

## **The Annual General Meeting of Withington Parish Council**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 7.30 pm. For the purpose of transacting the following business:

### **Attendees**

Glenys Webb – Chairman Parish Council  
Nicky Lowe – Councillor  
Mavis Lady Dunrossil –Councillor  
Bruno Brenninkmeijer - Councillor  
Jane Bruce - Councillor  
Jeremy Theyer - Councillor  
Jane Gibbs - Councillor  
Paul Hodgkinson – Gloucestershire County Councillor  
Robin Hughes - District Councillor  
2 members of the public attended  
Parish Clerk

### **Apologies for absence - None**

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Clr Glenys Webb was proposed and Seconded by Clr Dunrossil and Clr Bruce

Clr Webb accepted

### **1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

#### **Vice Chairman**

Clr Mavis Lady Dunrossil was proposed as Vice Chairman and Seconded by Clr Brenninkmeijer.

Clr Dunrossil accepted

#### **Finance Officer**

Clr Brenninkmeijer was proposed as Finance Officer and Seconded by Clr Dunrossil.

Clr Brenninkmeijer accepted

#### **Tree Warden**

Clr Bruno Brenninkmeijer was proposed as Tree Warden and Seconded by Clr Lowe

Clr Brenninkmeijer accepted.

### **Planning Committee**

All Councillors will be members – the Vice Chairman will only come if needed.

## **2. Minutes of last AGM**

Were held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and were read out to the meeting they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## **3. Chairman's Report**

Since last year's AGM we have had 6 full meetings and 1 planning meeting. We considered 15 full planning applications, and 3 planning applications for works to trees. These included retrospective applications for Staple Farm mobile home and Colesborne Farm. Also, applications for change of use from Public House to single dwelling at the Kings Head, replacement windows at Withington C of E School, the conversion of Coach House to single residential unit at Silverdale, redevelopment of land adjacent to Hillview house by converting outbuildings into a single dwelling and the demolition of existing Clubhouse and erection of a new clubhouse at Shipton Oliffe cricket ground. There were tree works at the Close, Keepers Cottage and Silverdale.

There has been some work done at Keepers' Cottage which is a cause for concern. The fence between the garden and the adjoining field has been removed and a new drive put in. No planning permission was sought, and the enforcement officer has been involved, but we have not yet heard the outcome officially. Although CDC's enforcement Officer informed concerned neighbours that the owner would be required to put in a retrospective planning application and they would have the opportunity to submit their comments, following a site visit, this might not now be the case. We hope for clarification from Councillor Hughes when he arrives.

We agreed to keep the precept unchanged for another year. We are grateful to County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson for sorting out problems with the condition of the roads, particularly the repair of pot holes, although this is obviously an ongoing problem. Also, thanks to District Councillor Robin Hughes for his regular attendance at our meetings and his support with the planning applications and matters dealt with by CDC.

The report on the inspection of the play area from John Hicks, was generally good, but there was a continuing issue with birds fouling the play equipment. Plastic spikes have now been placed on the swings to deter pigeons perching and these seem to be working. We still have some money from the Waitrose Community Fund to use. One possibility would be to paint the old swings. As you know, the defibrillator has arrived, and I have finally found a local electrician who will hopefully fit it this week. Today I also received a voucher for red paint which I have to collect from the Crown Paint Centre in Gloucester. So, things are finally moving on with the defibrillator project.

Cllr Theyer and I attended a training on planning procedures given by Kevin Field which had been arranged by Cllr Hughes. It was a very useful session.

Thank you also to Sue, our clerk for her invaluable help and support

## **5. Reports from other Councillors (Cllr N Lowe and Cllr M Dunrossil)**

**Osborne and Riche** – this is a grant to help support travelling costs for those in education. There have been no requests for funding last year. Cllr Dunrossil said the pot has not increased much since it was reported on at the last AGM and does not have a lot of reserves left.

## **6. 01/05/2018 Presentation of accounts from 2017/2018 and Annual Return**

The clerk presented the accounts for 17/18 and updated the Council on any differences from the budget.

The Council went through the Annual Return agreeing the expenditure and signing the document ready for Internal Audit.