

**The Full Meeting of Withington Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Village Hall 07.30 pm**

**Attendees** Glenys Webb – Chairman Parish Council  
Mavis Lady Dunrossil – Councillor  
Nicky Lowe – Councillor  
Jane Bruce – Councillor  
Tim Armstrong - Councillor  
Jeremy Theyer - Councillor  
David Broad - District Councillor  
1 members of the Public  
Parish Clerk

**1. Apologies**

Bruno Brenninkmeijer – Councillor  
Fiona McKenzie – County Councillor

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Were read out and agreed

**3. Matters Arising**

**Outstanding Actions**

Jeremy Theyer will check that the rubble from the village wall repair has been removed.

There was also discussion about the black box used for Newspapers; the clerk has received a response from David Edelsten. **Update** – The clerk will write back to D Edelsten suggesting that the box is located at the bottom of the drive to the last post as it is tucked away there.

Grit Bins – **Update** The Clerk rang David Hicks and reminded him about the grit bin he said he will look at it.

The Website being kept up to date was discussed. Nicky Lowe spoke to Wickmedia to find out if we can gain our own access to update the data such as putting agendas and minutes on the site. Nicky Lowe updated that it was easier if they did this but it would cost the Parish Council. It was agreed to check with Bruno Brenninkmeijer to clarify what contract is in place to see if we are tied into this arrangement.

**Action** for the clerk to e-mail Bruno Brenninkmeijer to clarify where we stand with the website as to updating the information on it and if we wish to change this

arrangement for the Parish Council to update simple things like putting agenda's and minutes on ourselves.

## **20 is plenty road signs**

Colin Peirce asked if we could join the scheme 20 is plenty which is currently being run in Andoversford. It is a road safety initiative. **Update** – the Clerk has contacted Road Safety (Gary Handley) and has all the information for this scheme she has been advised that the first thing is to engage with the community to achieve this so that there is a positive reception of the signage. It was agreed that the best way to do this would be through the parish magazine.

**Action** – for the clerk to put something in the Parish Magazine informing the village what the PC want to do.

A Grass cutting letter came in to the Clerk asking if they would like to get a quote it was agreed to make enquires in light of the other contractor becoming so expensive.

**Action** for the Clerk to write to them (this was outstanding)

The cable work that was carried out by Southern Electricity – there was some concern that the road that was dug up was not put back correctly the Clerk rang David Hicks at Highways and he will look into this.

Glenys Webb asked about putting a plaque up on the Tree planted for Pat Kearney it was agreed that it should also say in the Jubilee year.

**Action** for the Chairman and Clerk to investigate. (this is still outstanding)

## **4. Budget – Precept for 2013**

The Parish Council went through the budget which was presented, there were some questions about grass cutting especially with regards to the cost and the contribution of the Cricket Club it was agreed that they usually contribute the difference from a weekly to fortnightly cut.

**Action** for the Clerk to chase this up as the contribution for 2012 which has not been received. (This has now been received.)

The budget was agreed with no change to the Precept.

**Action** for the clerk to send off the paperwork regarding this to the CDC.

## 5. Planning updates

The clerk updated the meeting on the following:

**12/0551/DD** – The Close Withington Three larch trees to be felled, fell dead lime for information only.

**12/05651/TCONR** – The Close Withington remove side branch of conifer for information only.

**12/03127/FUL** - Update on Keepers Cottage from an e-mail sent by David Broad, the CDC is expecting more revisions so it is on hold at the present.

Following on from a question raised at the Dec 12 planning meeting on the construction at Elwell and if it needed planning permission and an e-mail has been received from CDC asking for additional information on this.

**Action** the Clerk will respond to the e-mail.

## 6. Localism Act and Boundary changes - update

The Chairman updated the meeting on the training that the Clerk and Councillor Lowe and herself attended in November: The Clerk had prepared a summary of the training and this was given out and the Chairman went through the important points. This was discussed and David Broad was also asked some questions.

**Boundaries** – to reduce council size and have a pattern of single member wards. To try to ensure that each councillor represents approx. same number of electors.

Consultation period: - 1<sup>st</sup> Consultation June 21<sup>st</sup> end of July 2013

Information gathering Sept – Nov 2013

Draft recommendations April 2014

To be implemented by the next election

**Localism Act** – A strategy aimed at devolving power and resources away from central control and towards frontline managers, local democratic structure and local consumer's communities.

General Power of competence:

Eligibility two criteria elected councillors and a qualified clerk

Probably need the clerk to get the qualification for Withington Parish Council to be eligible; we need to look into training. Once we gain general power of competence, it gives us the Right to Build, The Right to Bid and the Right to Challenge.

The Clerk said she is happy to start looking at the qualification but that the Parish Council must have some criteria in place before this could be started, such as strategy and standing orders etc. in place.

It was agreed that the Clerk should start looking at what we need and the information could be brought to the AGM to agree before she takes on the training.

David Broad said he could send some information that Chedworth have and Mavis Dunrossil said she would be happy to look at anything that needed a professional eye.

## **7. Additional Signatory for Withington**

The Clerk asked if anyone would like to be an additional signatory as we use to have three when Pat Kearney was on the Parish Council and as Mavis Dunrossil is going to have an operation it would be advisable.

Jane Bruch volunteered and it was agreed that she would be a new signatory.

**Action** for the clerk to send her the documentation.

## **8. Finance**

**Cheque for the Clerks hours £219.47**

**Cheque for the Clerks HMIC £75.89**

**Cheque for Wickmedia £24.00**

**Cheque for Jeremy Theyer £100.00**

## **9, Correspondence**

The clerk received an e-mail about an initiative for a wild plant charity, plant life she will look to put something in the Parish Magazine about this.

**Action** for the clerk to contact the Parish Magazine the Chairman will pass on the details.

## **10 Any Other Business**

The Chairman has been approached by Shipston PC about getting involved in a mobile speed camera and sharing the cost etc. This was discussed and it was

agreed that it was expensive at over £2,000 and the Parish Council would rather spend the money on the play area.

**Dates of the next meeting:**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**The meeting closed at 8.35 pm**