

Withington Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 4th January 2023
at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

Minutes

62/2022 Present: Councillors: Phil Heath (Chair), Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Alan Williams, Tern Councillor Lezley Picton, Denise Roscoe (Clerk) and 11 members of the public

63/2022 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone

64/2022 Apologies: Cllr Martin Timmis and Stuart Jones

65/2022 Declaration of Interest: None

66/2022 Approval of the Minutes for 2nd November 2022

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

67/2022 Public Forum

The Clerk asked if anyone had the new contact details for John Everall.

Cllr Williams reported that there was a lot of debris on the road in Sunnyfields and asked if the Clerk could contact Highways to find out when the road was due to be swept as he would sweep the path beforehand. **Action Clerk:** to contact Derek Furlong SC

68/2022 Report from Cllr Lezley Picton

Shropshire Council's proposed precept is +4.99% (which includes 2% for adult social care). SC is looking into charging Council Tax for second homes. The boundary review (electoral wards) currently under consultation may mean changes to the Tern Division. Withington may be moved to a newly created electoral ward.

69/2022 Updates from Previous Meetings:

- Speeding – Withington proposed to be included in 20mph pilot scheme. Awaiting information.
- Ownership of Village Green Hedges/Replace hedge by Blandings. **Action Clerk:** To obtain maps from the land registry for the village green if under £25.
- Sunnyfields – Willow Tree:
- Shropshire Council (SC) reported that following the removal of the damaged branch the tree remains healthy. The willow has now been logged as part of SC's inspection regime. The resident at Glenvyl reported that one of the branches on the tree is growing close to his house and is too high for him to cut back. There also concerns that the tree is unbalanced following the recent branch removal. **Action Clerk:** To report to SC.
- Misspelled Rodington Sign: Response from SC "no further action". **Action Clerk:** To ask reason for SC response
- Flooding of Road (just past Church Farm entrance): Cllr Picton suggested contacting John Bellis SC. **Action Clerk:** to make contact.
- Purchase of New Computer for Clerk: Clerk is very pleased with computer. Thanks to Gaenor and Neil Maxwell for advice, purchasing and setting up.
- Purchase of New Mower for Village Green. **Action Village Green Chairman:** To obtain quotes and set up meeting as soon as possible to make decision on way forward.

Minutes confirmed as correct _____ 8th March 2023 _____

Chairman

70/2022 Finance Report

Approval of Accounts to date for the Parish Council and the Village Green

**WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
4th January 2023**

<u>Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)</u>	<u>Village Green</u>		
Brought Forward from 01/11/22	£2,985.86	Brought Forward from 01/11/22	£8,319.81
Receipts since 01/11/22	£144.65	Receipts since 01/11/22	£209.00
VG Mower Insurance Reimbursement	£144.65	Friends of the Green (2022/23)	£209.00
Payments Approved - 02/11/22	£686.49	Payments Approved - 02/11/22	£0.00
Clerks Salary (Dec 22)	£433.44	None	
HMRC PAYE (Dec 22)	£108.40		
Mower Insurance A/C Error	£144.65		
Payments made since 01/11/22 for approval	£531.97	Payments made since 01/11/22 for approval	£0.00
D Roscoe - McAfee Virus Protection	£21.99	None	
D Roscoe Microsoft Office	£59.99		
Neil Maxwell Computer	£399.99		
D Malley - Pay Roll 1/2 Yr	£50.00		
Balance Carried Forward to 04/01/23	£1,912.05	Balance Carried Forward to 04/01/23	£8,528.81
Payments for approval - 04/01/23		Payments for approval - 04/01/23	
Hire of Hall (Jan 23)	£12.00	Christmas Tree Batteries	£18.50
Hire of Hall (Nov 22)	£12.00		
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:		Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:	
		Lawn Mower Maintenance	
		Hedge Cutting	

Payments approved:

Payments made since 01/11/22

£21.99	Mc Afee Virus Protection
£59.99	Microsoft Office 365
£399.99	Computer
£50.00	D Malley Pay Roll ½ year

Payments for approval 04/01/23

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£18.50	Christmas Tree Batteries

Approval of the Budget for 2023/2024:

The proposed budget will see an increase in the precept from £6,000 to £6,028. The charge to Parishioner for 2023/24 will remain the same as the charge for 2022/23.

Cllrs were asked to consider whether to implement the national pay award to the Clerk from 1st April 2023. This would not affect the precept.

It was resolved to accept the increase of £28 to the precept and to consider the pay award and carry out the Clerk's appraisal before the next Parish Council meeting. **Action Parish Council:** To carry out Clerk's appraisal and consider pay award.

71/2022 Planning

Church Farm Solar Farm 22/03486/FUL: No Update other than there has been an Iron Age dig on the site.

72/2022 Village Green Committee Report

The Village Green Chairman reported that preparations were being made for the new hedge and the whips were being collected on the 16th January with planting taking place soon afterwards. Quotes were being obtained to enable a decision to be made about the new mower.

A query was raised regarding Withington holding a celebration for the King's Coronation. Action Clerk: to email village asking for volunteers.

73/2022 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 1st March 2023

Minutes confirmed as correct 8th March 2023

Chairman