

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  
**Held on 18<sup>th</sup> March-26 at the Withington Jubilee Hall, at 19.00hrs**

**PRESENT:** 5 Members of the Public, & Parish Councillors:, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr David Craig, Cllr Catherine Boyce Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mike Viney, Cllr Alex Barrell & Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (GCC)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Nicky Lowe & Cllr Jereny Theyer (CDC)

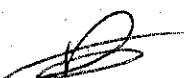
Topic	Item	Discussion	Next Actions & Date
Acceptance and apologies	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Nicky Lowe &amp; Cllr Jereny Theyer (CDC)</li> </ul>	
Declarations of Interest	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declarations of Interest rules were read out</li> <li>No Councillors voiced any Declarations of Interest</li> </ul>	
Minutes	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the Council Meeting held on 07-January-26.</li> </ul>	
Questions from the Public not Appearing on the Agenda	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
Actions from previous meeting	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Action Tracker has been revised by MV. This includes a separate reoccurring action track and ongoing actions.</li> <li>Defib Cabinet and fixings Ongoing DC.</li> <li>Sport England application on going MV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CB &amp; GW to review reoccurring tracker to see if there is any other action to be added to it.</li> </ul>
Planning	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26/00609/CLOPUD - Riverside Cottage Alterations to fenestration and associated works. No Objections</li> <li>26/00400/FUL -Installation of oil tank to front garden and removal of existing tank. Unanimous objection due to design and location adjacent to drainage an inspection cover. Any oil spill could leak into the sewage system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to post comment on planning application</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Assets</b></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Playground audit and swing removal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground annual inspection has now been completed and unfortunately the swings have been condemned due to rust and damage.</li> <li>• Thanks was given to AB for his efforts to remove the unsafe swing from the frame which has been made safe and a warning sign added.</li> </ul> <p>Grassroots neighborhood Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the swings now being condemned it has put more need and focus on getting the Playing Fields group together to get the ball rolling on the new playground equipment.</li> <li>• The PC have the budge of Approx £15,000 from the Cil Payment, Grass roots fund and the money raised at the 2000 trees for new equipment.</li> <li>• Spring cleanup is needed on the playing field with the existing equipment</li> </ul> <p>Mowing contract</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing contract for the playing fields agreed at £757.75+VAT for 25/26</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MV to pull Playing fields group together to organize spring cleanup.</li> <li>• MV &amp; DC continue to get quotes and Meet with the playground group for the new equipment</li> <li>• MV to enquire about getting the phone box repainted.</li> <li>• Phillipa Moore to Provide Parish Council with example substance abuse strategy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Defibrillator</b></p>	<p>8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location for the defib has been agreed at the Mill Inn</li> <li>• Cabinet photos and detail fixing plans will need to be submitted to the planning office for listed building consent.</li> <li>• All defib cabinet will no longer be locked following the defib guidelines code to be put on the cabinet</li> <li>• Halewell have offered CPR training for people throughout the parish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC &amp; Eleanor Fea to submitted cabined details to CDC for listed building consent.</li> </ul>
<p><b>River Coln</b></p>	<p>9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andoversford sewage treatment tank has holes in and is leaking into the river</li> <li>• The Coln river is now being tested from the source to by the River Guardians (RG)</li> <li>• The RG thanked PC for the test kit which has made a big difference for the testing of the river</li> <li>• The River Coln Group is now a registered charity</li> <li>• There have been various incidences of high reading of phosphate and ammonia in the river over the past year from sewage leaking into the river</li> <li>• It has been noted that there is a dog kennels along the river and concerns have been raised about the waste from the kennels being washed into the river this will be investigated by the RG</li> </ul>	

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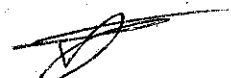
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<b>Withington School Update</b>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron Story, the Chair of Governors for Withington school, spoke to notify the PC that reluctantly school governors have decided there is no option but to close the school due to lack of staff, funding and pupils.</li> <li>• The notice of closure has been submitted to the county council</li> </ul>	
<b>Finance</b>	11	<p>BB discussed final action list including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PC annual contribution 24/25 was agreed to the Village Hall £750</li> <li>• PC agreed contribution for 25/26 of £650</li> <li>• These two payments will be balanced against the contribution from the Village Hall committee to the parish council of 50% of bake sales at 2000 trees 25 £1172 Balance of £178 will be paid to the village hall committee.</li> <li>• The PC now has access to internet banking and a debit card to be able to make purchases on behalf of the PC</li> <li>• VAT is in the process of being claimed back for the PC which may be put towards the Playing fields this should amount to est £2000</li> <li>• A long-term goal has been identified to build up reserve fund</li> </ul> <p>Invoices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wickmedia - £198</li> <li>• Village committee Balance £178</li> <li>• Wickmedia - £18</li> <li>• Wickmedia - £18</li> <li>• Lawn mowing £757.75 +VAT</li> <li>• Clerk £487.80 will a tax refund of £67.80 which will be credited back to the PC</li> <li>• Bookkeeping - £504</li> <li>• Village hall £24</li> <li>• Andrew Cox £85</li> <li>• Wickmedia £438.62</li> </ul>	
<b>Update from District Councillor</b>	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Update from County Councillor</b>	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government reorganization vote concludes, and the results will be made public in June</li> <li>• Pothole repairs are underway if any bad or missed repairs are spotted to be photographed and sent in</li> <li>• A417 update – on target and in budget to be finished in time</li> <li>• The lower speed limit of 20mph in the village in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the scheme</li> <li>• Paul offers any help required regarding the school closure</li> </ul>	
<b>Correspondence</b>	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	

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<b>AOB</b>	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Village Hall committee need to provide PC quotes for repairs to the pavilion caused by falling tree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Village Hall Committee to obtain quotes</li> </ul>
<b>Action list</b>	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC to review defibrillator planning DC &amp; Eleanor Fea to submitted cabined details to CDC for listed building consent.</li> <li>MV to pull Playing fields group together to organize spring cleanup.</li> <li>MV &amp; DC continue to get quotes and Meet with the playground group for the new equipment</li> <li>MV to enquire about getting the phone box repainted.</li> <li>Phillipa Moore to Provide Parish Council with example substance abuse strategy.</li> <li>CB &amp; GW to review reoccurring action tracker to see if there is any other action to be added to it.</li> <li>Village hall committee to Obtain quotes</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Withington village hall AGM followed by PC meeting</li> </ul>	

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