

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday
January 14th 2015 AT THE JUBILEE HALL, WITHINGTON AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Webb (Chairman), Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Jane Bruce, Cllr Nicky Lowe, District Cllr David Broad and the Clerk/RFO.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Tim Armstrong, County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 3rd November 2014 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillor's, they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.
 - 3.1 **Progress report and comments on the meeting held:**
 - Councillors are still getting complaints about Keepers Cottage in particular, about the size of the extension especially the size of the garage. There was an action for David Broad to bring this back to the attention of the planners and to make sure they do not use it as two dwellings. Update 14/01/2015 Cllr Broad has spoken to the planners about this and it is the size according to the plan. His advice was to keep an eye on the site to make sure they put the adjoining field used for rubbish to be put back to an acceptable state when it is finished. **Closed**
 - ROSPA is still in progress, letter written asking for new invoice no response yet. **Update 14/01/2015** ROSPA have not sent a new invoice but an e-mail threatening court action if the invoice is not paid. It was agreed to settle the payment but look for another organisation to carry out the work this year. Cllr Broad will check to see who Chedworth use. **Closed**
 - Tree for Cllr Pat Kearney, No update, Cllr Armstrong will ring Cllr Brenninkmeijer and organise this. **Update 14/01/2015** the clerk e-mailed the above councillors for an update to the this. Cllr Brenninkmeijer has a hardwood tree, less than 1 m tall and a cane and a rabbit protector that can be planted at any time but asked if some thought could be given as to whether the PC wants to just replace the tree or hold some ceremony for its replacement. After discussion the PC said they would just like the tree planted and could Cllr Brenninkmeijer plant it in the best place he deems suitable. The Clerk will respond to his e-mail.
 - Bromford Housing has sent an e-mail response to our letter about the overgrown pathway, They say they will clear the pathway under the Winter works.
 - Compton Rise - The Parish Council are not happy with an application going through under these circumstances, they want to know, who signed the application made out by a 15 year old boy. Planning has been passed regardless of the PC's concerns.
 - Litter bin at Compton Rise – this has been replaced.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Budget and agree the Precept for 2015

The meeting went through the budget, things to note where:

The income from the Cricket club has reduced as they only requested 2 additional cuts to date which only cost them £94.00.

The Clerks salary is up a bit from this time last year, but is due to the additional planning meetings which cannot always be planned in.

An additional £436 has been put into Play Area Maintenance as the Parish Council have agreed to upgrade the swings. It had been agreed that there was additional monies put aside for the play area of approximately £300.

The Parish Council is currently running a small deficit of £241.14 which is due to unplanned expenditure. They currently hold Reserves of £5260.32 which is more than a year's Precept and took the view that they should keep the Precept at its current level without any increase. This was voted on and agreed.

Action 1 14/01/2015 for the clerk to send back the paperwork for the precept taking this into account.

5. Repair of the Swings – Authorisation to award contract

The Chairman brought 3 quotes for the works, they were discussed and it was agreed that the PC would award it to a local company Greenfield swings and also ask them to quote for the swing frame to be repainted which was not included in the price but was mentioned. It was agreed that the Chairman could authorise the work if it was not excessive.

6. Report from Highways from Previous meeting

The meeting discussed the report – Cllr Bruce took Richard Grey around the whole village and they discussed various issues which she said was very helpful.

The drain at Harnham Lane was not on the paperwork and so Cllr Bruce will go back and query this although Cllr Webb said it was a lot better, even after heavy rain.

The rocking cover which has been highlighted as an issue belongs to BT.

The sign to the Farthings which as highlighted is an issue for CDC not highways. Cllr Broad will investigate.

There was also a discussion about a natural spring which is on Manor Farm land and which spills all over the road and can easily freeze this time of year to see what can be done about this.

7. Election – notice for 2015

The Clerk has received an e-mail from CDC about the elections taking place on the 7th May 2015. Packs will be sent out around the 23rd Feb. It was agreed that this information should be put on notice boards and the Website

Action 2 14/01/2015 for the Clerk to arrange

8. 2000 Trees Festival – update

This agenda item was asked to be included on the Agenda by Cllr Brenninkmeijer but he did not attend. There was a discussion about this as a letter is still outstanding to CDC.

Action 3 14/01/2015 for the Clerk to send a letter off as soon as possible so that they are aware of the Parish Councils position in this matter.

9. Neighbourhood watch – use of Withington PC website

There is a new neighbourhood watch person who wants to put some information on our website instead of creating his own, this was discussed and it was agreed.

Action 4 14/01/2015 for the Clerk to liaise with Ed Stainton and Wickmedia so that that they are aware of what is going on here.

10. FINANCE - To raise a cheque to cover invoice:

Clerks Salary £209.45

HMRC Cheque for two quarter payments £96.74

ROSPA - £81.60

Repair of Stone Wall – Mr A Chapple - £22.00

Village Hall donation - £750

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL

The Clerk brought an e-mail from GAPTC to update them that they have a new Chief Executive Alison Robinson.

That subscriptions to GAPTC will be going up this year due to updating IT equipment to support more technical advice requests a month other things.

An e-mail from Paul Hodgkinson highlighting a complaint about the potholes in Woodbridge Lane and to advise that this has been passed to highways.

Cllr Hodgkinson also sent an e-mail about the funding which has been agreed to address the air balloon junction (417)

The Clerk has received an e-mail from CDC about their parking charges this will be disseminated.

A poster has also been received to be put on the notice board about the Neighbourhood plan.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Theyer asked Cllr Broad if he could look at the Thorndale planning as they have completed the jockeys accommodation and facility which was agreed that two mobile homes would cease to be used are now also being used on the site and he was not sure that planning covered this.

Action 5 for D Broad to investigate and report back

There was also a discussion about the planning application for Silverdale which came in and was discussed at the November meeting no-one has been updated about this.

Action 6 for D Broad to investigate

13. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th March 2015 at 7.30 pm

MEETING CLOSED: 09.15 pm