

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HELD ON
Thursday 18th February 2021 via Zoom at 19.00.**

PRESENT Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis, Lady Dunrossil, Cllr N Lowe, Cllr B Brenninkmeijer, Cllr J Theyer, Cllr J Gibbs. Cllr C Boyce, District Councillor R Hughes the Clerk and 24 + members of the public

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; None**
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** Cllr Lowe and Cllr Brenninkmeijer.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on the 30th October 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman. (remotely)

AGENDA ITEMS

- 4. Presentation by Architectural agents on behalf of Mr and Mrs Bruce for Willowside Farm barns – followed by questions from Cllrs and members of the public**

Concerns raised over the size of the proposed site, colour of timber cladding. No future provision for farm machinery. Number of vehicles that will be parked on the site and the provision of car parking spaces, view from the fields and centre of the village. Requests for slides which will be sent on if they contact Cllr Webb.

- 5. Planning Applications:**

5a - 21/00019/FUL full application for Erection of 1no Agricultural workers dwelling and associated works at Ravenswell Farm Harnham Lane Withington Cheltenham Gloucestershire.

Cllr Hughes said he will take on board what the meeting says in respect of this planning application and report that back to the planning officer.

This application was discussed it has previously been applied for and objected by the Parish Council and that application was for a smaller dwelling.

Concern that it would extend the village envelop as it is currently outside the village boundary, and in the AONB, which would then set a precedent for other applications.

Cllr Boyce asked if the applicant had considered options for other sites on Ravenswell Farm as it is a large estate. It has not been mentioned if the dwelling could be sited anywhere else.

Several comments have been made by the villagers already on this application:

Other concerns raised was that the site at the end of Harnham Lane is a narrow Lane which is currently very overgrown but is a well-used public footpath, this road currently has the same post code as the racing stables based at Ravenswell and the traffic not use to going to that site are regularly stuck in Harnham Lane and have problems turning around, it has caused many issues already.

Voted – Against application 4, 1 abstention and 2 prejudicial interest.

5b 21/00016/FUL Full Application for Retention of two air source heat pumps at Ravenswell Farm, Harnham Lane, Withington.

Only issues raised is the consumption of electricity but if they are retained there is no reason to object

Voted – in favour 5 and 2 prejudicial interest

5c 21/00130/FUL for 2 Woodview Cottage, Chedworth Road Withington - Full Application for Erection of new dwelling and garage along with associated infrastructure (Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission

Cllr Webb said looking at the application the original application for this was permitted but that this application is for a simpler structure with amended elevations. This is a modification to the plan already approved, no comments were made.

Voted in favour

5d 20/03130/FUL Full Application for Erection of 1 dwelling and detached garage at Land Parcel South East of Hill View Withington.

This is an amendment to an existing application and looks like it only relates to some screening options for trees and hedges,

Concern was raised through that it is not clear on the CDC website what are the latest plans for the building, there are a number of inconsistencies, the highways officer has not replied to questions on vehicles access, Conservation is against the application. Not clear what is happening with this application

Agreed we need clarification on what is being proposed cannot comment on design of house as not sure which is the up-to-date plans as they have been modified so many times.

Action 1 17/02/2021 for Cllr Hughes to ask the planning officers for clarification which design has been put forward for approval,

Parish Council agreed screening is a step in the right direction and trying to improve the landscape

Planning Information only Trees: (please note - These have passed the time to comment)

5e 21/00097/TCONR - Works to trees in conservation areas for Yew tree to be felled due to excessive shading and the stump removed. Elm tree hedge - The two end bushes to be removed as the hedge is overly large at Kingston House Withington Cheltenham – Concern

raised that a yew tree is being taken down due to the time it takes to grow these trees, felt drastic action to take down when it could be thinned out. Cllr Hughes to speak to the Tree officer.

5f 21/00088/TCNR - Works to trees in conservation areas for T.1 - T.7 - Horse Chestnut along roadside bank - reduce crown by 3m and shape at The Mill House Withington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4B
No issues with this application

Action 2 17/02/2021 for the Clerk to update CDC website on all above applications.

6. Finance

6a - At the meeting in January the Annual Governance and Accounts form was circulated, this has to be approved and signed by the Parish Council

Cllr Webb asked if everyone is happy for her to sign this document and for it to be sent back to the Auditors. The Council approved the accounts and Cllr Webb signed the accounts as a true and accurate record.

6b Cheque to be agreed for the following:

Gloucestershire Playing fields association £50

Wickmedia invoice no, 5212, 5413,5547,5699,5831,5979,6117 payments not cashed in 2020 and including invoice to 01/01/2021 = £252.00

Withington Village Hall Committee for 2020 = £750.00

Clerks hours for Dec 2020 – Jan 2021 = 33 hours + 6 months expenses £327.92

HMRC payment of £67.98

7. Any Other Business

7a There was a discussion on the Village Wall which has been knocked down quite badly, this also appeared in the minutes from 2018 that the Chairman signed. There was a discussion on the wall and if any measures could be taken to protect the wall from it being constantly knocked down, at least 3-4 times a year. Cllr Theyer said you must be careful that if you damage vehicles by putting something on verges etc you could be liable for that damage, the best course of action is to speak to highway to see if they can suggest a way forward.

7b The Clerk updated on the Salt bins, she reported this to highways in December as Mr King reported that they were empty, she has since also asked Cllr Hodgkinson to see if he can ask them to be refilled. As a result of Cllr Hodgkinson getting involved the Clerk received an e-mail from Danny Tiffany saying: that according to their records the grit bins and heaps in the parish were completed 17/9/20 along with neighbouring parishes. They agreed this did not address the issue of them not being full at present.

He went on to say *“We have raised a ticket to have them replenished. The issue we have in programming and resourcing this work at present is that our gangs are fully occupied carrying out multiple gritting runs (2 and sometimes 3 a day), dealing with drainage/flooding issues and repairing safety defects on the network . Given the wet and very cold weather these issues are prevalent. The filling of grit bins I am afraid is down the list of priorities for us when measured against these other demands. This is an issue for us and local parishes every winter, because of this we make contact with all parish councils, either via the clerk or a nominated snow warden, ahead of the winter season and offer them a stock of bagged salt - free of charge - so that they can replenish the grit bins in their parish.”*

The Clerk responded that they had not been contacted with this offer of salt for 2 years and could they look into who is receiving these e-mails or if we are still on the e-mailing list as they have not received an e-mail of this nature for 2 years. Mr Tiffany said they would look into this further. Cllr Hughes said he would also speak to Bob Skillen to see if he could get the salt bins refilled.

7c Discussion then took place on getting the village more involved in Parish Council matters, there was concern that if there are major developments happening, they are not sure they are kept informed of this. Long discussion on communication in the village, use of the website and that the Parish Council should think about better ways for letting the village know when things are going on.

The Villagers, requested an e-mailing list to be set up, which is sent to everyone in the village who requires updated information, GDPR was raised and concerns around this. The Parish Council to look into this request.

MEETING CLOSED: 20.30 pm