

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 1st March 2017 AT THE JUBILEE
HALL, WITHINGTON AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Jane Bruce, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Jane Gibbs, Cllr Nicky Lowe, District Councillor Robin Hughes 2 Members of the public and the Clerk/RFO.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer. C.Cllr Paul Hodgkinson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 11th January 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 January 2017.

- **Damage to Wall around the Village Green**

This has been damaged again, there was discussion around what could be done to make it more secure, the Parish Council gave Cllr Theyer permission to arrange for the wall to be repaired and agreed to spend £250 for Dave Roper to make the repairs.

11/01/2017 update Cllr Theyer will look at repairs and mover this action forward.

01/03/2017 Cllr Theyer has sent another text reminder to Andy Chappell who is going to now repair the wall.

- **Bus Services**

There was a discussion on the current bus services. Cllr Hughes said that you are able to telephone for a bus in advance and it will call into the village and pick people up – but only if pre-arranged. Cllr Dunrossil said that they also have a backup plan for villages to help out if anyone is stuck and needs transport, it was agreed that this will be kept on the agenda so that the whole village is conscious of the issues this has caused some residence and for anyone is able to help out with transport.

- **Pot holes**

It was agreed that this is a never ending issue. It was updated that they are very bad at Woodbridge Lane by the Kennels. It was agreed to remind people as reported in the last minutes that there is a telephone number to report potholes directly to Ameys as follows: *(Potholes can be reported on the 08000 514 514 telephone number)* it was agreed that this needs to keep being raised with Highways.

- **Annual Contribution to the Village Hall** – the clerk reported that she has sent of the cheque but has not received anything back. Cllr Webb said she has received an e-mail and will pass it on.

- **Lengthman Scheme** – Cllr Webb asked if anyone had anything to be passed on under this scheme. – The only thing brought up was the drains at Harnham Lane which are constantly flooding and overflowing all over the road. It was agreed that this does not fall under this scheme, however, it does not stop the village from reporting it. Cllr Theyer will ring highways again and Cllr Bruce said she will also contact Mr Gray of Highways to draw his attention to this ongoing issue which has not been resolved after many years of being reported.

4. **Planning Applications:**

17/00668/FUL Paddock Cottage Woodbridge Lane Withington - external alteration replacement of front porch and single story rear extension. – Addition to existing plans, already granted planning for extension. No comments voted all in favour

17/00438/FUL – Little Colesbourne Farm Withington - retrospective creation of new access and track with agricultural and residential use.

17/00620/FUL Little Colesbourne Farm Withington - Replacement garden wall retrospective. There were no comments and all voted in favour of the application.

Action 1 for the Clerk to respond to CDC planning with Parish Councils comments

5. **Update on Defibrillator Grant application**

Cllr Webb updated on the defibrillator, she has been in contact with Community Heartbeat regarding the different options available. This organisation provides the equipment for Compton Abdale, Chedworth and Andoversford. Cllr Webb has spoken to various people about the way the Councils manage this and most have gone for the managed solution with Community Heartbeat. The estimated costs of this will be around £183.00 per year, some years it will be more and some years it will be less. The basic package with Community Heartbeat will include annual checks and replacement pads and batteries. They also provide free training if you take on of their managed solutions.

Cllr Webb updated that most have opted for the four year agreement after which time the Parish Council agree to carry on with the package or take it over themselves. This works out at about £126.00 per year. After extensive research and talking to other Parish Councils it was agreed that we would also look to use Community Heartbeat as they are the company recommended by BT, especially as it is hoped to site the Defib in a telephone box and also offer training and equipment checks. Cllr Webb has filled out the application but has not sent it off until the Parish Council has discussed and agreed what they would like to do. Cllr Webb said she has also been advised that she can apply for some refurbishment costs of the telephone box and the Parish Council agreed that a lockable Defib would be the best option. Andoversford have recently been successful gaining a grant application and Cllr Dunrossil passed on a thank you to the Chairman for all her hard working in getting this far. It was reported that once the application has been sent it would take another 4-6 months until the grant approval is communicated back to the Parish Council.

6. **Finance -**

Clerks Salary £223.65

HMRC paid £55.91

Grass cutting discussed as new contact came in discussed fortnightly or weekly agreed to go for fortnightly and raised a cheque for this which will be cashed after 1st April.

Grass cutting £739.37.

7. Update from Cotswold District Councillor Robin Hughes

CDC have agreed to freeze on the cost of parking and garden waste collections, and approved the following additional allocations:

- Extension of the 'free after 3 pm' parking scheme until the end of March 2018 at selected car parks across the District, including in Bourton-on-the-Water, Cirencester, Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, and Tetbury.
- £750 to each Cllr to help fund activities in their wards marking the centenary of the end of the First World War.
- £2,000 to each Cllr to assist local fund raising for the installation of defibrillators in their wards.

Cllr Hughes also updated on the Great Cotswold clear up scheme which has a prize attached to it.

8. Any Other Business

There was discussion on the Bromford Housing Footpath, which has still not been dealt with. It was updated that the Elders are sprouting and are getting very high and overgrown. A question was asked:- who does the Parish Council contact to complain about this company.

Action 2 for Cllr Hughes to e-mail Bromford and try to find out what is happening with their maintenance and who can the Council complain to about this issue.

The Clerk has been sent an e-mail to purchase stickers for wheelie bins, after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will not be buying any at this time.

The Clerk brought some information from John Hicks and Associated who carry out the play area inspection each year. The letter was to confirm that this is required for 2017.

Action 3 for the Clerk to send off the agreement letter for John Hicks and Associates to carry out the inspection.

The Pension Regulator keeps sending letters to the Parish Council about providing a pension for the Clerk. This was discussed as the Clerk works full time elsewhere and has a Local Government Pension and the pension provisions from the Parish Council would be very small she has turned down a pension from the Parish Council. A letter has been provided to the Clerk setting out her offer of a pension from the Parish Council and acknowledge by signing the letter that she does not want a pension and has opted out of a pension from Withington Parish Council.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm