

Withington Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 5th July 2023
at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

Minutes

12/2023 Present: Councillors: Phil Heath (Chair), Lesley Stone, Martin Timmis, Alan Williams, Denise Roscoe (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

13/2023 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone

14/2023 Apologies: Cllr Neil Maxwell and Tern Councillor Lezley Picton

15/2023 Declaration of Interest: None

16/2023 Approval of the Minutes for 10th May 2023
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

17/2023 Public Forum
Nothing to report

18/2023 Report from Cllr Lezley Picton
Cllr Picton was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.

19/2023 Updates from Previous Meetings:

- Speeding: Withington proposed to be included in 20mph pilot scheme: C/F to next meeting.
- Flooding of road (just past Church Farm entrance): No feed back yet from Shropshire Council (SC). Cllr Heath asked for the flooding outside Hucksters Cottage to be reported. **Action: Clerk.**
- Potholes on road past Villa Farm: No feed back yet from SC. The Clerk also reported to SC the damage caused to verges by the new bus service, where two buses are passing each other on this road.
- Road sweeping Caernarvon Lane and Walcot Road: The Clerk reported the following roads required sweeping and supplied photographs to SC:
Caernarvon Lane: reply "no further action".
Walcot Road: reply "Road swept".
Sandy Lane: reply "the work required will be completed in our programme of upcoming maintenance". However, they did sweep the section outside "Brookside" from the 30mph signs.
Sandy Bank: reply "the work required will be completed in our programme of upcoming maintenance".
Road past Villa Farm: reply "no further action".
Action: Clerk to email Cllr Picton
- Life expectancy of defibrillator: C/F to next meeting – **Action – Cllr Maxwell**
- NALC – Civility and Respect Pledge: Concerns were raised over the cost of the training required if a Parish Council signed the Pledge. Cllr Williams believes that the PC had already agreed to the principles of the pledge by adopting the "Councillors Code of Conduct" policy.

Minutes confirmed as correct 6th September 2023

Chairman

20/2023 Finance Report

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

WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 5th July 2023

| Parish Council | | Village Green | |
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| Brought Forward from 09/05/23 | £7,207.34 | Brought Forward from 09/05/23 | £2,427.29 |
| Receipts since 09/05/23 | £350.48 | Receipts since 09/05/23 | £406.00 |
| Coronation Excess | £291.71 | Friends of the Green (2023/24) | £391.00 |
| Wayleave | £58.77 | Funeral Car Parking | £15.00 |
| Payments Approved - 10/05/23 | £605.84 | Payments Approved - 10/05/23 | £0.00 |
| Hire of Hall (May 23) | £12.00 | | |
| Clerks Salary (Jun 23) | £475.24 | | |
| HMRC PAYE (Jun 23) | £118.60 | | |
| Payments made since 10/05/23 for approval | £85.66 | Payments made since 10/05/23 for approval | £95.59 |
| Internal Audit | £60.00 | A Lewis - Petrol | £32.19 |
| D Roscoe Colour Ink | £25.66 | A Lewis - Mower Part | £8.09 |
| | | R Lucas - Petrol | £27.31 |
| | | A Lewis - Petrol | £28.00 |
| Balance Carried Forward to 04/07/23 | £6,866.32 | Balance Carried Forward to 04/07/23 | £2,737.70 |
| Defibrillator Funds | £222.40 | | |
| Coronation Proceeds | £291.71 | | |
| Balance Available to the Parish Council | £6,352.21 | | |
| Payments for approval - 05/07/23 | | Payments for approval - 05/07/23 | |
| Hire of Hall (July 23) | £12.00 | None | |
| Repayment Village Green | £3,050.00 | | |
| Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount: | | Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount: | |
| | | Lawn Mower Maintenance, Hedge Cutting | |

Payments approved:

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£12.00 Hire of Hall (July 23)
£3,050.00 Repayment Village Green

21/2023 Planning

Church Farm Solar Farm 22/03486/FUL: Cllr Heath reported that the Solicitors acting on behalf of the PC had sent a response covering the contract sent by E66 regarding the Community Benefit Fund. It was agreed that the PC would hold a meeting on 11 July 2023 to discuss the response. The meeting will be closed to the public due to commercial sensitivity.

22/2023 Parish Plan

The Parish Plan is due for revision this year. Cllr Heath suggested that the revision be delayed until the village receives the Community Benefit Fund. The delay was agreed. However, there were concerns that the delay may put the village at a disadvantage. Action Clerk: To contact Mathew Mead to enquire if there is a disadvantage and clarify whether SC's focus is mainly on the Place Plans which cover the infrastructure needs of the larger Parishes.

23/2023 Village Green Committee Report

The Village Green Chairman reported that the fence has been fixed (thank you to Mark) but in the long term it needs to be replaced. The new hedge and the oak trees are thriving.

A leaflet promoting "The Friends Of the Village Green" (FOE) was sent out with the parish magazine. Both mowers were displayed at the Summer Fete, also to promote FOE. From these promotions FOE gained 3 new regular subscribers and 2 one off donations.

There is Tractor Run organised for 17 September 2023 that will culminate in a display of the tractors and classic cars on the Village Green

The Chairman thanked Ron Lucas, Andrew Pierce and Alan Williams for all their hard work.

24/2023 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 6th September 2023 – 7.30pm

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