

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD on Thursday 18th March 2021 via Zoom at 7.00 PM

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jane Gibbs, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, three members of the public and the Clerk/RFO.
2. **APOLOGIES,** County Cllr, Paul Hodgkinson, District Councillor Robin Hughes.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. None**
4. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 12th January 2021 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillor's; they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

Progress report and comments on the meeting held: 12th January 2021 -

5a, Village Wall repair has been completed and there is a cheque to sign to pay for the works.

5b, Bromford housing, this was to extend the parking at the front of the houses at Compton Rise, and the constant overgrown footpath also owned by Bromford Housing that runs behind Harnham Lane. Cllr Hodgkinson and Cllr Webb have contacted them on numerous occasions but the personnel to contact keeps changing and the issues are not passed on. The Clerk has received an e-mail from Ms Hazel Billam who has read the minutes on the website and offered another contact who is Jacob Gibbons. The clerk passed this information onto Cllr Webb,

5c, Issues with the hedges and tree removal at the old king's head site which has been flattened and dug out will be raised tonight as the planning on the agenda. The current planning permission has run out.

5d, Cllr Webb said she is pleased to update the meeting that the road repairs to Withington woods have begun, and should be completed by the 31st March.

5e, Cllr Brenninkmeijer updated that the issue he raised about planning for the Rectory does not require planning as they are replacing a septic tank.

Agenda Items:-

6. Advice from NALC, preparing to return to face-to-face meetings from 7 May 2021

The clerk has received an e-mail from GAPTC which says that the regulations that allow the local authorities to hold meetings remotely will run out shortly and without any further action from the government all local authorities including local councils must return to face-to-face meeting from 7th May. Nalc is working with a number of national bodies to press the government to extend these regulations beyond this date. At this time Gove has no plans to extend these regulations to council so we should start preparing for the possibility that face-to-face meetings will start again from 7th May.

This was discussed and it was agreed we would hold the AGM before this date.

7. Filming at Withington respond by the 20th to Road Closure.

Clerk has received notification from Road Space Co-ordinator at Gloucestershire County Council about a request from organiser for a temporary road closure on the 3rd May and the 4th May 2021 We need to confirm that we have no objection to the proposed event and respond by the 20th March

Cllr Brenninkmeijer updated the council that they will be filing at the church and at Withington estates, the road will be closed for short periods of time and although there will be disruption it will be minimal and that a donation is likely as compensation.

The Parish Council have no objection to the partial closure of the road

Action 1 08/03/2021 for the clerk to respond to the request from GCC.

8. Planning Applications

21/00465/FUL Full Application for Change of use from Public House to a single dwelling house and associated extensions, alterations, and demolitions (revised scheme ref: 17/0060/FUL) at Kings Head Inn Kings Head Lane Withington.

Withington Parish Council objected to this planning application:

Concern at unsuitable use of materials in a conservation area, cladding and roofing proposals are not in keeping. Original application used slate tiles much more acceptable.

Concern about different treatment of windows as not going to be treated all the same, prefer they continue style throughout both buildings.

Home office windows, there are too many windows proposed, if this is granted, they will shine light directly onto two other nearby properties. this area is currently very dark and the Light pollution from the proposed opening will shine down right across the village.

Concern at the proposed height of the building, this has increased from the original application and was raised at the time. This application has increased height and will be more visible to the village.

Concern raised that considerable work has taken place already to clear hedges and trees bordering the property, this is outside existing planning permission issued in 2017.

20/04633/FUL Full Application for Proposed lake, associated landscaping, and parking area at Withington Court Withington

There were no concerns raised at the design or application but asked that consideration be taken for removal of the soil from the area. Access to the site may be an issue, as there may be increased construction traffic coming through the village, could this be coordinated with Highways to make sure that they are aware.

21/01022/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for Thuja Plicata (Western Red Cedar) No.763, - fell For the loss of the Tree No.763 two Native tree species will be planted throughout the estate to offset its loss of carbon sequestration at Manor Hall Chedworth Road Withington.

This was discussed and no concerns were raised about this application

21/00962/FUL Full Application for Single storey front extension, conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and rear first floor extension at 2 The Farthings Withington.

The Parish Council has no concerns with this application and were all in favour.

20/03130/FUL Full Application for Erection of a single dwelling and associated works at Land Parcel South East of Hill View Withington

Original comments still stand, the size has not changed, and is 30% bigger than originally permitted with greater impact on the landscape.

Groundwork - digging into the hillside will cause considerable removal of soil, construction traffic etc

Concern of large use of glass openings, more obvious in the landscape and light pollution
Original planning was given to a simple agricultural style building and nothing has changed we would clearly lose the Agricultural element of this building with this application and so the Parish Council have not changed their views.

Two sizeable building applications are currently being made for this area and would overlook and impact the village.

9. Update from Cllr Boyce on Foxcote Roads

Cllr Boyce updated that she has met with Cllr Hodkinson and Danny Tiffany who is the Deputy Highways Manager, and they had a positive meeting, they agreed to address issues that Foxcote have been dealing with and will look at a retaining wall which has moved. She said it was all very possible and is moving forward, other Councillors said if she needed any more help to let them know and she thanks them.

10. Finance

Cheques to be agreed by the Council and payments made to the following:

Wickmedia, £36.00

GAPTC membership £134.68

Andy Chapple repair village green wall £55.00

Glebe Grass Cutting £800,00

11. Updates from District Councilor Robin Hughes - (There was no update as Cllr Hughes did not attend the meeting)

12. Clerks role

This was a discussion outside of the public meeting to address a number of issues, including updating the Website and e-mail for the Parish Council.

Pay increase for the clerk - £11.30 per hour

Local Auditor to be found – Cllr Lowe and Cllr Theyer to look into

Procure a Laptop which belongs to the Parish Council – Cllr Brenninkmeijer

13. Any Other Business

Website - Agreed formally that the Parish Council will not be collating a village e-mail list as discussed at the last planning meeting I February. It was agreed this is not only a huge amount of work but would also require a licence under GDPR and the information commissioner office to keep the information which also must be managed and requires annual approval from each individual e-mail holder to keep it up to date. It was agreed this is not a legal requirement of the Parish Council and is too much work for the Clerk as well as the cost of licencing etc which would force the PC to look at higher precepts going forward.

Meeting finished at 20. 40

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