

**Withington Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**  
**at 7.30pm via Remote Conference Facility**

**Minutes**

**15/2020 Present:** Councillors Phil Heath (Chair) Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Martin Timmis Alan Williams, Cllr Lezley Picton, Denise Roscoe (Clerk), and 5 members of the public

**16/2020 Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone

**17/2020 Apologies** Jon Scutt, Brenda Marshall and Wayne Thomas

**18/2020 Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Stone declared an interest regarding planning.

**19/2020 Approval of the Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**  
The minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at a future date.

**20/2020 Public Forum**

Cllr Williams reported that residents were concerned over the willow tree on Sunnyfields causing an obstruction. Clerk has been liaising with Shropshire Council who are in the process of getting a quote for the work to raise the crown of the tree. **Action: Cllr Williams** to gauge residents' opinion of having the tree removed completely. **Action: Clerk** to contact Shropshire Council to see if tree can be removed instead if approved by residents

The footbridge and the stile on the public footpath at Sunnyfields need repairing. Cllr Williams has reported this.

**21/2020 Report from Cllr Lezley Picton**  
Report attached to minutes.

**22/2020 Updates from Previous Meetings**

SmartWater Signs: Have gone up. One missing at Hollowdene as vegetation needs clearing.  
Cllr Stone volunteered to clear the vegetation.

Lamp Post Poppies: Need to be taken down after 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Ron Coulson Memorial: Decision made at Village Green Committee meeting report to follow.

**23/2020 Finance Report**

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

Minutes confirmed as correct \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

**WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
As at 1 September 2020**

Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)	Village Green		
Brought Forward from 21/07/20	£7,314.34	Brought Forward from 21/07/20	£7,821.25
Receipts since 21/7/20	£200.00	Receipts since 21/07/20	£106.00
P Heath (Refund)	£200.00	Friends of the Green (2020)	£91.00
		Car Park Donation	£15.00
Payments Approved - 22/07/20	£0.00	Payments Approved - 22/07/20	£0.00
		None	
Payments made since 22/07/20 for approval	£3,615.00	Payments made since 22/07/20 for approval	£0.00
D Malley (Payroll)	£50.00	None	£0.00
P Heath (Error)	£200.00		
Shropshire Council (Loan)	£3,365.00		
<b>Balance Carried Forward to 2/09/2020</b>	<b>£3,899.34</b>	<b>Balance Carried Forward to 2/09/2020</b>	<b>£7,927.25</b>
Payments for approval - 2/09/2020		Payments for approval - 2/09/2020	
Clerks Salary (Sept 20)	£510.32	None	
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 at the Meeting for Both Accounts**

All payments made since 22/07/20

£50.00 D Malley (Payroll)  
£200.00 P Heath (Error)  
£3,365.00 Shropshire Council (Loan)

Authorisation to pay the following if within budget

£510.32 Clerks Salary (Sept 20)

**24/2020 Planning**

Blandings, Withington, Shrewsbury, variation of condition no.2 (approved plans) attached to 20/00705/FUL to allow for the relocation of the approved garage to the northern boundary After much discussion it was decided to do the following:

1. The Parish Council did not object to the original planning application and subsequent revisions as they did not contravene the Shopshire Council SamDev policy for development in Open Countryside. The PC therefore will not be objecting to the application to relocate the garage back to the northern wall.
2. The Parish Council will make a complaint to the planning department regarding the removal of the brick wall as it contravenes the conditions of the planning permission granted on 28th April. We will also raise the issue that the wall was removed on 24th June 2020 when the application to do so was not validated by the Planning department until 30th June 2020 and to date no decision has been made. **Action: Clerk**
3. There appears to be a dispute by residents of the Woodlands whose properties back onto the Blandings over the ownership of the land between the northern wall and their wooden boundary fences. Residents were advised that this needs to be addressed by their Solicitors, the owners of Blandings and the Land Registry

**25/2020 Parish Council Notice Boards**

The new site for the Parish Council noticeboard will be at the entrance to the village green opposite the Hare and Hounds. The owners of the Shrubbery will be contacted to discuss the plans to mount the notice board which will be carried out on 7<sup>th</sup> September

Minutes confirmed as correct \_\_\_\_\_ 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

**26/2020 Huge Farm Vehicles a Worry for the Countryside article by Councillor Joyce Barrow**

Place Overview Scrutiny Committee is meeting on 3 September. They will be discussing numerous complaints about the damage done to verges, hedgerows, highways, drains etc, heritage assets by large farm machinery. The police, highways officers, the NFU and possibly someone from English Heritage have been invited. The Chairman, Cllr Joyce Barrow has alerted SALC to this and hopes to find out, what can be done via these organisations to alleviate the issues being experienced, especially in rural areas. There have been concerns about contract tractor drivers on mobile phones and speeding. Withington PC has offered support and given details of our experiences to Cllr Barrow

**27/2020 Village Green Committee Report**

Report from Village Green Chairman to follow

**28/2020 Flooding of land near 2/3 Sunnyfields**

Plans are underway with the land owners to resolve the problem of the land flooding.

**29/2020 Flooding on Withington to Upton Magna Road (near new hedging)**

Reported on 5/5/20 and was told completed. Reported 19/5/20 and still pending. Cllr Picton will follow up.

**30/2020 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

The meeting set for the 4<sup>th</sup> November has been postponed until the 18<sup>th</sup>

The following items will be included on the agenda when the PC is able to meet in the Parish Room:  
Investigation of Community Watch Scheme (speeding)  
Allscott Sugar Beet Factory development - Stakeholders Meetings