

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING Held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at the Village Hall
Withington, at 19.00.

- 1. PRESENT:** Cllr David Craig, Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Catherine Boyce, Cllr David Miles, Cllr Alex Barrell. Also, in attendance 3 members of the public, and the Clerk/RFO.

- 2. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Lowe, County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, and District Councillor Jeremy Theyer.

- 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**
Members were reminded to declare any interests that may arise during the meeting.
There were none.

- 4. MINUTES – TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON** 26th July 2023 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

- 5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
Harnham Lane planning is there an update. Discussed but no update at this time. No further forward with CDC due to resources.

- 6. AGREE PARISH COUNCIL PURPOSE**
Council Purpose & Role descriptions were collated into one document. Clerk to removed photographs and agree it is ready to be published on the intranet site.

- 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
23/02056/FUL Hill Barn - permitted.
23/01788/FUL 2 Northfield Cottage – permitted.
23/02152/FUL Fulford Withington – Awaiting decision.

23/02732/FUL Full Application for Variation of condition The Old Rectory Withington (grade II).

Unanimous vote to object on the grounds of:
 - Appearance and design of development and materials proposed.
 - Impact on character or appearance of area
 - Effect on listed buildings and conservation areas
 - Garage should be open fronted.
23/02475/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for Lime Avenue

Parish Council noted that this has been permitted.

Related matter from discussions above.
Additional Action: clerk to write and ask members of the PCC to encourage the Church to look at pollarding their Yew Trees. There are more dangerous branches falling off on the roadside as larger lorries are passing through.

8. Clerks Actions Sheet – Meeting went through outstanding Actions. Action sheet to keep track of actions and updates.

Further Action to be added onto planning breaches at Harnham Lane and Kings Head Lane – Clerk to liaise with Cllr Brenninkmeijer to write a letter to the Chairman of CDC as the time this is taking is too long when there are distressed parishioners involved. (new action for the clerk to respond)

Update - on the issues with Lorries using inappropriate roads into Withington – e-mail received by Highways on the signage and suggestions to rationalise them. Clerk to go back and say thank you. Plea, from Cllr Brenninkmeijer to keep the horse sign as they are taken across the road at that point frequently. (new action for the clerk to respond)

The Clerk asked Cllrs to check their grit bins to replace an existing bin, relocate a bin to a better location or install a new bin. It was agreed that this required at the top of Kings Head Lane as there are 3 there, one is hidden, and two are broken so they will need replacing. On Compton Hill there is only one which is inadequate as it is a very steep hill. (new action for the clerk to respond)

9. Visit/update to Andoversford Water treatment plant

Cllr Brenninkmeijer updated on the visit which all agreed was very enlightening. Conclusion - there is sufficient capacity to deal with all the current sewage.

Issues raised:

- Caused by what people put in their waste pipes, currently a skip is filled every 2 weeks with rubbish.
- People attach their rainwater to run off into the sewage pipes, that causes the rise in volume, increased dramatically and not designed for that.
- Cllr Brenninkmeijer now has a contact detail of the area manager.
- The Withington Sewage plant discussed. (an enclosed system). The quantity of lorries visiting the site was questioned and will need to be evidenced. Look at how to do this going forward. The Area Manager has agreed to meet Cllrs at the plant at some point to discuss issues further.

Action 1 20/09/2023 for Cllr Brenninkmeijer to pass the name and contact details of the Sewage works area Manager to the Clerk.

Building control issues raised for soak aways etc. For the Parish Council to be aware of this issue when new planning comes in for housing that we know will cause additional strain on the sewage plant.

Action 2 20/09/2023 On future planning applications, the Parish Council to check for soak aways in the plans.

Action 3 20/09/2023 Cllr Craig will speak to the homeowner near the sewage plant to see how we can monitor the lorries entering the site. It might be possible to put a wildlife camera along that road.

10. Responsibility of the Defib

Action: Cllr Miles agreed to help when activated Cllr Webb will show him the process when it has been activated.

Action 4 20/09/2023 for the Clerk to send Community Heartbeat - Cllr Miles e-mail address.

Action 5 20/09/2023 for Cllr Brenninkmeijer to put something on the What's App group for Withington neighbours so that they are aware that we have a Defib and where it is located.

11. Village Green (Audit of Parish Council lands)

The Parish Council were gifted the village green many years ago but ownership is not currently recorded at the Land as there were no deeds.

Action 6 20/09/2023 for Cllr Craig to investigate the Parish Councils next course of action to register **Possessory Title** of the land on the village green

Action 7 20/09/2023 following on from that we should have an audit of all parish council land. Ask the Village Hall committee to check that they have also registered the land of the village hall with the land registry.

12. Parish Council involvement in the licencing application of 2000 trees 2024

Concern has been raised about the increasing attendances. There has also been a lack of engagement by 2000 trees organisers with the Parish Council. Clerk has written twice to CDC about meeting with organisers, to discuss the licence for 2024,

Action: 8 20/09/2023 Dist/Cllr Theyer to also speak to them. It was agreed to add that into the letter to the Chair of CDC requesting they share the application before the licence is granted each year.

Action 9 20/09/2023 for Cllr Brenninkmeijer to investigate further re- Licencing Committee.

13. Funding PC/Morrisons for replacing Playing Field fencing and football nets.

Morrisons have indicated that they are willing to match fund this 50/50 with the Parish Council.

Update – the pavilion has been painted and is looking good. No-one from the village helped with this. Cllr Webb thanked Morrisons for organising that.

Action 10 20/09/2023 for a thank you to Morrisons to be put on the what's app group by the Parish Council to thank them for what they did with the Pavilion.

Action 11 20/09/2023 Ideas of how the Parish Council are going to raise the 50%.

Action 12 20/09/2023 Cllr Brenninkmeijer to look at getting a contractor to cost the replacement of the playing field fence.

14. Community Speed Watch Camera

Cllr Boyce asked the Parish Council to agree to her continuing with this application with the objective of slowing the speed along that road. If successful, this will require a formal SLA with the Parish Council.

Action: 13 20/09/2023 Cllr Boyce to present costs for support and consideration if the application is successful.

Action 14 20/09/2023 for Cllr Boyce to share the letter with the Councillors after the meeting.

Action 15 20/09/2023 for Cllr Craig to attend the meeting with Cllr Boyce.

15. Finance payment of invoices – Cllr Lowe did not attend the meeting and so the Clerk will need to arrange for her to sign the cheques outside of the meeting.

Cheques raised, Clerks hours + expenses £405.05 + 56.00, HMRC £101.20. DD Wickmedia Ltd £58.56. Withington Village Hall £84.00 Grass cutting A Cox £75.00.

- **Update from County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson**
- The PROW works which I sent you - I've confirmed that I will pay for this via my Highways Local fund this year.
- Signage for HGVs - I left this with Dan Tiffney. He was going to speak to parish councillors direct? I'm meeting him Thursday so can prompt him if necessary.
- A436 has had extra road markings put in along the stretch from Seven Springs to the Air Balloon - this follows on from the work done at the Kilkenny. I raised the ongoing concerns about the Kilkenny with Dan Tiffney some months ago.
- Covid and flu jabs - over 65s are being contacted to get the jabs. No need to contact the local GP.
- Charlton Hill A435 is all reopen again. Works at the A417 have started and will continue (mostly overnight) for the duration of the construction.

16. Correspondence (AOB)

Clerk updated that she has written to Cllr Hughes and received a very nice letter back.

E-mail from Cllr Hodkinson – replacing existing grit bins, relocate a bin to a better location or install a new bin. Agreed to replace 3 broken grit bins and add an additional one in Withington. Kings head lane 3 grit bins at that point, one is hidden, and two are broken so they will need replacing. On Compton Hill there is only one which is inadequate as it is a very steep hill.

Kevin Beard from Bromford has written to the Parish Council about a tree stock survey completed at Compton Rise. The area borders an open green space that they think is owned by the PC. It has been noted that there is a dangerous tree on that land.

The Clerk has written to them for more information. She has found the location of the tree.

Action 16 20/09/2023 following on from action from July to investigate this. For Cllr Miles to go tomorrow and take a picture of the tree for the Parish Council to decide what to do next.

Meeting Closed at 21.00

Date of the next meeting

22nd November 2023 at 19.00