

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held on 7th January-26 at the Withington Jubilee Hall, at 19.00hrs

PRESENT: 3 Members of the Public, & Parish Councillors: Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr David Craig, Nicky Lowe, Cllr Glenys Webb, Cllr Mike Viney, Cllr Alex Barrell & Cllr Jereny Theyer (CDC)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Catherine Boyce & Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (GCC)

Topic	Item	Discussion	Next Actions & Date
Acceptance and apologies	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Catherine Boyce & Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (GCC) 	
Declarations of Interest	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declarations of Interest rules were read out No Councillors voiced any Declarations of Interest 	
Minutes	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the Council Meeting held on 12-November-25. 	
Questions from the Public not Appearing on the Agenda	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Planning	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25/04040/FUL - Erection of rear extension with associated works. Demolition of garage. Unanimously approved. 25/04015/FUL - Erection of porch and conservatory with associated works. Demolition of conservatory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Councillors to respond to 25/04015/FUL directly to Clerk after consideration
Assets – playing field & Grassroots neighborhood fund	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playing area inspection payment of £125+VAT approved Grassroots Fund grant of £3,500 applied for awaiting recommended approval – Plans & quotes will need to be submitted £8066.04 from the CIL can be used to contribute to the new playground equipment Sport England Movement fund - Application to help with the cost of the surface for the playground. An application needs to be submitted. Plans & a quote for new playground surface need to be obtained Concerns were raised regarding drug use in the play area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MV – Arrange the maintenance review MV & DC – Liaise Grassroots Funds plans and quotes to submit application MV – Assemble plans and quotes to be submitted for the grassroots fund MV – Approach Sport England regarding movement fund
Defibrillator	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning has been approved Halewell will contribute to defibrillator operation supplies & purchase the cabinet. Photos of the selected cabinet to be submitted for planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC – Liaise with Elanor Fea regarding cabinet for planning.
River Coln	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC extended thanks to Marget for her outstanding work on the River Coln 40 sites on the river being monitored by the guardians with 6 kits in use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NL – Send the data and key facts on the health of the river Coln collected from the river guardians

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The river's health is in poor condition due to sewage being pumped out of Andoversford. Thames Water needs to be pressured to improve this Jeffory Clifton-Brown can help with this if he has the data and key facts on river health. 	to JCB so political pressure can be used to help improve the river quality
Withington School Update	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of school governors have now changed but 2 more governors are required Currently 7 pupils at the school and require another 6 by September to become viable Community support is required to help the school. They need marketing and advertising strategies, fund-raising and financial help New head teacher is being sought 	
Budget, precept and invoices	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025/26 financials were discussed and accepted Proposed Precept for 2026/27 increasing from £7,100 to £7,400, a 1.99% rise in this element of Council Tax, was approved VAT to be reclaimed before 2025/26 year-end Village Hall grant payments of £600 for 2024/25 as well as 2005/26 appear not to have been received A claim for damages to the pavilion which is owned by Village Committee requires 3 quotes to be obtained and submitted to the PC Approved payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Hall Hire - £24 Laptop for Parish Clerk (to be paid to David Craig who paid for the machine) – £170.99 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BB – Check on Village Hall grant payments
Update from District Council	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local plan has allocated 350 new homes to Andoversford in the next 4-5 years. No plans for new homes in Withington. More detail on the missing link road works requested PC would like to be consulted on any updates and licensing for 2000 Trees Festival as this affects the community directly Environmental Health need to be available out of hours and on weekends to lodge complaints such as 2000 Trees or raves No updates available on the Barn reconstruction at the end of Dark Lane No updates on enforcement action on outdoor school on Forbes Farm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JT - Email clerk with missing link update JT/MV – Invite the 2000 trees organizers to the PC meeting in March JT – Provide update on the Barn at the end of Dark Lane JT – Provide an update on the Outdoor School
Update from County Council	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Correspondence	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
AOB	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action tracker and annual planner discussed to keep up to date with ongoing actions and yearly maintenance, financial and seasonal requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MV & Clerk – Update PC at the next meeting on action tracker and annual planner

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Action list	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC to review defibrillator planning • MV – to looking into a removable salt bin option & Playground 	
Next Meeting	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm on 18th March 2026 Withington village hall 	

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