

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 5th July 2017 AT THE JUBILEE
HALL, WITHINGTON AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Jane Bruce, Cllr Jane Gibbs, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer. 1 Members of the public and the Clerk/RFO.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Jeremy Theyer, C.Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, District Councillor Robin Hughes.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 11th May 2017 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: 11th May 2017.

- **Bus Services**

It was agreed that this will be kept on the agenda so that the whole village is conscious of the issues that a reduced Bus Service has caused some residence and to raise awareness that there is a volunteer scheme for anyone who able to help out with transport.

- **Pot holes**

Cllr Hodgkinson said he would raise this, he also reminded the Parish that if there are areas that keep being fixed and the repairs do not last, there may be a requirement to resurface the road. Cllr Theyer said that the incline from Chedworth Hill at Withington is very rough and is very dangerous for Cyclist or motorist that have to apply breaks on the sloop and at the bend.

- **Lengthman Scheme** – Cllr Hodgkinson has a group of men for the area to tackle things like drains, footpaths that have overgrown. If there is anything that can be done be done the parish is asked to let him know. It was agreed that the drain at Harnham Lane once it rains floods across the road, this has been raised a number of time with Highways and pointed out to Mr Grey who visited the village. It causes a problem every time it rains, and the drain may have collapsed underneath, Cllr Hodgkinson will take this away. **05/07/2017** for Jane Bruce to e-mail Mr Grey to remind him of this problem, and the clerk to remind Cllr Hodgkinson.

- **Lengthman Scheme** It was also suggested that at the top of Chedworth Hill the trees have not all been cut back on one side. Cllr Brenninkmeijer said that GCC have written to the owners of the land telling them it is their obligation to cut the tress back, he is not sure that they have been done on the other side. Cllr Brenninkmeijer has written to GCC to ask them to follow up with an inspection and to confirm that this has been done. Cllr Brenninkmeijer asked if Cllr Hodgkinson can chase up a response to his e-mail he sent to them about this. **05/07/2017** No response has been received by Cllr Brenninkmeijer – the Clerk will chase this up with Cllr Hodgkinson.

- **Update on the defib/adopt a box:** for the Clerk to chase up BT for the adoption of the box. Updated in the Agenda

There was also a discussion about a tree which fell down outside Cllr Gibbs house, and smashed her Greenhouse, it was reported that it also nearly hit a car which was coming along the road. There was a discussion as to who owned the trees and that Highways had shown reluctance to clear the trees away, they did clear the road but just dumped the mess onto Cllr Gibbs property. **05/07/2017** It was updated that there are several more trees along this road that are also dangerous and are caught up in the electricity wires. There was a discussion as to who would be responsible for them, **Further Action** for the Clerk to speak to the Tree Warden at CDC and raise the Parish Councils concern and ask him to advise us to how this is best sorted out. It was suggested this would be through Cllr Hughes in the first instance as he would know who to contact.

4. Update on Defibrillator/Adopt a Box BT

The Chairman updated on the information she has received from Community Heartbeat about the costs involved in the Defib, she will forward the information on to all the Councillors . Update - The Money from the Big Lottery fund has been credited into the Parish Councils Bank Account – it will cover the defib, plus extra batteries, some training and some money to update the Telephone box.

The Clerk updated that she has been in touch with BT about the adoption as nothing has been heard so far after we expressed an interest with CDC in January. She has received an e-mail from BT advising the Parish Council that due to the volumes nationally requesting to adopt a Telephone box they had not yet started looking at the box in Withington but as we have received funding they will get things moving. To do this they required a completed contract which they sent and a donation of £1.00. They also recommended that the Parish Council use Community Heartbeat Trust due to their compliance to Electricity safety standards and cabinet compliance. They also have governance system to demonstrate the management of the defib and have written consent from BT for its connection. BT also updated that they guarantee to retain responsibly for the power supply for minimum of 7 years.

After discussion and consulting the contract, some points were raised to be aware of, such as adding it to our insurance, a note which must be placed in box informing parishioners that it has been taken over. It was agreed subject to the following actions: **Action** clerk to contact Cllr Hughes to find out if planning permission is needed for change of use to the telephone box that is being adopted.

Action for the clerk to contact BT and ask for the following according to clause 5.4.ii which states that written permission is given by the seller to the buyer in accordance with paragraph 5.4.ii to connect defib equipment to the unmetered electricity supply the equipment must meet all appropriate safety standards.

5. Planning:

17/02545/FUL Colesborne Farm – part retrospective

There were no objections

17/02576/TCONR works to trees keepers' cottage

There were objections to the removal of the Walnut tree: comments to CDC planning website:

No issue with Removal of Apple Trees T2 and T3 but object to removal of T1 Walnut Tree, because it significantly hides the back end of the garage. There are numerous other trees around the house, they could not see how removing these few trees will

create a difference to the vista. It was suggested that they should take off the lower branches of the walnut tree and leave the upper branches without felling.

17/02534/TCONR Tree for information only – permitted – The Close

This was for information purposes only

17/02388/FUL – 2 Northfield Cottage Withington Summer House

There were no comments or objections to this application - Vote 5 for and 1 abstention.

17/00660/FUL - Full Application for Change of use from Public House to a single dwelling house and associated extensions, alterations and demolitions at Kings Head Inn Kings Head Lane – late notification.

The Parish Council considered the application and updates from the previous application and approved the changes they said they await more detail and plans in due course.

Action for the Clerk to respond to all Planning applications on the CDC Website.

6. Playground Inspection report

The Parish Council has received this year's inspection report, the third carried out by Mr Hicks. The general comments said that there is good site management but, there is a continued issue of birds fouling the play equipment he advised early work after the nesting season is cutting back hedges and raising crowns of nearby trees to limit this also to put piano wire stretch across the top of swings to deter roosting or to use plastic spikes. The Parish Council considered the report and Cllr Webb will look into getting the plastic spikes for the top of the swings and also asking Cllr Theyer to cut back the hedges at the beginning of the year, it was agreed that Councillors are willing to accompany Mr Hicks on his inspections.

Action for the Clerk to ask Mr Hicks to let them know 48 hours before his next inspection so that a member of the Parish Council is able to attend the inspection with him.

7. Finance

Clerks Salary £256.51
John Hicks £61.56
Wickmedia £36.00
Glebe Contractors £57.60
BT £1.00
S Davis Internal Auditor £50.00

8. Correspondence

The Clerk has received a letter from CDC advising that Annually they required to contact all Parish Councils to request updated information on their emergency plans – if you do not currently have an emergency plan in place would you like to have one and to contact them.

Action the Clerk to ask for some information.

9. Any Other Business

The embankment at the Mill Inn has started to look untidy again, the Clerk was asked to contact the new Manager at the Mill Inn and advise him that it needs trimming

Action for the Clerk to send a letter asking that the bank is tidied.

Mr Prout said that this weekend is the 2000 trees festival and he has been around the facilities today to look at the provisions made, he said he is satisfied that the organisers have gone to enormous lengths to keep the cars off the road and are prepared in case of rain and bad weather. There is a hard track laid so that cars will not get stuck in the mud and hopefully there will not be a repeat of last year's road congestions. He hoped members of the Parish Council are coming along.

There was a change of date to the next PC meeting due to A/L clashes' etc. The next Parish Council will take place on the 20th September, the Clerk will update the Website etc.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm