

**MINUTES OF WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held on 07-May-25 at the Withington Jubilee Hall, at 19.00hrs**

**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
<b>Election of Chairman</b>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr David Graig was proposed &amp; seconded. All Members voted in favour. Cllr Craig accepted</li> </ul>	•
<b>Election of Officers</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice Chairman – Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer was proposed and seconded. Cllr Brenninkmeijer accepted</li> <li>Tree Officer – Cllr Bruno Brenninkmeijer was proposed and seconded. Cllr Brenninkmeijer accepted</li> <li>Finance Officer – Cllr Alex Barrell was proposed and seconded</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Roles &amp; Responsibilities</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground – Cllr Mike Viney</li> <li>Environment – Cllr Nicky Lowe</li> <li>Governance – Cllr Catherine Boyce</li> <li>Other official roles will be developed during the year</li> </ul>	•
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved and signed as a true and accurate record of AGM on 08-May-24</li> </ul>	•
<b>Matters Arising</b>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	•
<b>Chairman's Report</b>	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gratitude expressed to the previous Clerk, Sue Hughes, for her contribution over many years as well as Simon Green who provided accountancy support for many years. This retirement has prompted a review of roles and responsibilities of both the Clerk and the Councillors which will come into effect in the following financial year</li> <li>Reluctantly the precept has had to increase for 2025/2026 above inflation to cover the increasing costs of ongoing commitments and maintenance</li> <li>Working closely with the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council assisted with the renewal of the Jubilee Hall by financially supporting the installation of the new flooring in the building</li> <li>Significant issues that the Parish Council have dealt with during the year included road closures, matters in relation to Thames Water including sewerage, speed cameras on A436 as well as the river Coln in conjunction with the River Guardians</li> <li>The Parish Council dealt with 45 planning matters which was more than double the number of the previous financial year. This not only significantly increased the workload for the Councillors but also contributed to the increasing costs of the Clerk</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman's Report will be made available on the Parish Council's website</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Councillors' Reports</b>	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 tree work notifications were dealt with in the last financial year</li> <li>Far more tree maintenance works are being undertaken as opposed to removing trees in their entirety</li> <li>The Parish Council advocates that any tree that is removed is replanted with a hardwood specie</li> <li>An overview of the current regulations in terms of working on trees was provided</li> </ul>	
<b>Accounts</b>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The accounts for 2024/2025 were reviewed and approved</li> <li>It was noted that the budget for 2025/2026 fully consumed the increase in precept for 2025/2026</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Be Confirmed</li> </ul>	

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