

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on 07-May-25 at the Withington Jubilee Hall, at 19.00hrs after AGM

PRESENT: 8 Members of the Public, Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (GCC) & Parish Councillors: Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr David Craig, Cllr Mike Viney & Cllr Glenys Webb

APOLOGIES: Cllr Jereny Theyer (CDC) & Parish Councillors: Cllr Alex Barrell, Cllr Catherine Boyce & Cllr Nicky Lowe

Topic	Item	Discussion	Next Actions & Date
Declarations of Interest	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rules as to Declarations of Interest were read out No Councillors voiced any Declarations of Interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Minutes	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the Council Meeting held on 05-Mar-25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Questions from the Public not Appearing on the Agenda	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playing Field Play Equipment – Grass cutting around the play equipment does not appear to have occurred Playing Field Pavilion Trees – The removal of the cut limbs does not appear to have occurred River Guardians – Will begin testing water within two (2) weeks; each Tester will receive an information pack including a charter of behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MV – To investigate grass cutting around the play equipment BB – To remove tree limbs from the play area shortly
2000 Trees Festival	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity – Currently the site is limited to 14,999 people at any one time. The Organisers will sell 12,500 tickets this year with no plans to increase this due to physical constraints of the site. Were any increase in numbers be sought, this would be confined to day ticket holders only Exit Procedure – The Organisers are conscious of delays for both Festivalgoers and Residents heading towards Andoversford. Phased traffic lights will now be installed at the Withington junction with A436, the management of which will be judged according to the traffic at the junction Mud on the Road – This is dealt with on an ad hoc basis determined by John Platt, the Landowner Noise – A specialist study by professional sound engineers has been undertaken in the past considering the nearest sound sensitive residences although wind and atmospheric conditions can affect this. The Organisers will monitor sound from the silent disco at the nearest sound sensitive residences this year Tickets – The village is grateful for the free tickets that are offered to Residents Variation Application – The Organisers confirmed that the intention is to align the playing of music and bars opening and closing times. As there is no foreseeable increase in the number of Festivalgoers, they believe that there is no need to meet with the Parish Council in future. The Parish Council confirmed their wish to meet with the Organisers in future to deal with matters that arise Village Community Initiatives – The space provided by the Organisers is appreciated as it supports village projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk – Respond to CDC to retain licensing condition regarding meeting the Parish Council annually

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BT Phone Kiosk – Consultation to Remove	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council have informed CDC that the basis upon which BT relied to remove the payphone in the kiosk is erroneous Should BT judge the objections to be invalid and the kiosk is offered to the community, the Parish Council is looking for community involvement to maintain the BT kiosk Halewell have offered to fund the materials for the refurbishment of the BT kiosk as well as purchasing an additional defibrillator in the North end of the village and CPR classes for Residents. The maintenance costs of both the BT kiosk and the defibrillator as well as its management would fall on the shoulders of others 	•
Update from County Councillor	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A417 – The improvements are progressing well with the expectation that all works will be completed in 2027. Some use of the new layout will occur in autumn 2026 A436 – Following a campaign by the Parish Council, average speed cameras have been installed between Seven Springs and Shipton Oliffe Burglaries, fly tipping and violence against farmers who approach hare coursers appear to be on the rise in rural areas Unitary Council – Three options (Gloucestershire wide, East/West split and Gloucester/the rest of Gloucestershire split) are being discussed over which public input will be sought shortly. HM Government will decide which model will be pursued in spring 2026 with installation of the new model in 2027 or 2028 	•
Update from District Councillor	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	•
Action List	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance – The renewal quotation of £418.29 from Community First for 2025/2026 was accepted Noise Complaint – CDC have not accepted the summary noise log and individual noise logs will need to be submitted by Residents Playing Fields – Upgrade of the play equipment will require external financing which the Parish Council is actively working on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BB – Arrange insurance premium payment Clerk – Send out noise logs to Residents who complained
Planning	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25/01063/FUL Foxcote Grange, Foxcote – No Objection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk – Communicate decision to CDC
Finance	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wickmedia of 02-May-25 for £28.29 – Approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BB – Arrange approved payment
Correspondence	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council Summit concerning local government reorganisation on 04-Jun-25 	•
AOB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dogs – Some are running loose in the village and are causing a nuisance as well as killing domestic fowl. Nothing can be done without reporting matters to the Police and / or Rural Crime Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk – Communicate legal position on Village Whatsapp
Next Meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Be Confirmed 	

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