

## **MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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, Cllr Nicky Lowe Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and the Clerk/RFO.

1. **APOLOGIES:** District Councillor Robin Hughes
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** Cllr Dunrossil declared an interest regarding the planning application - **The Close.**
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 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. It was reported that the land has been grassed.
    - Tree for Cllr Pat Kearney has been planted. Cllr Webb has found a plaque but would like help with the wording for it.
    - 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. 13<sup>th</sup> May update, this has still not been done, the clerk to go back to them and ask when it will be done.
    - Thorndale planning - discussion about jockeys accommodation facility which was agreed but two mobile homes have not been taken away and could still be used. The action was to keep an eye on this and monitor as this was not a permanent facility and in the planning application as such. 13<sup>th</sup> May no update from planning.
    - The Chairman thanked Cllr David Broad on behalf of the PC, for all his hard work over the years and his support of Withington Parish Council.
    - 2000 tress festival - for Clerk to liaise with Michele Bignell about organising a meeting to discuss. Cllr Brenninkmeijer also requested that we ask for the Noise report as this was not sent with the other information and is referred to in all correspondence. Also to ask who is the Neighbourhood services team as they are also referred to but not sure who they are and what they do.
    - Compton Rise parking the Clerk wrote to Bromford Housing and they have responded saying they are looking at this and will send out the letters
    - Pot Holes that were reported in Dark Lane and Woodbridge Lane. Dark Lane has been done. Woodbridge Lane has been reported – Cllr Hodgkinson will look into this again.
    - Mobile Telephone infrastructure Dist Cllr Broad updated the meeting on the situation at Chedworth regarding the new phone mast. There has been some strong feeling in the village about siting it at the Farm shop. There has been further discussion about whether to have a new mast or not and where to put it. A site at Woodlands has been suggested as this would give Withington some coverage. The PC passed on their support of this to

harlequin there has been no response. County Cllr Hodgkinson has agreed to take this away and look at it as he is involved with this in other Areas.

- There was also a discussion about a face book page, the one for Chedworth has been set up and run by a member of the public at Chedworth which has had numerous problems with posts about the Mast which has been very emotive. It was agreed that Withington will not be exploring a Face book page as they do not have the capacity to run this.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **4. Co-option of New Councillor**

Cllr Armstrong has decided not to stand at the last elections as he is unable to give the time needed to be a Councillor. The PC will now look at co-opting a new councillor onto the Parish Council.

**Action 1 13/05/2015** for the Clerk to put a notice up and a notice on the Website asking for interested parties to express an interest.

### **5. Planning – Update**

**Silverdale 14/03951/FUL** - The application was to subdivide a plot and convert a coach house to create a new dwelling with associated alterations and extension. This has been permitted.

#### **5.1 New Planning applications**

**15/00256/FUL The Close - erection of two ancillary outbuildings** – Cllr Dunrossil declared an interest. There was concern about the size of the building and that it is right next to the neighbour's boundary materials used in a conservation area not keen on Materials, footprint separate access could be turned into a separate dwelling.

**14/05574/FUL Foxcote** The application came in yesterday but will be looked at by the PC. There was no concern raised about this.

**Action 2 13/05/2015** for the Clerk to update the CDC Website

**15/01148/FUL Needlehole** the Council discussed this application and there was no comment made or concern raised about this application

**Action 3 13/05/2015** for the Clerk to update the CDC Website

### **6. Insurance renewal**

The Clerk has received the renewal quote for this year's insurance. We have come to the end of the 3 year fixed fee with 5% discount and another offer has been sent for another 3 years with a fixed rate. This was discussed and the Parish Council voted and they will extend this offer for a further 3 years.

**Action 4 13/05/2015** To return the paperwork and cheque and also to enquire if this defines the whole field and not just the children's play area.

## **7. Update from District Councillor and Gloucestershire County Councillors**

District Councillor Hughes did not attend this meeting.

County Councillor Hodgkinson update - Cllr Hodgkinson said that the new Highways contract which was taken over by Amy last year had not been as successful as hoped and there were some performance issues. GCC are hopeful that going forward this will improve but if anyone has any issues with Pot Holes they can be reported direct to him and he will pass this on.

Active together was also reported on last year as it is for the whole county to spend currently half has been spent the money is to promote physical activities in a community such as fitness classes. Cllr Webb expressed an interest in this, as the PC has recently won some money from Waitrose for a Trim Trail to go around the Play Area.

**Action 5 13/05/2015** the Clerk will send the information about the grant to Cllr Webb.

Cllr Hodgkinson also updated the PC on the Broad Band Roll out. The 90% roll out has now come to an end and the last 10% which is the second stage will come into force next month. He reported that it will not necessarily be BT who is looking to hook up the villages left. The timescale for this stage is over the next 2 years. He will keep the PC updated.

## **8. FINANCE - To raise a cheque to cover invoice:**

Clerks Salary £216.84

HMRC was not paid this time (£54.21)

Wickmedia £36.00

Insurance £449.72

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL**

An e-mail has been received from a Mr Ken Rolls asking for some information on Manor Hall. Cllr Brenninkmeijer said that it should be passed onto the home owner to answer.

**Action 6 13/05/2015** for the clerk to respond to Mr Rolls informing him to put his question to Mr De Savry.

The Clerk has also received an e-mail from Allen Withington asking for a number of items to be addressed at the next PC meeting. Issues included:

Unapproved minutes being put onto the website – this was discussed. Cllr Hodgkinson said that some Council's do, do this as long as draft is written across them. The Clerk will look at this.

Agenda to be posted on the website it was agreed that this is not feasible as they do not have to go out until 3 days before to Cllrs and can include some last minute items such as planning.

The issue that Mr Withington raised about the Mobile phones will be passed on to County Councillor Hodgkinson who has more up to date information about this area

**Action 7 13/05/2015** for the Clerk to pass the e-mail onto Cllr Hodgkinson

**Action 8 13/05/2015** for the clerk to respond to the points made in the e-mail.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Keeper's cottage - an issue was reported at the last planning meeting with regard to Keepers Cottage and the very dark finish of the garage extension which looks black and should really be a natural colour which can mature naturally. There was an action for District Cllr David Broad to follow this up, there has been no update. The clerk will pass this onto District Cllr Hughes to update us on this planning issue.

## **11. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm**

**The meetings for the rest of the year are as follows:**

**1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30 pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm**

**MEETING CLOSED: 09.30 pm**