

MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held on 09-Sep-26 at the Withington Jubilee Hall, at 19.00hrs

PRESENT: 3 Members of the Public, Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (GCC) & Parish Councilors:, Cllr Alex Barrell, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr Nicky Lowe, Cllr Mike Viney & Cllr Glenys Webb

Topic	Item	Discussion	Next Actions & Date
Acceptance and apologies	1	- Cllr Jereny Theyer (CDC) - Cllr Catherine Boyce	
Declarations of Interest	2	- Declarations of Interest rules were read out - No declarations of interest were affirmed	
Minutes	3	Approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the full Parish Council Meeting held on 15-Jul-26	
Questions from the Public	4	None	
Actions from previous meeting	5	Substance abuse management in the playing fields – No progress	Philippa Moore – Prepare statement of substance abuse in conjunction with PH and VIA charity
Planning	6	26/02358/TCONR – Halewell; Tree works	Clerk – Submit comments with No Objections
Playing Field	7	- New Swings – Quotation from Phoenix approved; Safety mats to be purchased by WPC; No welfare unit required as pavilion to be used; Phoenix have extensive success in seeking funding which will be needed for phase II of the refurbishment - Sign Replacement – Fast Signs quote approved - Swing Removal – Contractor's quote approved - Village Engagement – To occur in conjunction of next phase proposals	DC – Coordinate with Pheonix
Withington School	8	- Now under custodial guardianship of the Diocese - Contents are being distributed - Thanksgiving service for all those with some current or past connection to the school will be held on 17-Oct-26 at 10:30hrs	Clerk – Check status with CDC of registration of the school as an asset of community value
Defibrillator	9	- Cabinet – Design approved by CDC - Capital cost contribution from Halewell received - Operating costs to be borne by WPC	DC – Coordinate Planning application for Defib; Discussion with Halewell about additional funding & CPR course
River Coln	10	43 Guardians are testing at 28 locations - Low readings were witnessed during the summer but the last readings all show elevated nitrate, phosphorus and ammonia levels - There is a smell at the river bank by Mill Inn and enquiries are being made as to the cause	Margaret Wright – Formulate wording for communication on village whatsapp

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		• Reading data is being extrapolated for better understanding and interpretation • The advice is that people should not be taking fish, bathing or paddling in the river with these high readings. Dogs who have entered the water have been harmed in the past	
Finance	11	• The 2026 / 2027 Income and Expenditure Spreadsheet (as of 24-Aug-26) – Presented and approved • Digital & Data Compliance – Requirements presented and discussed • 2026 Standing Orders approved • Invoices: - o Fastsigns (Playing Field Sign) – £258.60 - o Lucas Hicks (Remove swings) – £220.00 - o Village Hall (Hall Hire) – £24.00	• WPC Councillors – Review the Digital & Data Compliance documents as well as the various Privacy Notices for the next meeting
Update from District Councillor	12	• None	
Update from County Councillor	13	• 20 mph speed limit – Supported by WPC and will be installed in the next few years • A417 Missing Link – Still on track for completion in Feb-27 • Local Govt Reorganisation – On hold currently due to HMG's own legal advice • Local Plan – 18,500 houses to be built over 17 years within CDC area in larger conurbations only. 52 houses planned in Andoversford • The Mill Road Closure – Questions arose about full road closure need, timing of the works and the diversion road proposals	• Clerk – Publish holding statement on The Mill road closure when produced by PH • PH – To make enquiries as to the need of full road closure, the timing and one way diversion roads
Correspondence	14	• Citizens Advice – Grant request for 25 issues resolved for Withington residents • Cotswold Friends – Request to organise fundraising for their activities • Red Dragon IT Cotswold Stages – Application to close roads for a motor race on 15-May-27	• Clerk – Respond no funding available to make grant payments • Clerk – Respond to Cotswold Friends stating no suitable groups or infrastructure exists to support such an initiative • Clerk – Request details of route for Red Dragon IT
AOB	15	• None	
Next Meeting	16	• 11-Nov-26 at 19:00hrs at the Village Hall	

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