

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 11th May 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 Nicky Lowe, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer. C.Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, District Councillor Robin Hughes 2 Members of the public and the Clerk/RFO.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Jane Gibbs
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 1st March 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: 1th March 2017.

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

The damage to the village green wall has now been repaired, Cllr Webb paid for the work and will be reimbursed for doing this between meetings so that Mr Chappell would not have to wait for payment of £95.00 Closed.

- **Bus Services**

There was a discussion on the current bus services. It was accepted that the service has deteriorated, recently a bus broke down and stranded a Withington Resident in Chedworth lucky there is a backup plan that volunteers from the village will 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 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. There was a discussion as to the low grade tarmac being used to repair the pot holes which does not stick in the holes. Cllr Hodgkinson said he would raise this, he also reminded the Parish that if there are areas that keep being fixed and the repairs do not last, there may be a requirement to resurface the road. Cllr Theyer said that the incline from Chedworth Hill at Withington is very rough and is very dangerous for Cyclist or motorist that have to apply breaks on the slop and at the bend.

- **Lengthman Scheme** – Cllr Hodgkinson has a group of men for the area to tackle things like drains, footpaths that have overgrown. If there is anything that can be done be done the parish is asked to let him know. It was agreed that the drain at Harnham Lane once it rains floods across the road, this has been raised a number of time with Highways and pointed out to Mr Grey who visited the village. It causes a problem every time it rains, and the drain may have collapsed underneath, Cllr Hodgkinson will take this away. It was also suggested that at the top of Chedworth Hill the trees have not all been cut back on one side. Cllr Brenninkmeijer said that GCC have written to the owners of the land telling them it is their obligation to cut the tress back, which he has made sure was done on his side, but he is not sure that Mr Finch has done his side. Cllr Brenninkmeijer said annoyingly GCC have asked them to do this

and then not followed it up with an inspection or if they have they have not written back to the landowners to say that they had done so. Cllr Brenninkmeijer asked if Cllr Hodgkinson can chase up a response to his e-mail he sent to them about this.

There was also a discussion on a tree which fell down outside Cllr Gibbs house, it could have been a deal Elm, this was on the main road and the land is owned by highways but the bank is a private land, it was updated that Highways did not want to come and removed the tree even though it fell onto the road.

4. Update on Defibrillator Grant application

Cllr Webb updated on the defibrillator, she has spoken to community heart beat and put a quote together, it has been agreed to go for a lockable Defib. The big lottery fund has agreed to fund Withington the sum of £2,986 for the project.

Action for the Clerk to chase up BT for the adoption of the box.

5. Finance -

Clerks Salary £181.23

HMIC £45.31

Mr Chappel Wall repair C/O Cllr Webb £95.00

Community First – PC Insurance £485.27

6. Update from Gloucestershire County Council Paul Hodgkinson

Cllr Hodgkinson asked for feedback on the Gigaclear installation of Broadband. It was reported that it went ok, but they have been slow to respond to any issues and rectify problems, concern was raised about the depth of the trench dug for the cables, they do not seem deep enough and will offer no protection in the frost. It was reported that the road they worked on were restored quickly and everything that was promised was delivered.

7. Update from Cotswold District Councillor Robin Hughes

Updated that Lindon Stow has stepped down as leader of the District Council, Cllr Hughes updated on the local plan and the increase in recycle rates which have increased to 60%. Cllr Hughes also updated that the Crinium museum has been award 1.5 million lottery grant which all agreed was very good news.

8. Any Other Business

There was some discussion about the vandalism at the Cricket Pavilion, the mesh on the windows has been pulled off, it was also reported that a fire has been started by the play area.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm