

**Withington Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 6th November 2019
at 7.30pm in the Parish Room**

Minutes

47/2019 Present:

Councillors M Timmis (Chair) Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Alan Williams, Cllr Lezley Picton, Jason Jordan (Sundorne Estate), Denise Roscoe (Clerk), and 10 members of the public

48/2019 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone

49/2019 Apologies: Phil Heath, Wayne Thomas and Helen Thomas

50/2019 Declaration of Interest: None to report

51/2019 Approval of the Minutes of 11th September 2019:

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

52/2019 Public Forum

Concern was expressed about the amount and size of the debris left in gardens after the bonfire night this needs to be referred to the Church who run the event.

A request was made for the Parish Council to purchase large poppies for display on telegraph poles next November it was agreed to look into this early next year. Action: Clerk to put on Agenda

There are a number of vehicles which are travelling too fast through the village it was suggested that flashing speed limit signs be fitted to telegraph poles. Action: Clerk to investigate price, hire etc.

The recent damage to the verges on Sandy Lane has caused sand to be washed onto the roads and down drains causing skidding and flooding hazards. Action: Clerk to report to highways/street cleaning

Report from Cllr Picton

Secondary Schools: Discussions regarding problems with Secondary Schools admissions have been taking place there are plans for schools to increase numbers by adding extra classrooms and a new school in the future. Parents are advised to ensure that they fill out the application forms correctly and list alternative Schools choices not just one.

Highways: There is now a member driven taskforce addressing the problems. Smaller jobs will be taken back in house and the backlog is being addressed. A customer management system is now in use.

53/2019 Action Updates from Previous Meetings

- Removal of field hedges in Barkers Square: Action Clerk to write to Longner Estate to offer help for replanting of the hedges.
- Damage to road verges on the Walcot Lees to Rodington Heath road: No update
- Road Signs etc: Signs have been ordered
- Secondary School Placements: Update from Cllr Picton above
- Free Spring bulbs: There isn't a budget for this type of project at Shropshire Council

54/2019 Roads & Rights of Way

Councillor Davenport has reported his findings and can confirm that new signs have been ordered and he has asked Highways to update us on the action taken for the other problems.

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Chairman

Community Led Concern:

- HGV's
- Agricultural Contractors Vehicles
- Excessive number of field accesses onto the highway

55/2019 Finance Report

Accounts to date for the Parish Council and the Village Green

**WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
As at 6 November 2019**

Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)		Village Green		
Brought Forward from 11/09/2019	£7,952.55	£7,964.55	Brought Forward from 11/09/2019	£6,643.55
Room Hire (03/07) Not paid	£12.00			
Receipts since 11/09/19		£2,860.06	Receipts since 11/09/2019	£777.00
Tractor Run	£2,860.06		Friends of the Green (2019/20)	£167.00
			Tractor Run Donation	£610.00
Payments Approved - 11/09/2019		£470.83	Payments Approved - 11/09/2019	£110.00
Clerk's Salary (Sep 19)	£470.83		D Roscoe (Lawn Mower Insurance)	£110.00
Payments made since 11/09/2019 for approval		£6,330.06	Payments made since 11/09/2019 for approval	£152.70
Shropshire Council Loan Repayment	£3,470.00		R Lucas (Mower Switch)	£52.70
Tractor Run Costs	£420.06		R Lucas (Fireworks Donation)	£100.00
Tractor Run Donations	£2,440.00			
Balance Carried Forward to 06/11/2019		£4,023.72	Balance Carried Forward to 06/11/2019	£7,157.85
Payments for approval - 06/11/2019			Payments for approval - 06/11/2019	
Room Hire (3/7, 11/9, 6/11)	£36.00		None	
Clerk's Salary (Dec 19)	£470.83			
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 11/09/2019

£3,470.00	Shropshire Council Loan Repay.
£420.06	Tractor Run Costs
£2,440.00	Tractor Run Donations
£52.70	R Lucas Mower Switch
£100.00	R Lucas Fireworks Donation

Payments to be made

£12.00	Room Hire (3/7/19)
£12.00	Room Hire (11/9/19)
£12.00	Room Hire (6/11/19)
£470.83	Clerks Salary (Dec 19)

Increase to Payroll costs: Resolved to accept the price increase from £67 to £100 year for providing payroll as there has been no increase since 2017

Clerk Salary – national pay award

There have been 2 pay awards in April 2018 and April 2019 It is proposed to increase the Clerk's rate of pay to the April 2018 rate from October 2019 to March 2020 and the April 2019 rate of pay from April 2020 onwards. It was resolved to accept these increases. And therefore, the amount to be paid in December 2019 would now be £495.04 per quarter and from April 2020 £517.92 per quarter these were approved.

The Tractor Road Run made £2,440 which was shared between Lupus UK, The Church, The Parish Room and The Village Green thanks to Brian and Josie Smith for organising the event.

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56/2019 SmartWater

Letter printed for Cllrs to distribute to all parishioners. If 70% of the village have registered kits the village will receive free signage. If other villages in the area have got SmartWater, criminals will avoid them, thereby leaving our village more vulnerable. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be responsible for paying for the kits.

57/2019 Planning

The Rea Broiler Sheds, Upton Magna Ref 16/04965/EIA: Update nothing to report

Allscott Sugar Beet Factory: Update Withington Parish Council has been listed as a consultee for this development. Submission to Telford & Wrekin Council to include management of construction traffic. Action: Clerk to compile report for approval. Action: Clerk to investigate costs of carrying out traffic survey

58/2019 Village Green Committee Report

Report from Village Green Chairman

There have been 2 meetings. The first was to facilitate arrangements for the vintage tractor rally from which the Village Green received a donation of £610, a letter of thanks has been sent to Brian and Josie. The second was to plan arrangements for the Bonfire night before which the trees in the wet area were pruned and the Jubilee Oak was cleared. The committee approved a donation of £100 towards the fireworks.

59/2019 Correspondence Received

Rural Crime Strategy Consultation the. consultation closes 8th November 2019. Action: Cllr Williams to complete consultation

60/2019 Reports on Meetings: None to report

61/2019 Forthcoming Meetings

Community and Rural Strategy for Shropshire. Shropshire Council is developing a Community and Rural Strategy for Shropshire. They are holding a workshop on Wednesday 13th November 2019
Action: Cllr Stone to attend meeting

62/2019 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 15th January 2020

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Chairman