

Withington Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 6th July 2022
at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

Minutes

13/2022 Present: Councillors Phil Heath (Chair), Lesley Stone, Martin Timmis, Alan Williams, Councillor Lezley Picton, Denise Roscoe (Clerk) and 10 members of the public

14/2022 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone

15/2022 Apologies: Cllr Neil Maxwell, Jon Scutt, and Brenda Marshall

16/2022 Declaration of Interest: None

17/2022 Approval of the Minutes of 12th January 2022
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

18/2022 Public Forum
No concerns were raised.

19/2022 Report from Cllr Lezley Picton
Cllr Picton's report covered: Integrated Care System, Health, Telford Inquiry into Sexual Exploitation, The Census and Draft Local Plan. See attached report.

20/2022 Updates from Previous Meetings
Dog fouling poster: posters have been displayed around the village

Speeding: Withington has been put forward to be included in a 20mph pilot scheme. No update

Woodlands Close pavement treatment: these works have been added to the Capital Works programme. Date of work has been requested.

Ownership of Village Green hedges: Copies of the deeds have been requested from Shropshire Council, no response. **Action Chairman:** to put forward proposal to plant a hedge in front of the Blandings fence to the Village Green Committee. To speak to the owners of the Blandings.

"Village Gates" - Prices: No response from Shropshire Council. Online research revealed prices starting at £413 plus VAT for a gate with 2 posts and one cross bar. It was agreed that the gates were not essential and would not be pursued.

Sunnyfields – Willow Tree: No firm response as the Tree Officer needs to meet with Shropshire Council Highways. It was agreed to wait for the report and if no further action given ask for the crown to be lifted again **Action Clerk.**

SmartWater Kits: Low cost kits are no longer available. There are 4 kits left from initial campaign. **Action Clerk:** Email village and offer to first 4 enquiries and include link to SmartWater site.

Flooding – Drains and Ditches: No response from Shropshire Council asking for help identifying ownership of the drains and ditches. **Action Clerk:** Talk to landowners.

Withington Village Signs – Repairs and New Signs. The broken signs have been reported and new signs have been requested for the Lees and Rodington Heath. **Action Clerk:** to ask for the mis-spelt "Roddington" sign be replaced.

Minutes confirmed as correct 7th September 2022

Chairman

21/2022 Finance Report

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

WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

5th July 2022

Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)		Village Green	
Brought Forward from 10/05/22	£8,277.01	Brought Forward from 10/05/22	£9,606.35
Receipts since 10/05/22	£0.00	Receipts since 10/05/22	£305.00
		Friends of the Green (2022/23)	£305.00
Payments Approved - 10/05/22	£206.58	Payments Approved - 10/05/22	£0.00
SALC Membership	£144.58	None	
Hire of Hall (May 22)	£12.00		
K Maloney (Internal Audit)	£50.00		
Payments made since 10/05/22 for approval	£727.14	Payments made since 10/05/22 for approval	£35.98
D Roscoe (Ink, Cable Ties)	£52.50	J Scutt (Walk Food)	£35.98
Zurich Insurance	£241.00		
Clerk Salary (June 22)	£433.64		
Balance Carried Forward to 05/07/22	£7,343.29	Balance Carried Forward to 05/07/22	£9,875.37
Payments for approval - 06/07/22		Payments for approval - 06/07/22	
Hire of Hall (Jly 22)	£12.00	W Thomas (Jubilee Plaque)	£46.99
Information Commissioner	£35.00		
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 10/05/22

£52.50 D Roscoe (ink, cable ties)
£241.00 Zurich Insurance
£433.64 Clerk Salary (June 22)

Payments for approval 06/07/22

£35.00 Information Commissioner
£12.00 Hire of Hall (July 22)
£46.99 W Thomas (Jubilee Plaque)

Withington Jubilee Celebrations Accounts 2nd and 4th June 2022				
Income		Expenditure		
Pre -stall mug sales	£278.50	Mug Purchase		£557.28
Stall receipts (mugs bowlers, flags, bunting)		Flyers	donated	£0.00
1 21.05.2022	£80.60	by WPC.		£0.00
2.28.05.2022	£120.00	Room Hire	donated	
3.02.06.2022	£63.20	by PCC		£0.00
4.04.06.2022	£66.60	Programmes	donated	FOC
		by N. Williams		£0.00
BBQ profit 02.04.2022	£91.00	Telford Steelpan		
Donation	£30.00	Band		£200.00
after event mug sales	£26.50	Disco courtesy of Paul Campion		
		Bowlers etc	donated	£0.00
		by CR		
		Adult thankyou s		£0.00
		donated by LS		
Out of pocket expenses (L Stone)		Childrens prizes		£0.00
From WPC for flags and bunting	£94.50	donated by LS		
balance	£0.88	Flags/Bunting		£94.50
		Teas/cupcakes courtesy WI		
Total Receipts	£851.78	Total Expenditure		£851.78

93 mugs sold 15 remain as property of WPC.

There are saved some strings of bunting and a large Union Jack flag now property of WPC

The accounts for the Jubilee Celebrations were approved along with a payment of £95.38 to Cllr Stone

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Councillors thanked everyone for all their hard work and donations (time and financial) towards a successful couple of days

22/2022 Planning

Blandings 22/02303/FUL. Erection of outbuilding, outdoor kitchen, new gated access, and external landscaping works to include 2 pergola structures. The Councillors agreed that they would object to this planning application on the grounds of: Visual Amenity/Layout and Density of Building/Design, Appearance and Materials and the significant negative impact upon neighbouring houses, specifically Number 5, 7, 9 of Woodlands Close

Church Farmhouse 22/02210/FUL. Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for change of use of agricultural land to part wildlife meadow and part garden and the formation of a swimming pond: No objection

The Villa 22/02168/FUL. Erection of detached garage with ancillary accommodation above: No objection

Church Farm Solar Farm

Following the presentation by Elgin Energy on 8th June 2022 a planning application to Shropshire Council has yet to be made.

Once the application has been made, depending on the consultation expiry date, the Parish Council will either arrange for an extraordinary meeting or include the application on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting, where Parishioners will be able to air their views.

Various discussions took place including the use of agricultural land, the site of the application, construction, existing Solar Farms and Community Benefit Funding.

The following actions were agreed. **Action Clerk:**

- Contact SALC (Shropshire Association Local Councils) for guidance/procedures regarding Solar Farms.
- Approach Wrockwardine Parish Council asking for their experience regarding the Solar Farms that have been built in their Parish.
- Email Lezley Picton regarding procedures relating to Solar Farm and guidance on negotiation of Community Benefit Funds.

23/2022 Proposal to Join Bridleway 0439/13W/1 to Footpath 0437/26/1 by a Permissive Path

Email received from Upton Magna Parish Council asking for opinions about resolving the "orphan" bridleway 0439/13W/1 that runs north alongside the Upton Magna parish boundary and then into Withington parish and stops at a field boundary. Sundorne Castle Estate are prepared to facilitate a permissive path connection with the nearby footpath 0437/26/1 which would take it onto the Upton Magna/Withington Road (Sandy Lane) opposite the road turn to Hunkington. Councillors agreed that they had no objection.

24/2022 Village Green Committee Report

The trees around the wet area were pruned prior to the Jubilee. Queries were raised about the new goal posts.

25/2022 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 7th September 2022

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Chairman