and the Clerk/RFO. One member of the public attended.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Tim Armstrong, Cllr Jane Bruce
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**
None Declared
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on 3rd February 2014 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillors, they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

3.1 Progress report and comments on the meeting held 3rd February 2014

Keepers Cottage – complaints have been received about work and building equipment being left in a field near Keepers Cottage. Cllr David Broad said he would look into this. **Update from the 10/04/2014** A letter has been received from the owner about the use of the field during building works, members of the PC are surprised it has been permitted but David Broad said they like rubbish and equipment stored off the main roads. Cllr Brenninkmeijer said there will be considerable damage to the field and wildlife species which were growing there, the amount of rubbish that is being stored there was also a concern.

The Vandalism to the Bus Shelter - The Clerk and Chairman have received a response from the police, however the chairman reported back to them that the Parish Council wanted the culprit arrested. The Chairman has written a statement which the police eventually collected, that was a month ago and we have received no update since. **Update 10/04/2014** for the Clerk to get in touch with the police to find out what is going on.

Pot holes in Dark Lane coming into Compton Rise were raised as they are getting worst. The Clerk raised this with Highways and Cllr Hodgkinson. It has been sent to Amey the contractor.

The drain at Harnham Lane keeps blocking and flooding, it may have collapsed. The Clerk will report this again.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Planning Applications:

To update the Council on Planning applications:

14/00446/COMPLY – Thorndale Withington – Permit
1400582/FUL Hookash View Foxcote – Update from Gordon Currey Planner to say that CDC planning has taken on board the comments about the Velux Window and the plans have been revised accordingly.

Action the clerk to write to Ruth Fulford and let her know about the revised plan, she attended the meeting to discuss this application.

5. Planning Applications:

14/00927/FUL Land Parcel at Kings Head Lane – Retrospective.

The Parish Council went through the paperwork, the Chairman asked for comments, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not want to see the current stables enlarged in any way from the size it is now. They felt it was big enough for the area. There was concern that anymore building would extend into the field which has species of wildflowers and orchids which would be lost. There was also a comment on the entrance/gateway which should be tidied up. The PC voted 3 in favour and 2 abstained

Action for the Clerk to respond to the CDC website

6. Andrew Wadland from Hill View – Ask to speak to the Parish Council to gain support to build a house on his land.

Mr Wadland bought Hill View and wished to build a Cotswold stone house at the rear of his property where the farm buildings are. Two unsuccessful applications have gone in, he has been led to believe that planning rules may have changed due to the Localism Act and wanted to ask the PC for their support in going forward. This was discussed. Cllr Brenninkmeijer suggested he speak to the planners direct who offer a pre planning/pre-application advice scheme which is currently free of charge. The benefits of this are that, it gives you an opportunity to understand how policies will be applied to the development. It can identify at an early stage where there is a need for specialist input, it will assist in preparing proposals for formal submission which will be handled more quickly with the likelihood of a more positive outcome. It may indicate that a proposal is completely unacceptable, saving the cost of pursuing a formal application. This was discussed and various options and advice were given. The next step is for the PC to see plans as they cannot make decisions without them.

7. Finance - To raise a cheque to cover invoice:

Wickmedia £36.00

7: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL

ROSPA report on the play area has arrived, the Chairman had a quick look and was disappointed to see that it had identified an issue with a new piece of equipment which has only just been installed. Also the old swings were condemned and it was agreed that they must be taken down.

Action The Clerk to write to the manufacturer to ask about remedying the problem.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The wall around the green which was repaired a few years ago has been damaged again, it will need to be repaired especially as the Fete will need the area for Parking, this was discussed as the Stone Waller who lives in Withington is really busy. Andrew Wadland said he knew him very well and will speak to him about this.

MEETING CLOSED: 08.00pm