

# Withington Parish Council

## Minutes

### Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

**62/2017 Present:** Councillors: Phil Heath (Chairman), Lesley Stone, Martin Timmis, Alan Williams, Denise Roscoe (Clerk), Cllr Lezley Picton (Shropshire Councillor for Tern Ward) and 8 members of the public.

**63/2017 Welcome:** Cllr Heath welcomed everyone.

**64/2017 Apologies**

Cllr Neil Maxwell, Shirley Davies, Mathew Mead (Shropshire Council Enablement Officer)

**65/2017 Declaration of Interest:** None declared.

**66/2017 Approval of the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Resolved: to accept the minutes as a correct record. They were signed by the Chairman.

**67/2017 Public Forum**

Concerns were raised about dogs being left to roam around the village unsupervised resulting in dog fouling and the dogs themselves being put at risk of being run over. Parishioners are reminded to clear up after their dogs at all times particularly because dog faeces can endanger the health of farmers' livestock.

Cllr Stone Reported that the Rodington Sign is missing from the fingerpost outside the old post office.

Action: Clerk to report to Shropshire Council.

**Cllr Picton Report (After 75/2017 Roads & Rights of Way)**

- "Airband" is being launched in June for those people who do not have Broadband. Further details are available from her on request.
- Shropshire Council are establishing a Dog Fouling Enforcement Scheme whereby it will employ enforcers and Parish Councils will be able to buy into the scheme when it commences.

**68/2017 Action Updates from Previous Meetings**

**Query relating to Village Green surplus dust permission Ref:50/2017**

The meeting in which the use of the dust was discussed was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2016. The Village Greens Chairman's notes show discussions relating to the use of the path dust and what to do with the remainder. It was agreed that it was available for other uses. This was not minuted as it was not seen to be important. Cllr Heath asked that all decisions made must be minuted.

**Countryside Code Signs (NFU) Ref: 39/2017**

Cllr Stone as a member of the NFU has received free signs and she will contact local farmers for use on the footpaths.

**Annual Place Plan Review Ref: 55/2017**

Cllr Stone has submitted the annual place plan review. The Withington Parish Plan is due to have it's 5 year review this year. This will be on the agenda for the March PC meeting

**Balfours correspondence re contractors Ref: 39/2017.**

Re Contractors transporting carrots. Clerk wrote to Balfours regarding the use of the village as a "rat run". Balfours spoke to the contractor who stated rather than using the alternative route down the old A5 to the Mytton & Mermaid their intention is to drive through Withington as this creates the fewest miles to transport the carrots to their collection point.

**Village Green – gate repair status Ref: 40/2017:** The gate still requires repairing. Arrangements being made.

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## **Withington Sign – Walcot Road & Parks Farm - road sign Ref: 111/2016.**

Repairs requested in May 2017 repeat request for repair due to further deterioration made Jan 2018. Shropshire Council indicated this will be addressed.

### **69/2017 Defibrillator**

Community Training Arrangements. Co-ordinator required to arrange training events for the whole community (including children & regular visitors). Action: Cllr Heath to speak to Cllr Maxwell. Reminder information and training videos are on [www.withingtonparish.co.uk](http://www.withingtonparish.co.uk) website.

### **70/2017 Future of Rural Bus Service in Shropshire**

#### **Survey Response to Professor Whitelegg by Cllr Stone on behalf of Withington Parish Council**

- Currently we have a bus in the morning through the village into Wellington but the timings back are very short.
- We have a school bus that comes into the village to take and return pupils (paid for we think by the local secondary school/parents) I
- It would make economic sense to integrate this with a public facility to get into Shrewsbury and return. Our numbers would not be huge, so a small bus minibus service might do the job.
- Shrewsbury is important for banks, the station and ongoing bus services e.g. to the hospital or doctors. Severnfields is the only practice taking on new patients for Withington so this should be factored in; could be a stop in Sundorne Road perhaps after the Belvedere school stop.
- Wellington remains important in terms of rail connections and shopping as well as the hospital.

Whatever service developments there are, consideration should be given to the needs of school age children and older people. If a bus takes people out of the village a bus needs to be available for their return. In the recent past school children were taken to school and then returned to the neighbouring village; not good for winter safety.

#### **Response from John Whitelegg**

"Many thanks for these comments and suggestions. They are very helpful indeed and I will use them in my report. We do need to find ways to combine school services with services available to the general public and trips to NHS facilities and GPs must be fully catered for."

### **71/2017 Local footpath warden P3 Partnership**

Jenny Newby has retired as the rights of way co-ordinator for Withington after many years of service to keeping our rights of way routes open. Action: Cllr Heath to write to Jenny

Volunteer needed to take over from Jenny and look after Withington's footpaths and rights of way. For more information please visit website [www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk](http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk) and look for information regarding Parish Paths Partnership Volunteers. Or speak to Cllr Williams who is a p3 partnership volunteer. Equipment will be provided.

### **72/2017 Finance Report**

#### **Cllr Williams (RFO) presented the Finance Report.**

Payments Approved at the Meeting for Both Accounts

#### All payments made since 15/11/17

£233.59	Clerks Salary
£33.50	Payroll Services
£23.00	W Thomas – Green Gate Padlock

#### Payments to be made

£12.00	Parish Room Hire 17/1
£36.00	CPRE Membership

The Village Green healthy balance of £4,443.28 will allow for the purchase of a new lawn mower once the existing mower is beyond economical repair.

