

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 on Zoom, AT 7.00 PM**

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mavis Lady Dunrossil, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Jane Gibbs, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer and the Clerk/RFO.
2. **APOLOGIES:**. District Councillor Robin Hughes, County Cllr, Paul Hodgkinson
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. B Brenninkmeijer on planning of the Old Rectory.**
4. **MINUTES of the Meetings** held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were circulated prior to the meeting to Councillor's; The clerk updated them to include Cllr Boyce's attendance at the meeting. They were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be signed when we meet in person.

**Progress report and comments on the meeting held: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**5. Matters Arising**

1) Kings Head looks like it is back on the market, to ask Cllr Hughes what is going on with the planning application that had been submitted. There was concern raised that the hedges have already been dug.

**Further Action** Clerk to speak to Cllr Hughes about this application where is it what has happened.

2) Update on Filming which has been taking place in Withington around the village. This is due to stop at the end of the month There has been some correspondence regarding the donation as the school has contacted the film company directly about a donation the Parish Council were originally approached to use some of their donation for the school it was agreed that as they will be receiving their own donation then they will no longer be included in the Parish Council's donation to various causes. There was a discussion around the donation and the fee being £500, members of the village thought it was not enough considering the disruption they had had, filming late at night, setting dogs barking. Bright lights being used at 2.00am, noise, roads closed. Cllr Brenninkmeijer was asked to speak to them about the donation.

3) Farthings planning has been permitted updated by the clerk

4) Website project – Cllr Brenninkmeijer has sent out a proposal for improving the website and the procurement of a laptop. The main points were as follows:

Look into a laptop for the Parish Clerk to use.

Updating the Parish Council Website.

Agreement as follows:

Hardware: Connection possibility to printer / scanner, Dedicated machine for Parish Council use only, In-built camera and microphone, Numeric keypad, Wi-Fi connection

Software: Conference calling option, Spreadsheet requirement for preparing accounts, Undertake email for communication purposes with third parties, Word processing for preparing, sorting and saving minutes and papers

The project was discussed in particular which parts of the project would be taken forward first, this was due to the cost and that Wickmedia is only a small company and could only deal with one phase at a time, this was agreed to take forward, but in two phases.

The clerk will let James Mander know that the Parish Council want to proceed with the upgrade to the Website, it was suggested by members of the public that the money donated to the Parish Council for the filming should be used to go towards the upgrading of the website which would benefit all of the village.

The costs involved are £1,000 for the website , £1,000 for the laptop and associated software upgrades.

**Action 1 06/05/2021** the clerk to contact James Mander and formally ask him to take the project forward by upgrading the website first. Followed by the purchase of a laptop. The clerk was asked to confirmed the cost of the project so that we are aware of the correct costs involved.

## **6. Planning application and updated**

**Old Rectory** - Demolition of existing garage, erection of new garage. New two storey extension, insertion of dormer window and rooflights, existing Bradstone to be clad in natural stone and construction of outdoor swimming pool

**Comments from Withington Parish Council,** All agreed that it was an improvement on the original building with the use of natural stone. There was one comment that it will be the house it always should have been and is in keeping with the houses around it. All voted in favour apart from one councillor who has a prejudicial interest.

**21/01169/AGFO - Agricultural Barn** for fodder machinery storage at land parcel off Withington to Cassey Compton Road.

**Comments from Withington Parish Council:** It was agreed it was difficult to comment as there are no pictures of the style of the barn. Also comments that it will be sat higher up the field than the site of the current barn, the current barn is in a dip. A member of the public raised an issue with the tractors driving going up past Kings Head Lane. Their wall has been hit and had to be repaired and there is a lot of traffic using that road. Recently there was a near miss with the house at the bottom. The Parish Council did agree that they were in favour of the Barn. 4 Voted in favour, 1 abstention.

## **Finance**

Cheques were raised for the following:

Clerks Salary for January and February. 48.5 hours due to a lot of planning. £438.44 HMRC £109.61.

Play Area grass cutting paid for by Cllr Webb to Andy Cox cheques for £37.50 (no paperwork provided.)

Internal Audit - letter of thanks to K Lawton £50,00 (a small token of appreciation for getting the audit papers ready to be sent off in good time.)

Fine by external auditors £336.00

### **13. Any Other Business**

Mr Rooker asked that the minutes reflect a thank you to the Parish Council for all their hard work, he said very often their work goes unnoticed and they do not get a lot of thanks or support and he felt this should be acknowledged in one form or another.

Mr Rooker also raised a point about the filming, and the donation £500 not being enough for the disruption. Cllr Dunrossil said that the church are going to have a huge expense as the roof timbers which need replacing and they will also receive a donation.

Cllr Webb said that there has been an e-mail from the school and members of the village asking that more Dog waste bins are provided in the village. The Clerk has asked CDC for another one but they came back and said they can't empty anymore at the moment as they do not have the manpower but that the dog waste can be put in the normal rubbish bin. This is currently sited at the Mill Inn. Cllr Webb said she will check with the Mill Inn to make sure it is for the villagers use.

**Councillor Vacancy** – Cllr Webb asked if we have heard back from the two people who had expressed an interest in the Councillor position. The Clerk has not heard back from them, she has sent them information setting out what is involved but has heard nothing back. The Clerk was asked to go back to them and ask them if they are still interested and a little bit of history about themselves.

**Action 2 06/05/2021** for the Clerk to go back to them to see if they are still interested in the position ask them to give us a few details about themselves.

#### **Date of the next meetings:**

The next meeting will be face to face - Meeting to be held in July

**Meeting closed at 20.20**