

Withington Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th March 2021
at 7.30pm via Remote Conference Facility

Minutes

55/2020 Present: Councillors Phil Heath (Chair) Martin Timmis, Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Alan Williams, Cllr Lezley Picton, Denise Roscoe (Clerk), and 4 members of the public

56/2020 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone

57/2020 Apologies: None

58/2020 Declaration of Interest: None.

59/2020 Approval of the Minutes of 18th November 2020

The minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at a future date.

60/2020 Public Forum

Large pot/sink hole on Caernarvon Lane reported by Clerk, no response from Shropshire council (SC). **Action: Clerk** to report again

Clerk asked for an update from SC on the pruning of the willow tree on Sunnyfields to no avail.
Action: Clerk to report again

Flooding on the road to Upton Magna not resolved. **Action: Clerk** to report

Flooding on the road by Hucksters Cottage. A solution maybe to create a drainage ditch from the road into the field owned by the Nicklins (Church Farm). **Action: Cllr Heath** to speak to land owners

Cllr Williams asked that Jon Scutt be commended by the Parish Council for all the good work he has done during lockdown such as the Church, Coffee Mornings, and funding for Jacko's family. **Action Cllr Heath** to write letter of thanks

The renovation of the old canal near Attingham Park (National Trust land) is being carried out by the Shrewsbury and Newport Canal Trust and the National Trust in partnership. Many of the trees have been taken down because they were dead or/and dangerous.

There is a problem with dog waste bags being left on the verges or hanging in hedges around the village. Cllr Heath asked for parishioners to ensure that dog waste bags are deposited in a bin.
Action Clerk: to investigate the cost of installing dog waste bins.

61/2020 Report from Cllr Lezley Picton

Report for March 2021 attached.

Cllr Timmis asked:

- Does the Large Agricultural Vehicle group have any "Performance Measures"? Cllr Picton will email the terms of reference.
- Given that Shropshire Council is supposedly on the verge of bankruptcy, how will it fund its share of the North West Relief Road? Cllr Picton explained some of the funding will come from initiatives.
- Made a comment regarding election paperwork having to be signed by two nominators and delivered by hand to Shirehall, when we are all supposed to be staying at home.

Minutes confirmed as correct _____ 2021 _____

Chairman

Cllr Williams asked if there would be funding for the Parish Paths Partnership? Cllr Picton said there would be funding, and she would send information of when they are starting again.

62/2020 Updates from Previous Meetings

Ron Coulson Memorial: The plate will be an acknowledgement to Ron Coulson not a memorial. The Village Green Chairman is sending a summary of all the options to the Village Green members next week.

Large Agricultural Vehicles: Clerk is attending the Agricultural Reference Group meeting on the 18th March 2021.

Problems with Cats: **Action: Cllr Heath** discussions. Deferred until future meeting.

63/2020 Finance Report

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

**WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
As at 9th March 2021**

<u>Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)</u>		<u>Village Green</u>	
Brought Forward from 06/01/21	£2,826.93	Brought Forward from 06/01/21	£8,151.25
Receipts since 06/01/21	£0.00	Receipts since 06/01/21	£155.00
None	£0.00	Friends of the Green (2020)	£155.00
Payments Approved - 06/01/21	£0.00	Payments Approved - 06/01/21	£0.00
None		None	
Payments made since 06/01/21 for approval	£36.00	Payments made since 06/01/21 for approval	£60.00
CPRE Membership	£36.00	J O Nicklin & Sons (Petrol)	£60.00
Balance Carried Forward to 09/03/21	£2,790.93	Balance Carried Forward to 09/03/21	£8,246.25
Payments for approval - 10/03/21		Payments for approval - 10/03/21	
Clerks Salary (Mar 21)	£517.92	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

Payments made since 06/01/21

£36.00 CPRE Membership
£60.00 J O Nicklin & Sons (diesel)

Payments for approval 10/03/21

£517.92 Clerks Salary (Dec 20)

Following the appraisal of the Clerk (28/02/21) it was agreed that the Clerk receive a pay rise from £9.96/hour to £10.24/hr as in accordance with the National Joint Council pay award for 2020/2021.

64/2020 Planning

Marford, Caernarvon Lane, (21/00241/FUL) – single storey front extension and external finishes – there were no objections.

Rear Farm Chicken Sheds – This application has been withdrawn and will not go ahead.

Rodenhurst Planning Application for 6 Poultry Units (TWC/2020/0920) **Action Clerk** to send email to village.

65/2020 Village Green Committee Report

- Report from Village Green Chairman Wayne Thomas:
- The Ron Coulson Acknowledgement plate will be fitted once the new fence posts have been installed.
- A local company Greenwood Trust, Coalbrookdale supplies new solid wood benches they also offer courses in how to make the benches. They are going to provide information and prices once they are open again.
- The path needs to be weeded and possibly resurfaced with dust. Cllr Stone said that if any of the dust is spread on her land at Sunnyfields she will take legal action against those responsible.
- Wayne Thomas will organise a virtual meeting for the Village Green Committee soon to discuss the maintenance and future events.

66/2020 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting –

Annual Village Meeting Wednesday 12th May 2021 @ 7.00pm

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