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WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As at 17th January, 2018

Parish Council	
Brought Forward from 15/11/2017	£3,931.71
Receipts since 15/11/2017	£0.00
None	£0.00
Payments Approved - 15/11/2017	£93.79
Room Hire (15/11)	£12.00
SALC - Clerk Training	£65.00
M. Timmis (Website Hosting Service)	£16.79
Payments made since 15/11/2017 for approval	£267.09
Payroll Services	£33.50
Clerk's Salary (Dec-17)	£233.59
<b>Balance Carried Forward to 17/01/2018</b>	<b>£3,570.83</b>
Payments for approval - 17/01/2018	
Room Hire (17/01)	£12.00
CPRE Membership	£36.00
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:	
Clerk's Salary (Mar-18)	233.59
Apr-18 Shropshire Council (Election Fees)	£100.00

Village Green	
Brought Forward from 15/11/2017	£4,289.28
Receipts since 15/11/2017	£177.00
Friends of the Green (2017/18)	£177.00
Payments Approved - 15/11/2017	£0.00
None	£0.00
Payments made since 15/11/2017 for approval	£23.00
W. Thomas (Padlock)	£23.00
<b>Balance Carried Forward to 17/01/2018</b>	<b>£4,443.28</b>
Payments for approval - 17/01/2018	
None	0.00
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:	
Lawn Mower Maintenance	
Village Green Maintenance	
Hedge Cutting	
Fuel	

**Precept**

Cllr Williams proposed that the precept would not be increased and will remain set at £6,000 for the financial year 2018/2019. This proposal was unanimously agreed by the Parish Councillors

**73/2017 Withington Parish Clerk Appraisal – Outcome**

10 January 2018 The Parish Clerk had an annual appraisal in line with “Good Employment Practice”.

**74/2017 Planning**

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

Withington Parish Council have submitted additional comments to Shropshire Council (SC) and a more detailed report will be submitted shortly. See SC Planning Register. Bernie Jones (Chairman of the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust) reported that a meeting had been held with Balfours and after discussions the Trust declined to remove their objection to this application.

Cllr Picton joined the meeting at approximately 8.00pm following a previous meeting.

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

Withington Parish Council submitted an additional report on 2 January 2018. See SC Planning Register. Cllr Heath thanked Stuart Jones, Derek Hillaby, John Breakwell and Brian Smith for the excellent work in compiling the Roads Report.

Cllr Picton gave an update on both planning applications. Decisions on both applications have been suspended as consideration needs to be given to new guidance/policies that have been issued.

**75/2017 Roads & Rights of Way**

**Road Names:** Results to consultancy deferred (due to a full agenda)

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## **HGV's - Application to Shropshire Council as a "Site of Community Concern" February 2018**

### **With a view to having environmental weight restrictions on Withington Roads**

Withington PC is preparing a "Community Led Concern" report with a view to acquiring an environmental weight restriction in order to reduce the amount of HGV's using Withington Roads. This restriction will not apply to HGV's making deliveries to addresses in Withington. Cllr Piction is willing to support our application. Action: Clerk: to forward report to Cllr Piction by end of month.

### **76/2017 Village Green Committee Report**

Wayne Thomas, Chairman – Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 meeting postponed until Wednesday 11th April (date to be confirmed) due to few items on agenda

Padlock on the gate. Any one requiring combination to contact Wayne.

Jean's bench – beyond repair. With Peter Dickinson's permission plaque is now on the bench behind the wet area. Cllr Heath requested that a policy for dedicated benches be included on the next agenda.

### **77/2017 Correspondence Received**

05/12/17 - Letter from Mind: - request for funding declined

11/12/17 – British Ironwork Centre, Parish Council's Feedback Engagement Form - declined to provide feedback

### **78/2017 Reports on Meetings**

#### **27/11/17 Local Joint Committee – Report from Cllr Stone:**

Councillor Clare Wilde elected chair and Councillor Lezley Picton as vice chair.

Councillor Wilde explained this meeting, although based on Cressage, had a wider implication for all parishes in the two wards and it was important to hear from the planners and for the planners to hear the views of residents.

Liam Cowden, from the planning department, outlined the plans for Cressage to be designated a Community Hub under Shropshire Council's planning policy and receive some additional housing. Cressage was one of a number of settlements being considered.

He pointed out that the neighbouring Shire counties were receiving pressure from Birmingham and the Black Country over providing housing to help with identified shortfalls in those areas. In the North of our county HS2 would put further pressure on Shropshire because allocated employment land was being taken by HS2, so housing land would be taken to provide employment so a shortfall in land allocated for housing would occur.

The view of the planners was that some new housing would refresh communities which would otherwise stagnate.

The key issues from Cressage were: -

- the main road, particularly the "Eagles bend",
- the failure of planners to address the issue of the Eagles former pub site (housing or community benefit land?),
- the remaining "pub" being nearly at Cound (Riverside Inn) which could hardly be classed as Cressage and certainly couldn't meet the needs of Cressage residents for a local.
- sewerage issues.

The next meeting date and agenda to be arranged later. Clare was hopeful about getting a representative from "Future Fit" Health Review Team to attend.

### **79/2017 Forthcoming Meetings: None to report**

### **80/2017 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room**

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