

**Withington Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**at 7.30pm in the Parish Room**

**Minutes**

**65/2018 Present:** Councillors Phil Heath (Chair) Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Martin Timmis, Alan Williams, Cllr Lezley Picton (Shropshire Councillor for Tern Ward), Denise Roscoe (Clerk), Jason Jordan (Sundorne Estate Manager) and 9 members of the public

**66/2018 Welcome** Councillor Heath welcomed everyone

**67/2018 Apologies:** Shirley Davies

**68/2018 Declaration of Interest:** None declared

**69/2018 Approval of the Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
Resolved to accept the minutes as a correct record. They were signed by the Chairman

**70/2018 Public Forum**  
Report from Cllr Lezley Picton  
As Withington is classed as open countryside the current discussions by Shropshire Council regarding the Local Plan and CIL payments do not apply.  
Shropshire Council's 2019 Budget is open for consultation until 18/02/19 this can be accessed on their website under "Get Involved"  
Shropshire Highways have been given a slight increase in money to address potholes.  
Councillor Picton left the meeting

Councillor Lesley Stone apologised in advance to any inconvenience caused on the roads by Villa Farm. This will be due to the felling of trees that are unsafe. Unfortunately, specific dates are unavailable.

**71/2018 Action Updates from Previous Meetings**

- Removal of field hedges in Barkers Square: No Update
- Damage to road verges on the Walcot Lees to Rodington Heath road: No Update.

**72/2018 Withington Parish Plan**  
The 2018 Parish Plan is ready for publication. Nick Williams (Damson Cottage) has generously offered to sponsor the cost of having the Plan printed for distribution to Parishioners. It was resolved to accept Nick's offer with many thanks and requested that credit be given to Nick in the publication.

The site of the defibrillator will be included on the aerial photograph of the village.

In 2014 the Church, the Parish Room and the Hare & Hounds were listed, with Shropshire Council as Assets of Community Value. Assets are removed automatically from the SC list after 5 years. It was resolved that the PC would nominate the assets for a further 5 years.  
**Action:** Clerk to complete the Community Right to Bid Nomination forms for approval.

**73/2018 The West Mercia Commissioner's Safer Roads Fund**  
John Campion (Police & Crime Commissioner, West Mercia) is asking for applications from the communities of West Mercia for his Safer Roads Fund. The funding is to support innovative initiatives in creating safer roads. **Action:** Clerk to contact Upton Magna Clerk to

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find out if this is something that can be worked collaboratively.

**74/2018 Police and Crime Commissioner Budget Proposals Consultation**

John Campion is proposing to add a further 115 police officers to West Mercia's ranks which will be partly funded by an increase in council tax of around £1.63 per month for the average household in 2019/20. A consultation on the draft budget has started and can be found on the PCC's website – [www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk). The consultation ends on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Action:** Clerk to put on website and email to Parishioners.

**75/2018 Finance Report**

- Accounts to date for the Parish Council and the Village Green

**WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**As at 9th January, 2019**

| <u>Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)</u>            |                  | <u>Village Green</u>  |                  |
|---|------------------|---|------------------|
| Brought Forward from 07/11/18                               | £3,936.00        | Brought Forward from 07/11/2018                             | £5,485.82        |
| Receipts since 07/11/18                                     | £0.00            | Receipts since 07/11/2018                                   | £190.00          |
| None  | £0.00            | Friends of the Green (2018/19)                              | £190.00          |
| Payments Approved - 07/11/2018                              | £528.83          | Payments Approved - 07/11/2018                              | £0.00            |
| Room Hire (07/11)   | £12.00           | None  | £0.00            |
| Clerk's Salary (Dec-18)                                     | £470.83          |   |                  |
| Clerk's Expenses (Ink)                                      | £46.00           |   |                  |
| Payments made since 07/11/2018 for approval                 | £33.50           | Payments made since 07/11/2018 for approval                 | £0.00            |
| DM Payroll Services   | £33.50           | None  | £0.00            |
| <b>Balance Carried Forward to 09/01/2019</b>                | <b>£3,373.67</b> | <b>Balance Carried Forward to 09/01/2019</b>                | <b>£5,675.82</b> |
| Payments for approval - 09/01/2019                          |                  | Payments for approval - 09/01/2019                          |                  |
| Room Hire (09/01)   | £12.00           | None  | 0.00             |
| Clerk's Salary (Mar-19)                                     | £470.83          |   |                  |
| Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount: |                  | Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount: |                  |
| CPRE Membership   | £36.00           | Lawn Mower Maintenance                                      |                  |
|   |                  | Hedge Cutting   |                  |
|   |                  | Fuel  |                  |

**Payments Approved at the Meeting for Both Accounts**

All payments made since 7/11/2018

33.50 DM Payroll Services

Payments to be made

£12.00 Room Hire (09/01)  
£470.83 Clerk's Salary (Mar 19)

- **Approval of the budget and precept**

It was resolved to accept the budget prepared by the RFO and Clerk. The precept will stay at the same amount (£6,000) as in previous years. The Shropshire Council's calculation for individual house owners may reflect a minimal reduction in the charge. **Action:** Clerk to post a copy of the budget on the PC website.

- **Approval of the internal auditor**

It was resolved to employ Karen Maloney as the Internal Auditor as in previous years.

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**76/2018 Planning**

The Rea Broiler Sheds, Upton Magna Ref 16/04965/EIA: Update - NO News

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## **77/2018 Roads & Rights of Way**

Road Names: Update: No News

HGV's: Update: We are still experiencing a number of HGV's that are using Withington as a "rat run" to get to businesses in Upton Magna. Not all of the HGV's are visiting CJ Wildbird Foods there are quite a few local firms using the short cut such as Wrights delivering for Rushmoore Sewerage Treatment works. **Action:** Clerk to contact Shropshire Council regarding the Community Concern Report (submitted in February 2018) and ask for it to be taken out of abeyance.

## **78/2018 Village Green Committee Report**

Report from Village Green Chairman Wayne Thomas

The main gate needs to be repaired and the lock needs to be placed upright so it can easily be locked.

With regard to requests to use the Green for parking

A sign will be put on the gate stating that parking is at people's own risk and the Parish Council takes no responsibility. Request to use the field should be made to the Green Chairman. The person making the request will be responsible for opening and locking the gate. They are also responsible for the parking of cars and any damage to the field. The PC accepts no responsibility.

The committee has been asked to respond to comments/requests made by residents on the Parish Plan questionnaire when it is published.

Cllr Heath asked the Clerk & RFO to ensure that we have copies of all the original legal documents and agreements made with Shropshire Council regarding the Village Green. **Action:** Clerk to investigate. RFO to write to SC when we are invoiced.

## **79/2018 Correspondence Received**

West Mercia Police 6/1/19 re change of staff policing our area: Inspector Saf Ali, Sergeant Rebecca Thomas, PC Mark Milton (instead of David Walton), PCSO Lyn Birch, PCSO Robert Taylor. This information will be updated on the Withington website. **Action:** Clerk to write to Inspector Ali giving him the dates of the Parish Council meetings and offer an open invitation

## **80/2018 Reports on Meetings: None to report**

## **81/2018 Forthcoming Meetings**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Shrewsbury & Atcham SALC Area Committee meeting 6.30pm The Guildhall

24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Local Development Plan Meeting Shrewsbury South 7.00pm The Guildhall

## **82/2018 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The meeting ended at 8.20pm