

Withington Parish Council

Minutes

Meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

81/2017 Present: Councillors: Phil Heath (Chairman), Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Alan Williams, Denise Roscoe (Clerk), Cllr Lezley Picton (Shropshire Councillor for Tern Ward) and 9 members of the public.

82/2017 Welcome: Cllr Heath welcomed everyone.

83/2017 Apologies
Cllr Martin Timmis, Mathew Mead (Shropshire Council Enablement Officer)

84/2017 Declaration of Interest: None declared

85/2017 Approval of the Minutes of 17th January 2018
Resolved: to accept the minutes as a correct record. They were signed by the Chairman.

86/2017 Public Forum
Public Footpath Sunnyfields: Alan Stone reported that the footpath has recently been marked out using tape and stakes. However, the tape has been cut and the stakes pulled up. Parishioners are reminded that they must only use the official line of the footpath to avoid trespassing. Cllr Heath asked for a map to confirm the line of the footpath. Action: Clerk.

The Clerk informed the meeting that after calling a number of GP Practices within a 10 mile radius of Withington there are only 2 practices (Severnfields, Shrewsbury and Wellington Medical Practice) who will accept patients from Withington. All practices were asked if enrolment could be made without home visits (as per 2015 choice of GP legislation) the reply was no, and some indicated that they would be writing to patients in the future to remove the patients who are outside their boundary areas. Cllr Picton asked Cllr Stone and the Clerk to email her with details.

87/2017 Action Updates from Previous Meetings

- Missing Rodington Sign reported to Shropshire Council. Action: Clerk to chase
- Defibrillator training Cllr Maxwell has volunteered to co-ordinate
- Local footpath warden Helen Thomas has volunteered. Letter sent to Jenny Newby
- Village Green – gate temporary repair made.
- Withington Sign – Walcot Road & Parks Farm – damaged road sign. Action: Clerk to chase
- HGV's – Application to Shropshire Council as a "Site of Community Concern" submitted.

88/2017 Defibrillator

Cllr Maxwell reported that arrangements will be made for drop in sessions in the Parish Room to enable parishioners to familiarise themselves with the defibrillator and receive training.

89/2017 Withington Parish Plan

The last Parish Plan was 2013 and is due to have a 5 year review. Cllr Heath will set up a working party to review the plan over the Summer with a view to reporting the outcome in the Shropshire Council Place Plan review in September. There does not appear to be funding available for printing the new Plan as in previous years, consideration needs to be given for alternative methods of publication.

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Chairman

90/2017 Battles Over – A Nations Tribute 11th November 2018

100 years Remembrance of the end of World War 1.

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war beacon's will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, at 7pm on the 11 November 2018. It was resolved that as this was close to bonfire night Withington would not take part in lighting a beacon. Emphasis will be made on the Church Service planned for 11/11/18.

91/2017 General Data Protection Regulation – 25th May 2018

New legislation replacing the Data Protection Act 1998. GDPR places a much greater emphasis on transparency, openness and the documents needed to comply with the legislation. GDPR imposes new burdens on Parish Councils such as appointing an independent Data Protection Officer, new reporting requirements and increased fines and penalties if the regulations are not adhered to.

92/2017 Finance Report

Cllr Williams (RFO) presented the Finance Report.

**WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
As at 14th March, 2018**

<u>Parish Council</u>	
Brought Forward from 17/01/2018	£3,570.83
Receipts since 17/01/2018	£0.00
None	£0.00
Payments Approved - 17/01/2018	£48.00
Room Hire (17/01)	£12.00
CPRE Membership	£36.00
Payments made since 17/01/2018 for approval	£528.20
British Heart Foundation	£500.00
SALC (Councillor Training)	£28.20
Balance Carried Forward to 14/03/2018	£2,994.63
Payments for approval - 14/03/2018	
Room Hire (14/03)	£12.00
Clerk's Salary (Mar-18)	£233.59
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:	
Apr-18 Shropshire Council (Election Fees)	£100.00
Apr-18 SALC Membership	£120.85

<u>Village Green</u>	
Brought Forward from 17/01/2018	£4,443.28
Receipts since 17/01/2018	£142.00
Friends of the Green (2017/18)	£142.00
Payments Approved - 17/01/2018	£0.00
None	£0.00
Payments made since 17/01/2018 for approval	£0.00
None	£0.00
Balance Carried Forward to 14/03/2018	£4,585.28
Payments for approval - 14/03/2018	
None	0.00
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:	
Lawn Mower Maintenance	
Hedge Cutting	
Fuel	

Payments Approved at the Meeting for Both Accounts

All payments made since 17/01/2018

£500.00 British Heart Foundation
£28.20 SALC Councillor Training

Payments to be made

£12.00 Parish Room Hire 17/1
£233.59 Clerks Salary

The donation to the British Heart Foundation was made from the funds raised for the defibrillator.

Precept charge. In real terms the precept has not increased. The 1% increase has arisen due to a change in the Council Tax tax-base used to apportion the costs.

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93/2017 Planning

Rea Farm Broiler Sheds, Upton Magna Ref 16/04965/EIA:

Forge Farm Poultry Sheds Upton Magna Ref 17/04609/E1A

There are still outstanding reports regarding the environmental impact of both planning applications. The Rea is also subject to objections from the Canal Trust and there are queries regarding historic remains.

Cllr Picton reported that the Sundorne Estate has appointed an Estate Manager who will start in June/July. The Estate Manager will be attending local Parish Council meetings in the future with a view to working with the local villages.

94/2017 Roads & Rights of Way

Road Names: - Results of consultation to be reported at a future meeting. Action: Clerk to contact Shropshire Council with a view to having maps updated with the road names as listed on the electoral role.

HGV's: - Proposed solution to HGV's travelling from Haughmond Hill to Sandy Lane Junction received from Stuart Jones. To prevent HGV's turning left towards Withington at the Sandy Lane junction it has been suggested that the junction be altered to enable HGV's to turn right and give road users a better sight line across the junction and reduce the risk of accidents. This junction is within the Upton Magna Parish Council boundary. Cllr Heath and Clerk to discuss solution with Upton Magna PC.

Cllr Picton reported that there has been an increase in fly tipping. All incidents of fly tipping are to be reported to Shropshire Council via the Customer Services either by telephone or email. Tel: 0345 678 9006. Email: customer.services@shropshire.gov.uk.

Stuart Jones asked for the drains by the pumping station to be cleaned due to slurry blocking them and causing flooding. Action: Clerk

95/2017 Village Green Committee Report

Report from Village Green Chairman – Chicken wire has been put across the holes in the hedges. Arrangements will be made to burn the wet area prunings. Policy for memorial benches on the village green will be discussed at the next meeting on 11th April 2018

96/2017 Correspondence Received

Email from Upton Magna Parish Council offering to work collaboratively regarding the HGV's and the Poultry Planning Applications. Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with Upton Magna PC Chairman and Clerk to discuss the proposed solution at Sandy Lane Junction.

Letter from Shropshire Playing Fields Association asking for donations. It was resolved to not donate.

97/2017 **Reports on Meetings:** None attended.

98/2017 Forthcoming Meetings

15th March 2017 – GDPR Briefing: Cllr Stone

99/2017 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **Wednesday 2nd May 2018**

- Annual Village Meeting 7.00pm
- Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

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