

**Withington Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
at 7.30pm in the Parish Room**

**Minutes**

**30/2019 Present:**

Councillors Phil Heath (Chair) Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Alan Williams, Cllr Lezley Picton, Cllr Steve Davenport, Denise Roscoe (Clerk), and 10 members of the public

**31/2019 Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone

**32/2019 Apologies** Martin Timmis, Jon Scutt, Brenda Marshall and Stuart Jones

**33/2019 Declaration of Interest**

**34/2019 Approval of the Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

**35/2019 Introduction to Cllr Steve Davenport Portfolio Holder for Highways/Transport  
Shropshire Council**

Before the meeting Cllr Davenport was shown the problems Withington has with its roads. A report was given to Cllr Davenport to respond to. The report is attached to the minutes. Cllr Davenport has been the portfolio holder for highways and transport for the past 2 years during this time there have been a number of changes to Highways' working practice and their organisation structure. Emphasis has been given to taking work in-house rather than using contractors. Discussions took place regarding the speed limit in the village, the problems with 40 ton articulated lorries using the country roads, HGV drivers using car sat nav's, how to influence information provided by sat nav's, the number of people it takes to put up a new sign and the importance of addressing flooding problems on the roads because of global warming.

**36/2019 Roads & Rights of Way**

Community Led Concern:

HGV's

Agricultural Contractors Vehicles

Excessive number of field accesses onto the highway

The above concerns have been included in the report given to Cllr Davenport

Cllr Davenport left the meeting

**37/2019 Secondary School Placements**

The residents understanding has always been that from Withington area distance wise Belvidere is our nearest secondary school (as the crow flies, Shropshire Council's guidelines), hence why so many children go to Belvidere and use the bus that picks up from the Hare and Hounds as provided by Shropshire Council for them to do so. It appears that now due to the volume of houses that have been built in Shrewsbury area that in the last 2 academic years the only local children that have managed to get a place at Belvidere have been those with siblings already attending that school.

Children in Withington are now being allocated Shrewsbury Academy even if they have not been placed in the 3 schools that they have listed on the application. On appeal they still lose the appeal and are left having to send children to Shrewsbury Academy despite this being a school that is rated as "inadequate". Cllr Picton stated that the school is now under the management of another academy that has a good track record for improving failing schools. Action: Cllr Picton asked the Clerk to send her a copy of the email

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Chairman

Cllr Picton left the meeting

### 38/2019 Action Updates from Previous Meetings

Removal of field hedges in Barkers Square: waiting for planning to respond

Damage to road verges on the Walcot Lees to Rodington Heath road: no update

Road Signs etc: no update

Smart Water: Letter not sent out to villagers as a newsletter received from the Police suggested the smart water packs were free. Following an investigation, it was found that there is a charge. Letters will be sent out before the next PC meeting

### 39/2019 Public Forum

A request was made for more spring bulbs to be planted around the village. Action: Clerk to find out whether Shropshire Council still provides free bulbs.

### 40/2019 Finance Report

Accounts to date for the Parish Council and the Village Green

**WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
As at 11 September 2019**

<u>Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)</u>		<u>Village Green</u>	
Brought Forward from 03/07/2019	£8,009.45	Brought Forward from 03/07/2019	£6,467.55
Receipts since 03/07/19	£23.60	Receipts since 03/07/2019	£176.00
Vat Reimbursement	£23.60	Friends of the Green (2019/20)	£176.00
Payments Approved - 03/07/2019	£80.50	Payments Approved - 03/07/2019	£0.00
Room Hire (03/07)	£12.00	None	£0.00
Data Protection Fee	£35.00		
Payroll Invoice 618	£33.50		
Payments made since 03/07/2019 for approval	£0.00	Payments made since 03/07/2019 for approval	£0.00
None		None	£0.00
<b>Balance Carried Forward to 11/09/2019</b>	<b>£7,952.55</b>	<b>Balance Carried Forward to 11/09/2019</b>	<b>£6,643.55</b>
Payments for approval - 11/09/2019		Payments for approval - 11/09/2019	
Room Hire (11/09)	£12.00	D Roscoe (Lawn Mower Insurance)	£110.00
Clerk's Salary (Sept-19)	£470.83		
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:		Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount:	
Shropshire Council Loan Repayment	£3,470.00	Lawn Mower Maintenance	
		Hedge Cutting	

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

All payments made since 08/05/2019

None

Payments to be made

£12.00 Room Hire (11/09)

£470.83 Clerks Salary (Sept 19)

£110.00 Lawn Mower Insurance

It was noted that the repayment to Shropshire Council for the village green loan has not been made and should have been due in May 2019. Action: Clerk to investigate and make payment.

Approval was given by the Councillors for the Parish Council bank account to be used for the banking and distribution of funds raised by the Tractor Run that takes place in September

### 41/2019 Planning

The Rea Broiler Sheds, Upton Magna Ref 16/04965/EIA: No update

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Allscott Sugar Beet Factory: Telford and Wrekin Planning Officer - confirms that the site only has Outline consent (TWC/2014/0113). There is a current pre-application enquiry PE/2019/0328 to seek advice prior to the submission of the first Reserved Matters application.

**42/2019 Village Green Committee Report**

Report from Village Green Chairman

The meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> August did not take place as there were insufficient members for the meeting to be quorate. However, there was a meeting to discuss the Tractor Run being held in September.

**43/2019 Correspondence Received**

Received confirmation that the Parish Room, Church and Hare & Hounds have been listed as assets of community value with Shropshire Council.

**44/2019 Reports on Meetings:** none to report

**45/2019 Forthcoming Meetings:** no meetings being held

**46/2019 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The meeting finished at 8.35pm

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Chairman