

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 4th November 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 Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jane Gibbs and, District Councillor Robin Hughes, 3 members of the public and the Clerk/RFO.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 1st September 2015. Were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

3.1 Matters Arising - progress report and actions from the previous meetings

- **Keepers Cottage** – The chairman has sent numerous letters and a picture of the building, she has also spoken to Kevin Fields about the colour of this extension. Unfortunately the planner who worked on the application has left CDC It was agreed there is no more that can be done about this. Cllr Brenninkmeiher asked what the council could do in future to stop this from happening again it was agreed that it would be useful for a member of planning to come out and address a meeting to help with responses to planning applications. DC Hughes also said that any concerns can be sent to him direct and he can speak to the officer before the meeting. **Closed**
- **Bromford Housing pathway issue** – it was reported that work has been carried out on some trees taking the tops off but they have not cut back the elder which is growing under the fences of the houses it backs onto,
- **Thorndale planning** - Issue with Mobile Homes still left on site after the Jockey accommodation has been build, this was not part of the planning application. Cllr Hughes will make enquires about this. **01/09/2015** D.Cllr Hughes said the issue is with one of the Jockeys who does not want to move into the accommodation and so they are looking to put an application in to keep one of the caravans on site. **04/1/2015** no update
- **Mobile Telephone infrastructure** – The mast at Chedworth will not go ahead, Arqiva the company charged with addressing hot spots in the UK, have cited a lack of time. The community are very disappointed with this outcome. Cllr Hodgkinson sent a written update on Fastershire for Withington:- they have just announced that Withington is in the first phase of the new roll out and will be hooked up to the Fastershire service by June next year.
- **Issues with Lorries** coming into Withington and getting stuck. Cllr Hodgkinson's confirmed that Highways and Amey are looking into this. The Clerk will ask if there is any update on this.
- CDC have not sent the **new Councillor** the information she needs to complete a Register of Interest disclosure the Clerk has chased and will do so again.
- **Defibrillator** - Cllr Hodgkinson will ask other parishes about running costs. The main discussion was where it could be sited, who will be trained to use it and also the

consideration that wherever it is sited it will need an electricity supply. It was agreed more investigation was needed especially how other Councils fund them and general information around them. Cllr Hodgkinson sent a written update: he said that he has asked Rendcombe who are going to get one at a cost of less than 1,000 initially with on-going running costs, other villages which have them are Chedworth, Baunton (cost over £1000). Compton Abdale is also looking at getting one. . It was agreed this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

- **Parking at Compton Rise**, Cllr Hodgkinson met Andy Milne from Bromford on site in September. Andy Milne said he will be speaking to residence about a possibility of removing the trees to create more parking. He also informed Cllr Hodgkinson that they would be contacting anyone found parking in the Bromford parking spaces about this. Cllr Theyer reported that notices have been put on cars of people who have brought their houses in Compton Rise, the notices were not official and were also not signed. This action has caused numerous acrimonious calls from angry residents to the Chairman. It was agreed that clear direction is need to the residents about parking and some communication from Bromford Housing is need, currently no consultation has taken place and it has been handled very badly. **Further Action to find out what the current situation is and what has been done by Bromford Housing.**

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Planning – Application

15/03050/FUL – Erection of replacement conservatory to the rear of the property 8 Brassington Gardens. This has been permitted. This was discussed as the Parish Council had objective to this application. Cllr Hughes said that there had been some changes to the planning before it was agreed. There was discussion about why they ask for PC comments when the PC feels they are not taken into account.

15/03560/FUL Garage at Woodbridge Lane - no decision has been made.

15/03779/LBC listed building consent Casy Compton house awaiting decision

15/04748/TCNR Tree work at Kingston House Withington – given to Cllr Brenninkmeijer to look at.

Cllr. Hughes suggested that it would be useful for someone from the planning dept. at CDC to come to a Parish Council meeting to outline the Planning procedure and how they make their decisions. It was agreed this would be very useful.

5. Dog Bins

The Clerk reported that she had made enquires at CDC regarding a Dog bin which Cllr Hodgkinson raised as an issue at the last meeting. A number of residences have approached him regarding dog mess in the village and had asked what can be done about it. The Clerk updated that CDC can provide a bin and empty it but the installation cost is £210 or the PC can buy their own bin and CDC will fit it and arrange it to be emptied at a cost of £60.00. There was some discussion about where it should be put. Cllr. Hughes said he may be able to help with this. He will report back on this

Action 1 04/11/2015 for Cllr. Hughes to look into a dog bin for Withington.

6. FINANCE -

The Clerk presented a cash book sheet for the council to see actual expenditure to date against bank statements. The sheet was distributed and the Financial Officer signed bank statements and the cash book page.

The Council were asked to agree expenditure for the following items so that cheques could be raised for the following:

Clerks wages £156.79 – the Clerks hours were presented and the council agreed the amount the cheque was signed by Cllr Webb and Cllr Dunrossil.

HMRC Cheque for £46.71 + £39.20 – This cheque included two payments to HMRC as they only need to be sent quarterly Cllr Webb and Cllr Dunrossil signed the cheque.

Wickmedia hosting cost for the website a cheque was raised for £36.00 and signed by Cllr Webb and Cllr Dunrossil.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL

Cllr Hughes distributed some information on the Local plan and advised on a drop in event taking place. This was discussed.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk has received a letter from Hilary Swan regarding a complaint she has made to Glos Highways about the drains outside her house. The response she had received from Highway was not acceptable, the clerk updated the Council on the e-mail she has sent and was advised to pass Cllr Hodgkinson details onto her to see if he could help, and if she needed any more help to let the PC know.

Cllr Dunrossil updated the meeting that the purchase of Silverdale which had gone through and a new driveway will be built in the next 3 months.

Cllr Theyer asked if it would be a good idea to put the highlights from the Parish Council meeting in the Parish Magazine. He said it would get the main points which are discussed at the meetings across to the community, such as defibrillator, dog bins and broad band in the village.

Action 2 04/11/2015 for Cllr Webb to look at putting an update in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Webb brought a template of the plaque which is being proposed for the late Councillor Kearney's tree plaque. She will now go ahead and order the plaque.

Action 3 04/11/2015 for Cllr Webb to order the plaque for the late Councillor Kearney.

9. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th January 2016 at 7.30 pm

MEETING CLOSED: 08. 45pm