

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday 6th April 2021 via Zoom at 19.00.**

PRESENT Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr N Lowe, Cllr B Brenninkmeijer, Cllr J Theyer, Cllr J Gibbs, Cllr C Boyce, the Clerk and 18 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE;** Cllr Mavis, Lady Dunrossil, District Councillor Robin Hughes
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** Cllr Brenninkmeijer for Willowside Farm
3. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING** held on the 18th February 2021 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillors; they were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. (remotely)

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Matters Arising

Progress report and comments on the meeting held: 18th February 2021 -

Salt Bins – Cllr Webb asked the clerk if she has heard any more from highways. The clerk has not and asked if they had been filled up, it was not known. Cllr Webb said we seemed to have been left off this time for some reason, it was hoped that we will not need salt for a while now.

Villagers E-mail address – raised at the end of the meeting in February – Cllr Lowe has been dealing with this and updated that she has sent an e-mail out to Lucy and the other Councillors to keep them updated, but has not heard back. Lucy was on-line and said she understood what has been said the only thing she asked was that if there is any information can it be put on the village what's app group. Cllr Lowe agreed to take a picture of information sent out and post it that way.

Improving website, it has been agreed that the Parish Council will be improving the website so that it is a lot easier to access from different devices, by upgrading to windows 365 and that should help. Cllr Brenninkmeijer updated that he is looking at it. At the minute, the website is only configured to work with a desktop computer and they are looking to be able to improve it to work with smart phones or iPads. They will also look to update some things on the website, depending on agreement from the Parish Council to the associated costs.

5. Planning Applications

5a – 21/01145/FUL Full Application for creation of 5 residential dwellings, (part change of use and part demolition and redevelopment) at Meadowside (land adjacent to Willowside Farm) Withington

This application was discussed and the main problem is with plots 4 and 5 but as it is one application the Parish Council will object to this application but to those 2 plots in particular. The Parish Council are not against building on the site, but felt the development was excessive for the site size and would cause more traffic issues and cars in that area from that amount of houses.

Concern raised on the design of the Dutch Barn Style of plots 4 and 5 is felt to be out of character with the village. Also the size of those two buildings being, two story and sited on

currently undeveloped land. It was also felt that particularly plot 5 is likely to flood in this position. Use of materials, colour of cladding. Prefer stone built.

Being built overlooking the Water Meadow, both views out and onto new development intrudes negatively and is a step too far.

Height size of buildings that are proposed will effect building behind properties Orchard House and Silverdale. It was felt they will look into both gardens with the loss of privacy and the problem of lights from the new houses at night.

The Tree planting was also identified as an issue as it will affect those two houses and give them an enclosed feel, this development will cause those houses to lose privacy and adversely affect views over the valley.

Another major concern raised was the Sewer which is currently sited next to Orchard House and cannot cope now, when it floods due to the rain fall the sewers spill over into neighbouring house gardens, this has been an issue for a number of years in the village and new builds will make this issue worst and must be addressed.

It was also raised that this development will be named as Meadowside a property already exists in Withington since 1975 with that name and this new development will cause much confusion.

Vote – 4 against – 1 abstention - 1 Cllr declared an interest.

5b 21/01169/AGFO - Agricultural Barn for fodder machinery storage at land parcel off Withington to Cassey Compton Road.

Storing machinery and animal fodder off Casey Compton road, it was agreed it was difficult to comment as there are no pictures of the style of the barn. Also comments that it will be sat higher up the field that the site of the current barn, the current barn is in a dip. A member of the public raised an issue with the tractor driving going up past kings head lane. Their wall has been hit and had to be repaired and there is a lot of traffic using that road. Recently there was a near miss with the house at the bottom.

Vote - In favour 4 - against 0 - abstention 1

5c 21/01261/TCONR - Work to trees in conservation areas for Lime, at Daffodil House Chedworth Road, Withington.

This tree is on dark lane at the edge of the garden and overhangs and branches are dropping off into the lane below, Cllr Brenninkmeijer said it is disappointment to fell the tree and is not aware that they will be replacing it. He agreed it is a large tree but wondered if there was an option to pollard it rather than felling.

5d Rendcombe Airfield – Planning application ref 21/00911/DMPO concern raised that this may impact on the surround villages to Chedworth, including Withington. The intention is to make this a legal commercial operation all through the Summer months. The noise pollution, air pollution and invasion of privacy may be of concern and you may wish to make your parish aware of it.

The e-mail informing the clerk of this came from a Councillor at Chedworth who sent it on.

The number of days they wish to fly was discussed. Cllr Brenninkmeijer said it is to regularise the use of the airfield which has been used in this way for the last 28 years. The permission is to park their aircraft on site overnight, which is currently not permitted. He said this already takes place and the use of the airfield is limited as they can't take off on grass, and is confined to wing walking and no other flying activities. They are looking for permission to store aircraft and increase days to 185 days flying. Increase flights per day and visitors allowed on sight from 30 to 50. This was discussed and no concerns were raised from the meeting. The Clerk was asked to thank the Councillor for letting us know and for sending it onto us. Cllr Brenninkmeijer, said it was really nice to think another Council had thought outside their own village as it does have an effect on Withington.

Action 1 06/04/2021 for the Clerk to thank the Councillor at Chedworth for sending the application information onto Withington PC.

6. Donation from filming in Withington - Discussion

Cllr Webb, updated on the filming that will be taking place around the village and will need to close the road amongst other things. This is for a horror film called Men. The film company have offered a donation to the village, at this time we have no idea how much this will be and we have not received anything yet. So, the Parish Council are asking for suggestions.

The first scheme discussed was one the Governors are working on at the primary school to build a space for the children of the school to use as a breakout area. An area, where they can go and have a quiet place to talk, it is such a small school they don't currently have any space to do this. So, they have started fund raising to provide something in the playground. They are looking to fund raise £15,000 for the project.

The next project discussed was for the upgrade of the Parish Council Website, hardware and software to make it more efficient to work. This will not be a cheap thing to do and some funds towards this would benefit everyone in the village.

The next idea was to establishment an orchard for the community. A native orchard that produces stock for future generations to use when the trees mature and produce fruit.

There was also an idea raised about a small garden for the village and to contribute to plants, they would have to identify an area in the village to do this.

It was agreed, that the Parish Council will look at them all and choose an amount for each of them depending on the donation. The Clerk to go back to the film company with Bank details and an idea of the projects we are looking at.

Action 2 06/04/2021 For the Clerk to liaise with the Film company about what the uses could be,

7. Finance

Audit costs – cheque to be raised £280 + VAT. It was updated that we are in a better place this year with the Audit and have Kate Lawton helping us with Internal Audit this year. The External Auditors were unhelpful last year with the covid restrictions.

8. Any Other Business

Cllr Webb has received a number of complaints about exercising dogs in the playing field as this is not allowed and there are signs up, but we may need to make this clear again that this is not permitted. A few of the signs have been ripped down and so we need to look at replacing them.

There has also been a number of complaints received about dog fouling and that there is only one dog poo bin in the village. The Clerk said that we can request more bins from CDC and also request that they are emptied if they are overflowing. Cllr Theyer said that last time we went straight to Cllr Hughes who got a bin and said that he could request more if we needed them. It was agreed to contact him about this.

Action 3 06/04/2021 for the Clerk to contact Cllr Hughes and request an additional Dog Poo bin.

Cllr Theyer updated that he has moved from the village and would like to step down from the Council. The Council will now have a vacancy and will advertise the post for a replacement.

Action 4 06/04/2021 for the Clerk to arrange for a notice to be put up about the vacancy.

Date of the next meeting which will be the AGM was discussed. It was agreed to hold the meeting by zoom and hopefully return to face to face meeting in July,

Action 5 06/04/2021 for the Clerk to find suitable dates for the AGM in May.

Meeting closed at 20.12