

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 25th September 2019 AT THE JUBILEE HALL,
WITHINGTON AT 7.00 PM

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, County Cllr, Paul Hodgkinson, one member of the public and the Clerk/RFO.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Jane Gibbs, District Councillor Robin Hughes,
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**
4. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 10th July 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillor's; they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Progress report and comments on the meeting held: 10th July 2019

5. Matters Arising

Precept – Cllr Brenninkmeijer is concerned about how the numbers are reached, he would like clarification on how these numbers are reached he does not understand how the numbers are worked out and wants to understand what happens with things like Council tax credits etc, how is the short fall made up in the village. Do the Government cover the shortfall from Tax Credits for single occupancy for instance? Update, 25th September, the Clerk has e-mailed CDC to get more information. It was agreed she should also send it to Cllr Hughes.

Parking at Compton Rise (to extend car park) and overgrown foot path behind Harnham Lane, nothing has happened. There has been no further work or contact and Lisa has left Bromford. - Cllrs have met with Bromford twice now and there has been very little progress, they have not got back to C. Cllr Hodgkinson as promised and he has e-mailed them 3 times. He said he will try again; the Clerk will e-mail Cllr Robin Hughes and see if he has any contacts. There must be a contact at CDC as they look after the housing stock.

The Withington School Parking issues was discussed. Cllr Hodgkinson and Cllr Webb had attended a meeting at the school and they were looking at alternative parking for the parents, the school is doing it best by standing outside at the end of the day speaking to people about the parking they have been getting a lot of abuse. Cllr Dunrossil said there was a Governors meeting last night it was still reported that traffic is speeding up to 60 mph around that area.

Woodland Farm - diversion of a footpath there has been no updated from Mike Barton Operations Officer Public Rights of Way and Cllr Brenninkmeijer confirmed that the footpath is still in situ. **Further Action** for the clerk to chase this up and ask for progress on this 25/09/2019 The Clerk has e-mailed Mr Barton who responded that he has not had time to look at the matter. The clerk will forward that e-mail onto Cllr Hodgkinson as highways come under the County Council.

Cllr Lowe was asked to contact Cllr Theyer to mow the grass at the Playing field, if he cannot then the Clerk will get in touch with our grass cutting contractor to see if they are able to. 25.09.2019 it was updated that Cllr Theyer was unable to mow the grass due to work

commitments and so Cllr Webb contact a local contractor who is just starting up a business, which he did. His invoice was more than originally quoted as the job was bigger than he anticipated and took 6 hours as it had gotten out of hand. Cllr Webb paid the invoice and asked that the Parish Council reimburse her this payment. This was agreed and the Clerk raised a cheque. It was agreed to continue to use gardening services next year so that it does not get into such a state again.

6. Planning

Thorndale Farm – Biomass boiler permit

Manor Hall external cameras awaiting decision

Staple Farm – permit

19/03201/TCONR– works to trees in conservation areas for sycamore coppice on corner boundary of Yew Tree House and bridal path. High Street Withington

19/03084/CLOPUD Silverdale Withington Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 4DA

New garage replaces the old building using the existing foundations as shown on the plan
New garage will be 7m shorter in length than the existing. Construction will be wood and featheredge boarding under a pitched grey slate roof. New dimensions will be 10m long and 5.5m wide. No part of the new garage will be more than 20m from the main house.

The PC were concerned that there would need to be an additional entrance from the original plans to access this garage. The understanding on the original plans was there would only be one entrance.

Action 1 25/09/2019 for the Clerk to update CDC

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy

The vacancy for Parish Councillor was discussed under matters arising where it had been suggested that the clerk contact Mrs Boyce at Foxcote and Mrs Fulford. Mrs Boyce attended the Parish Council meeting to see what happens. She agreed to also speak to Mrs Fulford to see if she would be interested in coming to a meeting.

8. Withington Woods Road Re-surface

The Clerk has received a lot of road closure notices from CDC this was discussed

Closure at Dark Lane - Cllr Hodgkinson had written to highways as one part of the road has been dug up 3 times, utilities (SSE and Water) do not seem to be speaking to each other.

There was an issue with the Withington Wood road as Highways have written to say they cannot complete the repair this year, although they have known about the problem for 2 years. Due to the repair needed they have said they are going to budget for this in the next financial year. Cllr Hodgkinson said he will chase this, but it is looking like the earliest this will be factored in will be April /June next year.

9. Finance - Internal Audit, Wickmedia, Clerk, HMRC

The Parish Council were asked to authorise the following payments:

Clerks Salary £197.76

HMRC to cover periods, £49.44

Cllr Webb – (grass cutting) £120.00

Wickmedia for the hosting of the website. £36.00 (5413)

10. Update from County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

Cllr Hodgkinson updated on the missing Link A417, this is about to go out to public consultation 27th September – November. He said there are drop in events planned and lots of information online. If anyone has an opinion this is your chance to put it forward. The timescales look like if it is agreed 2021 to start work finishing around 2024.

No Crash meeting road safety group is chaired by Cllr Hodgkinson. There will be another meeting soon, everyone is welcome, they are usually well attended, he updated that there is going to be a road audit at the Kilkenny junction to Foxote as there have been a lot of issues. He will let the Chairman/clerk have the dates for the next meeting.

11. Correspondence

Mr Mike Dempsey has sent over an e-mail suggesting that he adopts the phone box at the Mill Inn into a shop. The Parish Council were very interested in his idea; however, they are not sure if that telephone box falls within the adoption scheme as there is no/little phone signal in that part of the village. The Parish Council adopted the telephone box at Compton Rise last year to house the defibrillator which was on the list for adoption. The Clerk will contact Mr Dempsey and invite him to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Brenninkmeijer asked if he has a business plan, he would be interested to see it.

Action 2 25/09/2019 For the Clerk to e-mail Mr Demsey

Action 3 25/09/2019 For the Clerk to contact BT to see if the box is likely to become available to be adopted

12. Any Other Business

Concern about the lorry's coming down Harnham Lane to Compton Abdale, issue with the road, which has been coned off. An artic lorry got stuck and took up the side of the road and damaged a bank. Cllr Lowe said that the bank has been filled up and large lorries are no longer delivering to the farm so there should be no further issues in that area.

Cllr Theyer updated that the sign at Compton Rise has been destroyed by the dustbin Lorry, it was agreed this is a CDC issue. He will contact Cllr Hughes and let him know also there is an issue with the drains there as they are blocked with silt.

Member of the public has contact Cllr Webb as she was walking her dog one Sunday and lots of cyclist came down the Colsborne Road at speed. She was worried that it is only a matter of time before there is an accident. Cllr Webb has been on various cycle club websites to see if any use that route regularly. She is not sure what else can be done at this time unless they are identified. Cllr Hodgkinson suggested that this may be an issue for the local PCSO, (Charlie Symes is very helpful). He may make himself available one Sunday morning to catch them at it.

It was updated that someone has knocked down a part of the village wall again and Cllr Webb asked if Cllr Theyer could get in touch with Mr Chapel to arrange him to come out and repair it.

Action 4 25/09/2019 for Cllr Theyer to contact Mr Chapel about a repair to the village wall.

Date of the next meeting will be held on the 6th November 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20 PM