

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  
**Held on 10-Sept-25 at the Withington Jubilee Hall, at 19.00hrs**

**PRESENT:** 12 Members of the Public, & Parish Councillors: Cllr Catherine Boyce, Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer, Cllr David Craig, Nicky Lowe, & Cllr Glenys Webb

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Jereny Theyer (CDC) Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (GCC) Cllr Mike Viney & Cllr Alex Barrell

| Topic   | Item | Discussion  | Next Actions & Date  |
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| Acceptance and apologies                              | 1    |   |  |
| Declarations of Interest                              | 2    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rules as to Declarations of Interest 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 18-June-25</li> </ul>   |  |
| Questions from the Public not Appearing on the Agenda | 4    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Village Trail, prepared by Margaret Wright and Diane Raitt, for families to encourage walks and interest in the village and its history</li> </ul>   |  |
| Planning  | 5    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25/02683/TCONR - Works to trees in conservation areas – no objections</li> <li>25/01976/FUL– Conversion of existing Public House (Sui Generis): Unanimous refusal of the proposal</li> </ul>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CB – to put together basis of refusal and communicated CDC</li> </ul> |
| Withington School closure consultation                | 6    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closure consultation:</li> <li>Discussion with interested residents who shared their concerns.</li> <li>PC to look at the proposal objectively and respond to the consultation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BB, NL &amp; GW – prepare response to the consultation.</li> </ul>    |
| Green space nominations                               | 7    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nomination needs more exploration</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BB – To explore possible sites for this</li> </ul>                    |
| Playing fields  | 8    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update provided by D Craig</li> </ul>  |  |
| Salt Bins   | 9    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for more bins submitted awaiting response</li> </ul>   |  |
| River Coln  | 10   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update provided on water quality and the guardians. River Coln guardians to put together proposal for funds for water testing kits</li> </ul>  |  |
| Finance   | 11   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andy Cox for £85.00 – Approved</li> <li>Wickmedia for £28.29 – Approved</li> <li>Nick Elwes for £900.00 - Approved</li> </ul>  |  |
| Update from District Councillor                       | 12   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>  |  |

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| <b>Update from County Councillor</b> | 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local government reorganisation: still on track for all existing councils to be abolished in May 2028. County Council will vote in November on the two options being explored (Gloucestershire wide or East/West Gloucestershire). The Government will then make its decision and will communicate that in summer next year. There will be a Government led consultation on that proposal</li> <li>Withington Primary School: Many local primary schools are struggling with numbers and the 'pipeline' shrinking. It's a sad situation but one which looks very challenging given the nearby Andoversford and Chedworth schools also catering for the same group of children</li> <li>A417 Missing Link - 500 people are working on site and some of the new road will start taking traffic next Spring. The project remains on schedule for February 2027 completion</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CB – To request that PH enquire with Highways if an average speed sign is required at Kilkenny Pub camera site</li> </ul> |
| <b>Correspondence</b>                | 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Village speed limit of 20mph expression of interest</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CB – To gather opinion and possible proposal</li> </ul>   |
| <b>AOB</b>                           | 15 |  |  |
| <b>Action list</b>                   | 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closure consultation – PC to look at the proposal objectively and respond to the consultation</li> <li>Green Space nomination to be explored</li> <li>River Coln guardians to put together proposal for funds for water testing kits</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BB, NL &amp; GW – prepare response to the consultation.</li> <li>BB – green space to be explored</li> </ul>               |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>                  | 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm 12 November 2025 withington village hall</li> </ul>   |  |

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