

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday
March 18th 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, District Cllr David Broad and the Clerk/RFO.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Nicky Lowe Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Tim Armstrong, County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil declared an interest on the planning issue of the Close.
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 14th January 2015 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 update on Keepers Cottage Cllr Theyer has spoken to the owner and the site will be grassed and levelled now that the building works has come to an end.
 - Tree for Cllr Pat Kearney has been planted a plaque will now be looked into from the PC
 - 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. Cllr are not sure if this has been dealt with but will check.
 - **Neighbourhood watch – use of Withington PC website** for the Clerk to liaise with this man and Wickmedia so that that they are aware of what is going on here. The clerk has checked with Wickmedia and will pass the information onto Ed Stanton.
 - Thorndale planning - discussion about jockeys accommodation facility which was agreed but 2 mobile homes are also being used on the site, action to keep an eye on this and monitor as this was not a permanent facility Cllr Theyer to keep Cllr Broad informed.
 - Swings have now been upgraded but they have not yet been painted. Cllr Armstrong has volunteered to do this.
 - Manor Farm spring which has a leak at the top of the road and flows down all over the road. Cllr Bruce will speak to Richard Grey from Highways about this.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Planning

15/00688/FUL 5 The Farthings – The plans were distributed and this was discussed, there are no issues with this and all the Councillors were in favour of the application.

Action 1 18/03/2015 for the Clerk to update the Planning register.

15/00256/FUL The Close erection of two ancillary outbuildings – Cllr Dunrossil declared an interest. There was concern raised about the size of the building it has been suggested that it is bigger than the original footprint. Also that the building is being sited so close to the boundary of the neighbouring house. There was also concern raised about the materials to be used especially in a conservation area, The footprint of the application could also in future be turned into a separate dwelling.

14/03829/OUT Out-line application for 59 residential dwellings access to rear of templefields.

The Parish Council does not have any objection to the development. They would like it put on record though that so much development of affordable housing is being built in Andoversford and does not seem equitable to other small communities in the area and does not address the problems of lack of this type of housing in Withington.

5. 2000 Trees – Update

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk will respond to Michelle Brignell's e-mail offering to set up a meeting with the event organisers and work through the problems that have been experienced and give them the opportunity to prove that they can run the event this year with no problems. Cllr Brenninkmeijer had also sent an e-mail about this and this was also read out.

Action 2 18/03/2015 for the Clerk to respond to the e-mail so that their concerns are dealt with as soon as possible.

6. Mobile Telephone infrastructure

Cllr Broad informed the meeting of the mobile phone mast situation in Chedworth and that the Parish Council has consulted with the community and the consensus is that they do not want a mast in open country side next to the Farm Shop as it will be 98 feet high. A suggestion has been made that a better position would be to upgrade the existing mast at Chedworth Beacon which would also cover parts of Withington. The PC agreed to pass on their agreement to this suggestion to the company. There was also a brief discussion about other routes to communication within the parish such as a Facebook page which has its benefits but after discussion it was felt the PC did not have the time, the expertise or support to keep this updated.

Action 3 18/03/2015 For the Clerk to send this information to Mr Osborne of the Harlequin Group.

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

Clerks Salary £220.17

HMRC £55.05

GAPTC £124.02

Wickmedia £36.00

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL

None taken

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Theyer raised an issue with parking at the junction to Compton Rise, it was suggested that a letter should go to all who live in the close to ask them to be mindful of parking sensibly not on bends and junctions it was also suggested that we should ask Bromford Housing to look at the road markings so that they are clearly marked.

Action 4 18/03/2015 for the Clerk to carry this out.

The issues of pot holes was raised again this time in Dark Lane which are very bad this was discussed. Also Woodbridge Lane is bad again.

Action 5 18/03/2015 for Cllr Bruce to speak to Richard Grey about the pot holes.

The Chairman thanked Cllr David Broad for all his hard work over the years and his sterling support to Withington Parish Council has received from him. This will be his last meeting before the boundaries change and the Parish Council will have a new District Councillor as they have changed wards from Chedworth to Sandywell.

10. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council AGM will take place on May 13th 2015 at 7.30pm

MEETING CLOSED: 09.15 pm