

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 15th January 2020 AT THE JUBILEE HALL,
WITHINGTON AT 7.00 PM.

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Boyce, County Cllr, Paul Hodgkinson, one member of the public and the Clerk/RFO.
2. **APOLOGIES:** District Councillor Robin Hughes
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.** None
4. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 6th November 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillor's; they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Progress report and comments on the meeting held: 6th November 2019

5. Matters Arising

Precept – Cllr Brenninkmeijer has concerned about how the numbers are reached for the Precept, the Clerk has e-mailed CDC to get more information, they responded but have not answered all of the queries. The Clerk will send Cllr Brenninkmeijer response to Cllr Hughes as he is still not happy that there is sufficient detail in their response.

Cllr Theyer updated that the sign at Compton Rise has been repaired.

Cyclist issue coming down the Colesborne Road at speed. There have been no more reports.

It was updated that the village wall has now been repaired. Cllr Webb has paid the invoice but had not brought the invoice to be reimbursed to the meeting. (still outstanding Jan 2020)

Planning on Silverdale – It was updated that this application has been permitted. However, the Parish Council are concerned that the applicant may not realise this does not include the creation of a new access which was pointed out at the original planning application. Cllr Hughes said he would speak to the Case Officer to make sure they are aware of the Parish Councils concern over any new access into the property. The Clerk was asked to check that Cllr Hughes passed this on. It was agreed that this must be kept in view.

New Councillor – the clerk has passed on the forms to Cllr Boyce they are in process. The clerk will continue to monitor GAPTC to find a course for Cllr Boyce.

Cllr Brenninkmeijer raised concerns about fireworks and the size of them – There were numerous displays over the New Year. He asked if something could be put in the Parish Magazine to ask villagers to let people know that there will be firework displays in the village. Keep in view for the Oct publication of the parish magazine.

6. Planning and updates

Works to trees in conversation areas, at The Close Withington this was for information only. The Parish Council noted the application.

7. Update on meeting with Bromford

This is an ongoing problem that has been reported in previous minutes - concern that Councillors have not been able to move forward with the issue of parking at Compton Rise (to extend car park) and overgrown foot path behind Harnham Lane, staff at Bromford keep changing and nothing new has happened. Update – on the 25th November a meeting took place between Cllr Webb and CCllr Hodgkinson who met with the Bromford Housing about the issues. They looked at the footpath and agreed to cut it back, there are still Elder and Ivy growing all over it. They also discussed the parking issues and they plan to use the garden of the bungalow which is currently not needed to extend parking in that area. The parking is getting worst so much so that large vehicles cannot get past the double-parked cars. This is a concern for Emergency services vehicles. Bromford have committed to review the situation and offered to attend a Parish Council meeting in future..

Action 1 15/01/2020 - for Cllr Webb to let the Clerk know the details of the person from Bromford who they had the meeting with and to make sure they are invited to the next meeting.

8. Concern about Road Surface between Compton Abdale and Withington

There has been concern raised at previous meetings over the state of the road from Compton Abdale to Withington and there was discussion on the flooding at Compton Abdale and who is responsible. Danny Taylor, from Highways has spoken to the landowner where it floods worst and this was repaired. An agreement was reached that the village will keep an eye on the stream to make sure it does not overflow in future. However, there have been more complaints about pot holes in this areas as they are like small ponds with the amount of rain that has fallen in the last few weeks. The holes are so bad that there is no tarmac left in the area. Cllr Hodgkinson will raise the issues with Highways particularly at the Compton Abdale end of the road. There was also a concern raised about horse boxes from the training yard being driven through the village, there had been agreement that they would not. Cllr Lowe will speak to the owner.

Cllr Hodgkinson also reminded the Parish Council that pot holes should be reported directly on the freephone number for specific holes 0800 514514.

9. Finance - Wickmedia, Clerk, HMRC, Playing Fields -

The Parish Council were asked to authorise the following payments:

Payee	Amount	Cheq no
Clerk	249.64	0553
HMRC	48.41	0554
Wickmedia	36.00	0552

Precept Letter - The Parish Council were asked to look at a report on the budget and to suggest any additional items for next year. The forecast was discussed, and the grass cutting was picked up as there has been considerable additional expenditure this year due to the Children's play area getting very overgrown. It was also reported that the additional cuts requested by the Cricket Club have not been reimbursed. It was noted that the cricket club has very little income due to the poor weather and the state of the pavilion prior to the drainage works. Of the £300 overspend , £180 was due to the children's play area and so

this will be added to the budget for next year. The Parish Council agreed that due to this additional ongoing cost the precept will be increased by £180 to cover this. All voted in favour of this.

Action 2 15/01/2020 for the Clerk to fill out the precept and council tax request letter and send it back to CDC.

There was also an issue raised by the Chairman that HMRC have sent her a letter saying that our account is in credit at the end of December by £421.37, this may be a mistake on their part and will need to be further investigated. Mr S Green will liaise with the Chairman and try to resolve it.

10. Update from County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

Cllr Hodgkinson updated as follows: -

Bromford meeting reported on earlier.

Speed Survey has been booked in and speed strips have been put down at various parts of the village to look at monitoring speed data, type of vehicles, speed of vehicles. Once we have the data it can be analysed by highways.

Cllr Hodgkinson also updated that his No Crash meeting which is held in Andoversford will take place on the 10th February at 18.30. Everyone is welcome and the Highways Manager Danny Taylor will also be there to answer any concerns people have.

Update on the Old A40, damaged caused by lorries being diverted along the road as they were repairing the main A40 as it was closed at night. Highways have been monitoring the road every month and it has subsided more due to the poor weather. Cllr Hodgkinson said that in the spring, Highways will be bringing materials from an excavated canal to reinforce the subsidence and hopefully aid the re-opening of the road.

11. Correspondence

The clerk brought some information about the Library community access points, Following the changes to the mobile library service last year after the vehicle was no longer roadworthy, Gloucestershire Library Service is introducing community access points in selected locations from January 2020. They will be hosted in village halls or other community spaces. A member of staff will deliver the service approximately once a month, bringing the books in a small delivery van. There will be a small range of books to browse and borrow and customers will also be able to return books and collect any items they have reserved. Eight locations have been identified with the following starting in January: Nearest for Withington is Northleach, located at the Black Cat Community Café (Market Place, Northleach, Cheltenham GL54 3EE)

Thursday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

23rd January, 27th February, 26th March, 23rd April, 28th May, 25th June

They also hope to set up the other four shortly after. These locations will be reviewed after a period of six months to ensure they are serving the needs of customers

The clerk also updated on the following - Cotswold District Council (CDC) is launching a budget consultation in January to gather views from residents and businesses as possible to help inform Council ahead of making a decision on the budget in February. The consultation will run for three full weeks from Monday, 6th January to Sunday 26th January.

Action 3 15/01/2020 for the clerk to e-mail this out to all Cllrs so that they can go online and complete the consultation if they need to.

12. Any Other Business

It has been reported that the village wall has been hit again and will need to be repaired. Cllr Theyer will speak to him about this.

The meeting closed at 20.30 pm

Next meeting will be held on the 1st April 2020 at 19.00 in the village hall.