

# The Annual General Meeting of Withington Parish Council

Was held using Zoom on Thursday 6th May 2021 at 7.00 pm. For the purpose of transacting the following business:

## Attendees

Glenys Webb – Chairman Parish Council  
Nicky Lowe – Councillor  
Mavis Lady Dunrossil –Councillor  
Jane Gibbs - Councillor  
Bruno Brenninkmeijer - Councillor  
Catherine Boyce - Councillor  
Parish Clerk  
10 Members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence** - Paul Hodgkinson – Gloucestershire County Councillor  
Robin Hughes - District Councillor

## **2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Glenys Webb was proposed and Seconded by Cllr Dunrossil and Cllr Lowe

Cllr Webb accepted

## **3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **3a Vice Chairman**

Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil was proposed as Vice Chairman and Seconded by Cllr Lowe

Cllr Dunrossil accepted

### **3b Finance Officer**

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

Cllr Brenninkmeijer to accept

### **3c Tree Warden**

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

Cllr Brenninkmeijer to accept

### **3d Planning Committee**

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

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE AGM**

The minutes from the last AGM were held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 and it was agreed that they were so out of date that all matters arising have been dealt with. It was updated that there was no AGM in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

#### **5. Matters Arising – No matters arising (see above)**

#### **6. Chairman’s Report - Withington Parish Council AGM 6th May 2021**

Cllr Webb update that her report also covers all matters arising from the last AGM which took place in May 2019. This was due to COVID and – no face to face meetings took place last year.

There was a vacancy for a councillor which was advertised after we lost Councillor Bruce from the Parish Council after she resigned. We received no interest in the post after it was advertised at the time, but in November 2019 we were able to co-op Catherine Boyce from Foxcote, and I am please to welcome her. It has been a long time since we have had a Councillor from Foxcote which comes within the Parish and we are very pleased she has joined the Parish Council.

During the Spring of 2019 the Parish Council borrowed a speed camera from Shipton Oliffe Parish Council and when the results were analysed it was found that nearly 50% of motorists were exceeding the speed limit when they entered the village especially from the Andoversford direction and also the Cirencester direction. The maximum speed monitored was 73 miles per hour.

In Jan 2020 it was agreed we would raise the precept by £180 mainly to cover grass cutting of the playing field, play area, and the village green, this had not been put up for several years. There were no other meetings held in 2020 either by zoom or face to face.

In Jan 2021 we resumed meetings on Zoom and we held 4 meetings in January, March a planning meeting in February and April. It was agreed that the precept would stay the same this year but it may have to increase next year.

Planning applications discussed have included an agricultural cottage at the end of Harnham Lane and the erection of 5 dwellings at Willow side Farm. A lake at Withington Court and revised plans for a dwelling behind Hill View, .and for converting the Kings Head pub into a private dwelling. There have also been several applications for tree works.

An on-going problem during this period and previous to this has been the parking in Compton Rise, we have had several site meetings with Bromford Housing, and it was agreed that the carpark would be extended so that not so many cars would be parked on the road, which was causing problems for access for emergency vehicles. However, the frequent changes in personnel at Bromford Housing have made it difficult to make any progress, and so nothing has happened.

Another area with parking problems, have been outside Withington Primary school. When the children are dropped off and collected but no solution has been found to that one yet.

The Village Green wall has been damaged and repaired several times, during this time. It appears regularly in the minutes.

Another cause for concern was the state of the roads around the village, in particular the road from Withington to Compton Abdale village and through Withington Woods these have both now been resurfaced and it is a vast improvement.

Also having now left the village, Jeremy Theyer has resigned from the Council and we are grateful for all the work Jeremy did when he was on the Council, so we now have a vacancy which we hope to fill by co-option. We have had a couple of people show an interest.

Looking to the future we are planning on updating the website and to buy a laptop for our clerk, Sue has been an invaluable help to me and we are very lucky to have such a knowledgeable clerk and so thanks to her were given from the Council.

Thanks also to CC Paul Hodgkinson and District Councillor Robin Hughes for their regular attendance at our meetings and their continued help and support and also to my fellow councillors for their support as well during this strange and difficult period.

Looking forward we are now preparing to return to face to face meetings so this may be the last one on zoom.

## **7. 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. Cllr Dunrossil updated that the funds that are now left will be going into the Parish funds. Sue Prout came and took the paperwork from Cllr Dunrossil and the funds will be transferred, no one was aware of this, and it was decided that this needs pursuing.

**Action 1** For Cllr Lowe to update where the funds have been transferred to.

Councillor Boyce, said thank you for making her feel so welcome and appreciated the help she has received from the council and other people in getting some historic issues sorted and it is a pleasure to work with you.

## **8. 06/05/2021 Presentation of accounts from 2020/2021 and Annual Return**

The clerk presented the accounts for 20/21 and updated the Council on any differences from the budget.

She updated that there was a gross income of £4,170 and expenditure of £3,913. The Audit was filed as an exemption as the income and expenditure does not exceed £25,000, This means we do not need an external audit but we do need an internal audit this has been done, this is to check all the internal controls are in place.

Councillors, were asked for any questions on the accounts and if they are happy with the accounts they can be approved and signed.

It was updated that due to the Covid pandemic and not having any meetings we did not return them last year. There were no concerns raised with them.

Cllr Webb thanked the clerk, and Simon Green for all the hard work getting the accounts ready to be sent off to the external auditors

Proposed acceptance of the Accounts. Voted for acceptance and to pass then onto the external auditor. Thanks were passed onto all who were involved in getting them sorted out.

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

**Part one concludes.**