

Withington Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 16th March 2022
at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

Agenda

68/2021 Present: Councillors Phil Heath (Chair), Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Alan Williams, Councillor Lezley Picton, Denise Roscoe (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

69/2021 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone

70/2021 Apologies: Jon Scutt, Brenda Marshall, Helen Thomas, and Wayne Thomas

71/2021 Declaration of Interest: None

72/2021 Approval of the Minutes of 12th January 2022
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

73/2021 Public Forum

Cllr Williams, following concerns raised by a resident, reported that the willow tree was still causing problems even though the crown was raised last year. **Action Clerk:** to contact Shropshire Council with a view to holding a meeting on site to discuss the problems.

Cllr Williams reported an interest in the "Village Gates" a new way to display the name of a village and the speed limit. **Action Clerk:** to get more information and prices.

Cllr Williams asked about the feasibility of supplying new residents "SmartWater" kits. **Action Clerk:** to find out costs.

74/2021 Report from Cllr Lezley Picton

Cllr Picton's report covered: Budget Matters - £150 rebate, Planning Notifications – changing, Cyber Security – Shropshire Council subject to cyber hackers, Ukraine – Shropshire Council offering help to refugees, Covid – cases in County high. See attached report.

75/2021 Updates from Previous Meetings

Defibrillator training – Cllr Stone held a defibrillator awareness refresher session 12 attended. There will be another session later in the year. For information there are defibrillators sited at: the shop in Upton Magna, the Upton Magna business park and the Tayleur Arms.

Allscott Housing Development - The speed limit past the site is as the signs say now. No public transport has been arranged yet

Dog fouling Poster – Cllr Picton to send examples of signs.

Speeding – Police monitoring – No cases of speeding. **Action Clerk:** to contact Cllr Dean Carroll with a view to Withington being included in a 20mph pilot scheme.

Woodlands Close – Pavement Treatment. – Slurry treatment of Woodlands pavement added to future capital works programme. **Action Clerk:** to find out when.

Ownership of Village Green Hedges – Land registry doesn't list the owners of hedges. Clerk has requested a copy of the deeds from Shropshire Council.

Minutes confirmed as correct _____ 11th May 2022 _____

Chairman

76/2021 Finance Report

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

**WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
16th March 2022**

Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)		Village Green	
Brought Forward from 11/01/22	£2,893.48	Brought Forward from 11/01/22	£9,321.35
Receipts since 11/01/22	£0.00	Receipts since 11/01/22	£165.00
None		Friends of the Green (2021/22)	£165.00
Payments Approved - 12/01/22	£71.99	Payments Approved - 12/01/22	£0.00
D Roscoe Printer	£59.99	None	
Hire of Hall (Jan 22)	£12.00		
Payments made since 12/01/22 for approval	£0.00	Payments made since 12/01/22 for approval	£0.00
Pay Roll		None	
Balance Carried Forward to 16/03/22	£2,821.49	Balance Carried Forward to 16/03/22	£9,486.35
Payments for approval - 16/03/22		Payments for approval - 16/03/22	
Clerks Salary (Mar 22)	£532.48		
Hire of Hall (Mar 22)	£12.00		
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:		Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:	
		Lawn Mower Maintenance	
		Hedge Cutting	

Payments made since 12/01/22

£59.99 D Roscoe Printer
£12.00 Hire of Hall (Jan 22)

Payments for approval 16/03/22

£532.48 Clerks Salary (Mar 22)
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National Joint Council Clerks Pay award 2021 – The Clerks hourly rate is presently £10.24 accepting the pay award would see a rises to £10.42 (an increase of £37.44 per annum). It was agreed that the pay increase will take place from 1 April 2022.

77/2021 Planning

Marford Caernarvon Lane 22/00884/HHE. Erection of single storey extension below 8 Mtrs.
No objection.

78/2021 Adoption of 2020 Code of Conduct

Councillors agreed to adopt the “2020 Code of Conduct” which has also been adopted by Shropshire Council a copy of the document can be found on Withington’s website (www.withingtonparish.co.uk)

79/2021 Queens Jubilee

Cllr Stone is, along with other parishioners, arranging for Jubilee celebrations to take place on the 2nd and 4th of July. Withington Jubilee mugs are on sale at £5.50 per mug.

Cllr Picton confirmed that Shropshire Council is not giving grants for the celebrations. It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £300 to the celebrations.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council’s insurance would cover the events. However, a risk assessment must be completed for both events and should include further conditions as stipulated by the insurance company.

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80/2021 Flooding

Cllr Heath reported that roads may be flooding due to blockages in the drains and ditches.

Action Clerk: to find out from Shropshire Council the date when the gullies and drains were last cleaned. Cllr Picton suggested asking for Colin Blower to come out and indicate who is responsible for cleaning which drains and ditches

81/2021 Village Green Committee Report

Report from Village Green Chairman: nothing to report.

82/2021 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting –

Annual Village Meeting 11th May 2022 at 7.00pm

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Chairman