

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 1st May 2018 AT THE JUBILEE HALL,
WITHINGTON AT 7.30 PM

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jane Gibbs, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Jeremy Theyer, Cllr Jane Bruce, District Councillor Robin Hughes and County Cllr, Paul Hodgkinson. Two members of the public and the Clerk/RFO.
2. **APOLOGIES:** None
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.** . Cllr Gibbs and Cllr Brenninkmeijer declared an interest under planning. Item 9 Cllr Webb declared an interest as she is on the Village Hall Committee.
4. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 21st March 2018 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillor's; they were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

4.1 Progress report and comments on the meeting held: 21st March 2018.

BT phone Box /Defibrillator update Defib has arrived and has been installed and is now only waiting to be painted. There was a discussion about finding a painter, Cllr Lowe will pass details onto Cllr Webb. There was a discussion about the state of the glass.

Village Hall Committee - At the last meeting there was an action to ask the Village Hall Committee about identifying large items for expenditure and for the Parish Council to purchase them so that the VAT could be claimed back. Cllr Webb said she has spoken to the committee and they think it will be too complicated and would prefer a donation. Cllr Brenninkmeijer said it would be a good idea to have a list of all items of expenditure from the Village Hall Committee, so that we can see what has been purchased with the donation they have received from the Parish Council.

Snow fall issues - Cllr Brenninkmeijer raised concerns with the response times from Amey, especially on a Sunday. It was the second time that it snowed on a weekend and there were problems reported in contacting Highways to call out the Snow warden. Cllr Brenninkmeijer updated that we need a quicker response, Philip King (snow warden) knows the areas and he should be able to respond accordingly, currently he is reluctant to go out without highways authority as he will not get reimbursed. **Updated:** C.Cllr Hodgkinson said he has heard back from Danny Taylor about the snow clearance issues in the parish. He has taken it on board and said that he will be contacting every parish over the course of the summer to sort out local arrangements for snow clearance next winter. It was updated that if we have not heard from him by late summer we should contact C.Cllr Hodgkinson, he said that this issue is very resolvable as other parishes have done so once Highways have understood what's needed.

Outstanding issue from last year's AGM - There have been ongoing problems with parking at Compton Rise. With many residents having more than one vehicle, there is no longer sufficient room in the car park leading to vehicles parking on verges and obscuring junctions. County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and Cllr Webb met with Representatives of

Bromford Housing in February 2016 to discuss the problem. Following this meeting a consultation letter was sent to Bromford tenants. Cllr Webb also raised the overgrown conditions of the path between Compton Rise and the Playing Field and was promised that it would be dealt with, despite representation from the Parish Council and the efforts of C.Cllr Paul Hodgkinson and D.Cllr Robin Hughes there has been no progress. **Update:** Cllr Hodgkinson has contacted Bromford again (Claire Caley-Bolton) and was told that it would be passed onto the localities team, which has changed since their last conversations regarding this matter. She passed the e-mail onto the following colleagues: Lisa Smith – Neighbourhood Coach, Sam Knowles – Locality Manager. They responded that, unfortunately this is the first they knew of the issues as they were not included in the handover from the previous team. They promised to follow this up with colleagues and get back to C.Cllr Hodgkinson when they have ascertained the status of the improvement bid.

5. Planning applications and updates –

5.1 17/05219/FUL Land Parcel South East of Hill view House Withington - New Amendment

There was discussion about the new position of the bungalow people preferred the amendment and the size for the proposed bungalow, The Parish Council voted, and it was 4 – 3 in favour of the new planning amendment. The Clerk was asked to put the Councils comments on the CDC website, Although Voted in support of the application, there was some concern about the size of the building proposed for the land parcel. It is agreed that the size is ok now, but the Parish Council would have concerns if it were any bigger. They have asked that the Landscape pays attention to the rural character and stated that they would object if the shared access to this bungalow were separated and was sited directly onto the high street.

Action for the Clerk to respond to CDC

5.2 18/01073/FUL Extension to existing garage - Ballingers Farm

The Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of this application. The only comment was that the roof line of the new building should not be higher than the existing barn height. They all hoped it would not affect the footpath that runs near the building.

5.3 18/01303/LBC The Old Rectory Withington Cheltenham Gloucestershire

Proposal to renovate the master bathroom on the first floor, removed modern fittings and 1990s stud work and reinstate 18th century original historic ceiling. Cllr Gibbs and Cllr Brenninkmeijer declared an interest and left the room. The Parish Council voted in favour of this application. There were no further comments for this application.

