

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 20th March 2019 AT THE JUBILEE HALL,
WITHINGTON AT 7.30 PM

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jane Gibbs, District Councillor Robin Hughes and the Clerk/RFO.
2. **APOLOGIES:** County Cllr, Paul Hodgkinson.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. None**
4. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 9th January 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: 9th January 2019

5. Matters Arising

Neighbourhood Watch meeting update – this meeting took place in March and was very well attended. As a result, they are looking to set up a committee and villages have been asked to sign up for alerts. There was a request for a volunteer to stand as Chairman for this committee. Adam Winter who set it up is not able to Chair it as he is away a lot. Cllr Brenninkmeijer asked that at the last meeting a decision was taken to not raise the Precept however there is a 1.7% rise which has gone out to villagers. His concern is why this has happened and that when this does happen shouldn't CDC inform the Parish Council as it looks like the Parish Council have put the Precept up when they are reporting that it has stayed the same. This was discussed and the Clerk updated that there are less adults in the village this year, last year we had, 74, this year we had 70 which would explain the rise. Cllr Brenninkmeijer also wanted to know when the date was picked for this information to be based on.

Action 1 20/03/2019 to ask Cllr Hughes to ask about Precept at CDC

Action 2 20/03/2019 for Cllr Webb to put something in the magazine to let people in the village know that the Parish Council did not put the precept up this year even though it has gone up.

Cllr Webb updated on the Sports England grant, there has been considerable work taking place between meetings – information being sent to them and they have awarded £7,800 to the playing field to replace the sewage tank, She said that as costs were based on last year's quotes, they will need to look into costs as they may have gone up. It was agreed this was a great result and the Parish Council thank Cllr Webb for all her hard work in getting a positive response.

6. Planning application and updated

18/03534/FUL – Ravenswell Farm has been permitted, it did go to committee and Cllr Webb and members of Compton Abdale Council attended. Timescales for the building to start, Cllr Lowe said it is likely to start soon.

18/02318/FUL - Withington Manor, Cllr Brenninkmeijer updated that planning for a small window was also passed.

19/01125/FUL - Full Application for Alterations and extensions to an existing Coach House, Silver Dale has been resubmitted. Clerk has received e-mail from them asking to let them know when it will be discussed as they would like to attend. Still with CDC

19/01158/TCONR Planning of Trees Works to trees in conservation areas for H.1 - Beech in rear garden - reduce in height to 2.5m at Silverdale Withington

Action 3 20/03/2019 Clerk to respond to CDC on planning applications

7. Election nomination papers packs

E-mail and nomination packs have been received by the Clerk for elections to Parish Councils. Dates and information is held on the website. The Clerk gave out the papers to members.

The Clerk has received an e-mail from Cllr Jane Bruce saying that she will not be standing this time, this was discussed by the council and the clerk was asked to put an advert out on the website for members of the Village to stand for the election.

Action 4 20/03/2019 to Advertise for a vacant Councillor by putting something on the website.

8. Mobile Speed Monitor

Cllr Webb updated that she has attended a meeting at the Primary School to talk about the parking issues which have been reported at recent meetings. The meeting consisted of Parents, Governor, Cllr Webb, GCC P Hodgkinson and Highways. The parking was discussed. The school are currently looking at solving this by using other land nearby for parents to park. There was also discussion about speeding and highways have agreed to carry out a survey to look at additional signage. Shipton Oliffe Parish Council have agreed to lend Withington their Mobile Speed Monitor (Smiley Sid) for approximately 6 weeks so that the data can be analysed. There was a discussion as to where to put it for best results.

Action 5 20/03/2019 for the Clerk was asked to put it on the insurance from the 1st April for 6 weeks.

9. Training for use of Defibrillator

It was reported that there will be a training evening taking place on the 10th April at 19.00 in the village hall and anyone interested in being trained on the Defib is welcome. They need to get as many people as possible from the village to attend.

Action 6 20/03/2019 for Clerk to put something on the website. Cllr Webb will put something in the parish magazine.

10. Finance

Cheques were raised for the following:

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation sheet which Cllr Brenninkmeijer signed as correct – queried Clerks name which she will amend in future. Still uses maiden name Hughes for Withington Parish Council.

Grass Cutting - PC were asked to make a decision as to which option they wish to take for the grass cutting. They decided to keep the fortnightly cuts with requests for additional cuts paid separately if required. £769.24

Action 7 20/03/2019 for the Clerk to send this back with a post-dated cheque

Wickmedia cheque was raised for £36.00

Clerks Salary £209.87

HMRC payment for 108.97 For, Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb.

11. Update from County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

Clerk read out Cllr Hodgkinson's e-mail update

The Old A40 – repairs are all currently taking place and the road is on track to be open for early next month.

Budget – GCC set its budget last month at a council tax rise of 4.99% last month (2% adult social care levy and 2.99% other services). I didn't support this budget as it included cuts to some services including the continued reduced hours and days at the recycling centres which as you know I've been very unhappy about.

Withington School speeding – Glenys and I met on site with highways and school governors and staff last month. Highways will do a speed survey in the new financial year and that will then influence what happens in terms of signage, road markings etc. In the meantime, Shipton parish are happy to share their 'smiley Sid' sign and have been in touch with Glenys about that. Parking was agreed to be only solvable if other land could be found nearby for parents and staff to use. The school are exploring that separately.

Road resurfacing – Danny Taylor has told me that the whole stretch of road from the top of Withington Woods (by the Chedworth turning) through the village and out to the A436 will be patched properly and surface dressed in the new financial year. This is good news as there are lots of potholes along that stretch

12. Update from District Councillor Robin Hughes

Cllr Hughes updated that they now have a new Leader of the Council Cllr Tony Berry, elections are coming up soon.

Green bins – Cllr Hughes updated that new legislation is coming in at the end of the year and from November, weekly green bin collections will be fortnightly. The council will be sending out separate food containers which will be collected weekly but green bins which are currently charge for will be fortnightly. He said he has concerns about this as does Cllr Hodgkinson as they have cut the opening hours of the rubbish tips/recycling household waste areas, and there is a serious litter problem on the A436 from fly tipping. Some Cllr

have reported that this is going to be a trial, but Cllr Hughes said it will be permanent. He reported that if householders asked, they can have another Green bin.

13. Correspondence

Fishing – request for location of fishing in area.

Action 8 20/03/2019 to let him know that it is Halliwell

Modern Slavery information – County Lines post received and was given to Cllr Webb to put up on the notice board.

14. AOB

Parking at Compton Rise (to extend car park) and overgrown foot path behind Harnham Lane, nothing has happened – last correspondence received said that if nothing had happened to take it up with Lisa?? Cllr Webb will go and check tomorrow how footpath looking.

Action 9 20/03/2019 Clerk to chase with Bromford

Cllr Brenninkmeijer reported on a footpath which runs past Woodlands Farm as it looks to have been diverted due to the rain and because of a septic tank – he said this was not official re-routed and has concerned that this has now been diverted for some time and they are going to make this permanent.

Action 10 20/03/2019 Cllr Brenninkmeijer will send over details to the Clerk who will pass on the concerns to Gloucestershire Right of Way to inform them that this has happened

Action 11 20/03/2019 for Clerk to report it to Gloucestershire County Council as Parish Council would like them to visit and investigate this re-routing of a footpath.

Cllr Theyer said he has some additional salt bins and asked where they should be put. It was agreed they will look at Colsbourn Hill.

Action 12 20/03/2019 for Cllr Brenninkmeijer and Cllr Theyer to discuss and decide where is best to put them.

Meeting closed at 8.45

Next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on the 8th May.