

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3rd September 2014 AT THE JUBILEE HALL, WITHINGTON AT
7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Webb (Chairman), Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Jane Bruce, Cllrs Nicky Lowe Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Tim Armstrong, Cllr David Broad. and the Clerk/RFO.

1. **APOLOGIES**, GCC Paul Hodgkinson,
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**
3. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on 2nd July 2014 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillors, they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising

The Horse Box parked on the road has been removed **Closed**

Keepers Cottage. The building of the extension is enormous and there is concern that it is bigger than the original plans showed. Cllr Broad to ask the Enforcement Officer at CDC to come out and have a look at the size of the building. Update 03/09/2014 Cllr Broad has asked the planner about this and he came out and had a look he reported that it is within the application. The spoil was also a concern which has been raised, Cllr Broad said this should only be there during the construction phase and is also acceptable. If it is not cleared up after the build we can then go back and complain. Cllr Webb said she has received numerous calls about it. The PC agreed they did as much as they could about the application which they objected to.

Cllr Hodgkinson update from the 7th May - money to use for promoting good public health in the community Cllr Hodgkinson said the money is called active together and is for promoting activity, it was suggested that the money could be used to reinvigorate a children activity in the summer hols for next year. The money will still be available then. The Clerk will see if she has any information about play rangers which was cancelled due to the expense.

Exercising Dogs on the playing field, as there are no free signs it was agreed that the PC will buy some and put them up around the field. Update 03/09/2014 these have been bought and put up. **Closed**

Action 3 07/05/2014 The ROSPA report was discussed, the Clerk had written to them asking for clarity about the different legislative standards that have been applied when presenting the report, compared with the manufactures' advice. Their response was still not satisfactory and so it was advised that the Clerk now asks the Playing Fields Association for advise **Update 03/09/2014** The Clerk has contacted Graham Ross at PFA and sent him the 11th September 2014

report their response was that Play dale are in the right and have done everything according to the book. The Swing meets the EN 1176 and has been tested and given a Kite mark his advice was to keep a record of the e-mails etc and no farther action is required for the basket swing. He then went on to mention the existing swings and said that we refurbish them and suggested a couple of people to contact. It was agreed by the PC for the clerk get some quotes for this.

Play Area the plastic matting under the swings has started to lift up and the swings are squeaking and need oiling. **Update 03/09/2014** Play dale have been out and advised how to sort out the matting that has raised and a parent has oiled the swing so that no longer needs doing. **Closed**

The notice board - Cllr Webb said she is still finding problems with it. Cllr Brenninkmeijer will have another look although it has been oiled

4. **Replacement tree for Cllr Pat Kearney** – Cllr Brenninkmeijer recommended a number of trees which the Parish Council may like to buy for Cllr Kearney, ones which retain their leaves or have colour would be best. He suggested a beach or copper beach or a red oak or a Maple this was discussed. It was agreed to get the tree locally a suitable position will also be decided on before the tree is purchased.
5. **Planning New planning application - 14/03056/FUL** Silverdale proposed erection of a single storey attached garage to front elevation and a first floor rear extension proposed new access.

Cllr Broad said that the officer has delegated permission to approve this application with the approval or support of the Parish Council there was discussion about the access, concern about the state of that part of the road, a vote was taken and by majority the application was approved. Cllr Dunrossil asked that a comment be put on the CDC website to say that they are pleased that a splayed drive has been included as there are 5 entrances within a couple of yards of the suggested entrance.

Action 1 03/09/2014 for the clerk to respond to CDC website.

6. **Update on Highways**

It was reported that no-one had attended this meeting – as there were a number of issues that needed to be brought up with the Highways dept it was suggested that the new highways manager Philip Grey could be invited to a meeting and Councillors could show him. **Issues to be raised:**

The drain at Harnham Lane, Highways have not been out to look at this,

The sign at the Farthings

Action 2 for Cllr Hodgkinson to get him to e-mail the Clerk and we can arranged a suitable date for all.

7. Old Railway embankment near the Mill Inn

Cllr Webb reported that this is a mess again and it has been recognised that it is the mills responsibility, to trim the overgrown bank.

Action 3 for the clerk to contact the Managers at the Mill Inn and ask them to sort this out.

8. Footpath between Compton Rise and the playing field

It is very overgrown and untidy, it was advised that it is the responsibility of Bromford group who own the path at the end of Compton rise which leads to the playing field and ask them to cut it back. It was agreed that it stops children having to walk on the road to the playing field but currently it is unusable.

Action 4 The Clerk to write to Bromford group

9. Finance

Rospa report – The Parish Council are still not happy with the outcome of this report and the Clerk is to write to them and ask for a revised invoice due to the work that we have had to carry out to make sure the Parish Council is covered.

Action 5 Clerk to write to Rospa

Retrospective agreement for insurance to be paid outside the meeting as a revised quote was required and to keep the insurance current it had to be paid immediately.

This was agreed.

Grant Thornton Audit of Accounts – because of Withington's level of expenditure this is usually free but as £35,000 went through the accounts for the play area a fee was charged this year of £240.

Glenys Webb purchased signs for the playing field - these cost £47 and where put up by Cllr Theyer.

Clerks Hours were 28 hours at 8.34 = 233.52 Net pay of £186.82

The Tax on the hours was £46.70

Correspondence

Register of interest form – Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer said he has sent them and does not want the clerk to hold them.

Action 6 for the clerk to e-mail Stephen Holley and ask him to contact him direct.

10. Any Other Business

Update from GCC Paul Hodgkinson – there are various road issue which we have covered Also Faster Broadband was discussed as 90% will get it the other 10% will not and have to be contracted out to other providers to cover these areas that BT have not been able to cover. This unfortunately applies to Withington which comes within the 10%, it also affects Chedworth. Cllr Hodgkinson has arranged an evening at Chedworth where the community can ask questions which is on the 2nd Oct and all are welcome.

The post box has been repaired and the Parish Council is very pleased with the outcome.

There was a problem with the Telephone box as they had not been cleaned for a long time and were a mess, Cllr Webb got in touch with BT and they came out straight away.

There is a manhole cover in the middle of the village green which has been identified as sinking.

There was a complaint about the state of the hedgerow which has been left, Cllr Hodgkinson said that GCC have cut back cutting these to only once a year. If there is a safety issue they may come out and cut them again Cllr Hodgkinson said he would pass this onto Highways.

There has been an E-mail about bags of salt if the PC needs any. Cllr Thayer will contact Philip King to find out if we need any more supplies and let the clerk know who will then order the salt.

An e-mail has been received from the owners of Needlehole, this was discussed and agreed that the PC does not have money to provide grit bins for all of the community. When they meet with Highways this will be brought up to see if they can leave a pile of salt we do not provide individual bins.

Complaint about 200 trees

David Broad came down to witness the noise of revellers from this festival. (Not the music as it is a silent disco) however, with 4000 people singing to the music it was agreed that it was very noisy. Cllr Brenninkmeijer complained to the police as it went on past its time. The Parish Council are not sure that the police pass on complaints to the CDC licensing, the person to pass this information onto is Michelle Gerd who is the licensing officer. Now runs from Thursday until Sunday rather than just one night which it did originally. Discussion about the noise pollution

Action 7 to write to CDC to complain about the noise and effect. Also mention the police were called.

Date and time of the next meeting

3rd November 2014 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm