

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 1st November 2016 AT THE JUBILEE
HALL, WITHINGTON AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jane Bruce, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer District Councillor Robin Hughes, 1 Member of the public and the Clerk/RFO.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Glenys Webb, C.Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, Cllr Jane Gibbs
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.** Cllr Brenninkmeijer (planning application for the Withington Estates, wind turbine application).
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 1st September 2016 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:

4. Planning update

Discussion on Withington Estates, Wind Turbine that went to committee on the 12th October, and the Parish Council were represented by Cllr Dunrossil and Cllr Lowe. Cllr Dunrossil said she felt unease and disappointment at the meeting as D.Cllr Hughes spoke for the Turbine. Especially as this was against the views of the Parish Council regarding this application. Cllr Dunrossil was also very disappointed that CDC had lodged no comment from the Parish Council which meant that the Planning Committee Councillors were not aware until the day of the meeting that the Parish Council had sent in their objections but these had not been picked up due to an administrative error. Cllr Hughes explained that the overall concerns were a green issue and after a visit to the site convinced him to change his mind and favour the application. There was discussion about the panel visit and who attended as no one from the Parish Council was invited. It was reported that this is usual in this sort of case. Cllr Hughes said he thought it was as good a site as any to place the turbine, and so he changed his position before the meeting and spoke in favour he pointed out that this was a personal view and apologised for not informing the Parish Council that he would be speaking positively for the turbine before the meeting. Cllr Dunrossil asked that lessons are learned from this and that CDC make sure that it never happens again that they do not, report a no comment from a Parish Council when clearly there is very strong feeling in the village about such an application. She is concerned that it could destroy the faith the public have in the process.

5. Planning Applications

16/04272/comply Withington Court

Comply - amended application this just needs updating and was for information only.

16/04249/FUL Conversion of a stable/machinery store to holiday let at land at Foxcote.

The Parish Council discussed this and the only concerned was the colour of the timber cladding. It was recommended that it should be timber coloured and no other colour.

Issue service no shop

16/04138/TCONR works to trees fell 6 Lawson Cypress Elwoodii trees

After discussion the Parish Council has no issues with this application.

Action for the Clerk to respond to CDC planning with Parish Councils comments

6. 2000- trees feedback to the 2016 festival for CDC (Michelle Bignell Snr Officer, Business Support Licensing)

The Parish Council discussed the festival - Traffic this time was bad especially through Compton Abdale with more traffic leaving the North end of the village and was very congested with many tail backs. After the first day this was addressed with the organisers and after some changes, the next day was better. The owners of the farm Mr and Mrs Prout said that they had been very disappointed about the traffic on the first day and this would not happen again.

7. Damage to Wall around the Village Green

This has been damaged again, there was discussion around what could be done to make it more secure, the Parish Council gave Cllr Theyer permission to arrange for the wall to be repaired and agreed to spend £250 for Dave Roper to make the repairs.

8. Bus Services

There was a discussion on the bus services Cllr Hughes will pass it on that reduced bus service is effecting the village at least four passengers need to use it as they have no other means of getting out of the village. It was reported that there is a bus from Chedworth and Yamworth to Cirencester, but nothing goes from Withington to Cirencester. Cllr Hughes will ask questions at CDC as to why there is only one bus now instead of three to Cirencester.

9. Finance

Clerks Salary £200.51
HMRC paid £89.33 for July/ Aug + Sept/Oct
Grant Thornton external audit - £30.00
Gloucestershire playing fields Association £50.00
Wickmedia hosting £36.00
Wickmedia domain renewal £12.00

10. Correspondence

Cllr Webb, who was unable to attend the meeting, sent her thanks to Cllr Theyer for managing to get the notice board open and the bottom lock now works.

C.Cllr Hodgkinson sent an e-mail about some signage in Withington, there was some discussion about this as they felt it was not in the right place.

The Clerk brought along a poster to put up on the CDC Infrastructure levy – draft charging schedule available for public consultation.

11. Any Other business

An e-mail from C.Cllr Hodgkinson was read out, which picked up potholes in the village which had not been sorted out. Cllr Hodgkinson has raised this with Highways and all those marked previously in white had been done. After discussion it was agreed that there were a few that had not been done in particular the one by Cllr Bruce's farm on the main road through Withington, which is holding water.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm