

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 AT THE JUBILEE HALL,**  
**WITHINGTON AT 7.30 PM**

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jane Gibbs,. One member of the public and the Clerk/RFO.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Jane Bruce, District Councillor Robin Hughes and County Cllr, Paul Hodgkinson
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.** Cllr Nicky Lowe and Cllr Lady Mavis Dunrossil declared an interest under planning.Cllr Webb declared an interest on the clearing of the path and issues with Bromford.
4. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillor's; they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

**4.1 Progress report and comments on the meeting held: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**

**Update on the North Road** - Joint request to highways/GCC to get the road between Chedworth and Withington resurfaced. The Cllr responded to Chedworth Parish Council and Cllr Hodgkinson had a meeting with Danny Taylor from Glos Highways. Cllr Hodgkinson was asked to push for the County Council to take action to repair the whole length of road from Chedworth to Andoversford. This is now in progress.

**Defib** – Cllr Webb has found a painter to carry out the work to the telephone box but due to the hot weather he has been unable to do the work, it will be done as soon as it cools down.

**Village Hall Committee** - At the last meeting there was an action to ask the Village Hall Committee about identifying large items for expenditure and for the Parish Council to purchase them so that the VAT could be claimed back. Cllr Webb said she has spoken to the committee and they think it will be too complicated and would prefer a donation. Cllr Brenninkmeijer said it would be a good idea to have a list of all items of expenditure from the Village Hall Committee, so that we can see what has been purchased with the donation they have received from the Parish Council. Cllr Webb said she would chase this up with the Village Hall Committee.

**Outstanding issue from last year's AGM** - There have been ongoing problems with parking at Compton Rise. With many residents having more than one vehicle, there is no longer sufficient room in the car park leading to vehicles parking on verges and obscuring junctions. County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and Cllr Webb met with Representatives of Bromford Housing in February 2016 to discuss the problem. Following this meeting a consultation letter was sent to Bromford tenants. Cllr Webb also raised the overgrown conditions of the path between Compton Rise and the Playing Field and was promised that it would be dealt with, despite representation from the Parish Council and the efforts of C.Cllr Paul Hodgkinson and D.Cllr Robin Hughes there has been no progress. **Update:** Cllr Hodgkinson has contacted Bromford again (Claire Caley-Bolton) and was told that it would be passed onto the localities team, which has changed since their last conversations regarding this matter. She passed the e-mail onto the following colleagues: Lisa Smith –

Neighbourhood Coach, Sam Knowles – Locality Manager. They responded that, unfortunately this is the first they knew of the issues as they were not included in the handover from the previous team. They promised to follow this up with colleagues and get back to C.Cllr Hodgkinson when they have ascertained the status of the improvement bid.

There has been some argument about who is responsible for the pathway. It was agreed that Bromford put the path in when they built the houses.

**Action 1 11/07/2018** for the clerk to get Bromford to accept responsibility of the path. Letter to Bromford and District County Council about who should be responsible for the upkeep of this path. The trees need sorting out, it is meant to be a safe access to the park from the estate for children. Also copy in Cllr Hodgkinson.

**Parking issues at Withington Primary School** - Speed of traffic and parents parking on double yellow lines outside the school and not taking notice about the parking issues. C.Cllr. Hodgkinson said he would speak to the local PCSO and get him over at dropping off times and have a quiet word with parents – Not sure if this has been actioned? Cllr Hodgkinson did update that someone from the Road Safety Partnership visited the school last summer and made recommendations. It seems that these haven't been actioned so Danny Taylor is now chasing Amey to sort this out.

**Village Hall Donation** - There has been an e-mail from the village hall committee requesting another donation 3 months after the last donation was paid to them as they are booked into prior periods in their accounts. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Brenninkmeijer will look into this. **Update 11/07/2018** a meeting was held last night 10/07/2018 which Cllr Dunrossil and Cllr Webb attended and this issue was raised again. Cllr Dunrossil said as this has not been resolved she proposed a motion for the Parish Council to pay this request it was voted on and unanimously agreed. The Clerk was instructed to raise a cheque to the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Lowe suggested that if it comes to light at a later stage that this was a mistake then the village hall should pay this back to the Parish Council.

## **5. Planning applications and updates –**

**18/02342/AGFO – Agricultural building to cover storage of timber**, logs and a logging machine – Withington Estates, this was discussed but is for information only.

**18/01497/FUL – Coach House to residential Silverdale** Change of use of existing Coach House to one residential unit with associated alterations and a two storey side extension at Coach House. This application was discussed by the Parish Council took into account the comments made by the neighbour, Mr Ed Stainton. The general consensus was that as this building is in the centre of the village it is too big and out of proportion to the plot. The Parish Council voted and all unanimous voted against this plan.

**18/01881/FUL – Proposed roof tile change at Haddon House**, Withington.

Change to the proposed roof covering to extension from natural stone roof slates to Cardinal roof tiles on certain areas. The application was discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed at this only effected the extension there were no concerns raised.

## **6. Playground report - John Hicks**

A full report has been received from John Hicks with respect of the playground, the report states that he carried out the report unaccompanied, although Cllr Webb would gladly accompany Mr Hicks if she was given notice. The Clerk will pass this onto him for future visits. The Parish Council went through the report and discussed the specific items highlighted. - The Bird droppings are less of a problem this year due to the spikes on top of the swings, it was highlighted that the trees could be trimmed back as they are overhanging. The fence section by the entrance is damaged but this is a low risk. The sign on the road side entrance is faded and should be replaced. A rust problem is developing on the top bar of the two cradle and junior swings and one of the support legs is bent and should be monitored.

## **7. Finance**

For the following Cheques to be raised:

Clerks salary - £277.98

HMRC March – April and May – June £ 107.96

Wickmedia – invoices 3927 – 4656 £72.00

John Hicks – Playground report - £61.56

S Davis £50.00 internal Audit fee

Insurance 469.18

Withington Village Hall Committee 750.00

## **8. Correspondence**

The Clerk brought information regarding the road closure at A436 Kilkenny road.

Mr Prout updated that 2000 trees festival starts tomorrow and he is hoping people will enjoy the cakes made by the WI.

**9.** Date of the next meeting will be held on the Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**