5.4 Update on Keepers Cottage

Cllr Hughes updated that there had been a site visit by two planners. Cllr Theyer and Cllr Dunrossil attended from the Parish Council, the applicant had invited them. Cllr Dunrossil asked questions and raised the residents' concerns with the planners directly.

Cllr Webb asked for clarification of what happens next. Cllr Hughes read out the case officers report, it was reported that the planners felt that the applicant had not breached planning regulations, the applicant had cleared up the agricultural field which had been left

with spoil and rubble from the previous owner who had carried out extensive building work. The rubble had been cleared and levelled and the owner had planted trees and has reinstated the wild flower meadow with grass for sheep to graze. It was deemed that the habitat has been put back to agricultural. Cllr Hughes was asked if that is the end of the complaints from the residents and he said it was, he was asked if he could take it to committee and he said that he felt there was nothing to take. Cllr Dunrossil, said that local residents had been informed by CDC that they would get their chance to put their concerns forward when it went to committee, the Parish Council felt that they would not get their say after all and had been promised this. A comment was made that this did not help CDC's public image.

The drive was also asked about, Cllr Hughes updated that the garage was built in such a way that it was unusable without putting in the drive. Cllr Webb asked if that is the end of the matter could anything more be done and was there anything else that the Parish Council could do? Cllr Hughes responded that there was not.

6. Pot holes and request from Chedworth Parish Council

The Clerk has received an e-mail from Chedworth Parish Council asking that the two Parish Councils join forces with a view to making urgent joint representation to GCC Highways to get the road between Chedworth and Withington resurfaced because of the dangerous state of the road between the two villages. This was discussed, and it was agreed that this was a good idea. Cllr Hodgkinson said there has been some patching work done previously and the question is, is it a priority? It was also suggested that the road that leaves Withington to the north of the village is particularly bad and caused road users to swing over on the hill to avoid a huge pot hole and is an accident waiting to happen. It was suggested that the Parish Council responds to Chedworth PC and agree with them but to also include the North road. Cllr Hodgkinson has a meeting with Danny Taylor tomorrow from Glos Highways and will mention it to him. The Clerk will reply to Chedworth and let them know to coordinate letters and support a joint approach.

Action for Clerk to respond to Chedworth.

Update Response from Chedworth as follows: Chedworth Parish Council considered the comments made by Withington and agreed that we would ask Paul Hodgkinson to push for the County Council to take action to repair the whole length of road from Chedworth to Andoversford. This road is well used by villagers from Chedworth and it was felt that there were a number of areas where potholes made driving extremely hazardous.

7. Finance

For the following Cheques to be raised:

Clerks salary - £209.87

M Coulter Electrician to connect Defib £150.00

8. Update from District Councillor and County Councillor

Cllr Hodgkinson said he has been approached by Withington Primary School because of the speed of traffic and parent parking on double yellow lines outside the school. Parents are

not taking any notice about the parking issues. This was discussed. C.Cllr. Hodgkinson said he would speak to the local PCSO and get him over at dropping off times and have a quiet word with parents

Action for Cllr Hodgkinson to speak to the local PCSO about this issue.

Update - Response from Cllr Hodgkinson as follows: - as discussed last night - someone from the Road Safety Partnership visited the school last summer and made recommendations. It seems that these haven't been actioned (!) so Danny Taylor is now chasing Amey to sort out.

Cllr Hodgkinson reminded the Parish Council about his pot of money for community funding which is rapidly being spent, he asked for the Parish Council to think of anything they would like for healthy activity, could they let him have the details he said there is a time limit and he does not want Withington to miss out.

Action for Parish Councillors to identify anything to use the money for the good of the village and to let him know as soon as possible.

9. Any Other Business

There has been an e-mail from the village hall committee requesting another donation 3 months after the last donation was paid to them as they are booked into prior periods in their accounts. Cllr Webb declared an interest in this matter.

It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Brenninkmeijer will look into this

Action for the Clerk and Cllr Brenninkmeijer to investigate this request.

Cllr Webb asked if the grass could be cut in the play area and village green before the fete, which is being held on the 16th June. Cllr Theyer said he would do this.

It was reported that the Wall around the village green has been knocked down again. Cllr Theyer will speak to Andy Chapple and get the wall sorted out before the fete.

10. Date of the next meeting will be held on the Wednesday 11th July 2018

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm