**Withington Parish Council**

**Minutes**

**Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2017**

**at 7.30pm in the Parish Room**

**45/2017 Present:** Councillors Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Martin Timmis (Chairman), Alan Williams, Denise Roscoe (Clerk), Lezley Picton (Shropshire Councillor for Tern Ward) and 8 members of the public.

**46/2017 Welcome:** Cllr Timmis welcomed everyone

**47/2017 Apologies**Cllr Phil Heath, Wayne & Helen Thomas, Carl & Julie Pavey, Derek Hillaby, Shirley Davies

Mathew Mead (SC Community Enablement Officer).

**48/2017 Declaration of Interest**None declared.

**49/2017 Approval of the Minutes of 13th September 2017**Resolved: to accept the minutes as a correct record. The minutes were signed by the Vice-Chairman on this occasion.

**50/2017 Public Forum**Alan Stone asked when the verbal agreement, for the village green dust to be used elsewhere, was made, by who and was it minuted? Cllr Williams: at the Village Green meeting on 25th October 2017 it was noted that the Committee had verbally agreed to let both Dave Buswell and Ron Lucas have a small amount of surplus dust in recognition of their valued contributions to the village green.

Action: Clerk to check previous minutes.

Report from Shropshire Cllr Lezley Picton

* The next LJC meeting for Tern and Severn Valley is scheduled for the 27th of November at Cressage Village Hall. It is hoped that a Planning Officer will attend.
* Shropshire Council is currently carrying out a Cultural Strategy Consultation and is looking for respondents to its questionnaire on its website. Action: Clerk to circulate to village.
* Shropshire Council Leader Cllr Peter Nutting would like to attend Parish Council meetings and introduce himself. Invitations to meetings should be made via Cllr Picton.

**51/2017 Action Updates from Previous Meeting**

* **Footpaths Ref 39/2017:** Website updated to include information on footpaths. Unable to get countryside code signs for paths Cllr Picton suggested the NFU. Action: Clerk to contact NFU.
* **Balfours Ref 39/2017:** The correspondence to Balfours concerning contractors postponed.
* **Ref 39/2017 Police Report:** “In future the company will be using an alternative longer route which should circumnavigate the village. A valid point was raised by the contractors who were complying with height restrictions on the stacks but encountering issues with overhanging trees. It may be prudent early spring to identify those trees in need of pruning and submit a request to Shropshire Council.”
* **Village Green Gate Ref 40/2017:** lock purchased will be fitted when gate repaired. Repair has been reported.
* **Woodlands Close damaged drain cover Ref 89/2016:** this was reported March 2017 for information scheduled for repair by March 2018.
* **The Golfers Pledge Ref 38/2017:** The golfers have paid their dues to the defibrillator fund. Unfortunately, their annual golfing weekend is booked a year in advance and just happened to coincide with Brian’s fund raiser.

**52/2017 Defibrillator**

* Around the Wrekin Tractor Road Run: Brian and Josie Smith raised an outstanding £3,715.30 plus £20 which was given to Nicky (Hare & Hounds) who is fund raising for the British Heart Foundation. The British Heart Foundation awarded Withington a grant/subsidy allowing us to purchase a defibrillator and training equipment at a reduced price. Following the purchase of additional equipment and installation costs the surplus funds were shared between the British Heart Foundation, The Village Green, The Church and The Parish Room. Notes of the informal discussions/meetings are available from the Clerk.
* Adoption of the Defibrillator by the Parish Council: to ensure the ongoing governance of the defibrillator. The Parish Council unanimously resolved to take over the responsibility of the defibrillator which will be listed as a village asset. Funds donated by Brian & Josie Smith will be ring fenced for the expected ten years fixed costs. However, the PC will be responsible for any unexpected costs.
* Defibrillator Training: to establish an ongoing training programme as agreed with the British Heart Foundation. This was deferred to the next Parish Council meeting. However, on the website [www.withingtonparish.co.uk](http://www.withingtonparish.co.uk) there is information on the defibrillator and training videos. Please note you Do Not need to be able to use the defibrillator it will tell you what to do when it is switched on.
* Volunteer Required: to check that the defibrillator is in working order on a weekly basis and ensure that all consumables are replaced. Cllr Maxwell volunteered to monitor the defibrillator. Action: Clerk to provide all relevant information

**53/2017 Finance Report**Cllr Williams (RFO) presented the Finance Report



*Please note: The Parish Council was approached by Brian Smith to act as a banker for his fund raiser in the interests of transparency*.

**Payments approved at the meeting**:

All payments made since 13/09/2017 from both accounts.

£528.00: Heartstart Midlands (Defib Fund)

£500.00: Village Green (Defib Fund)

£500.00: Parish Room (Defib Fund)

£500.00: Withington PCC (Defib Fund)

£96.00: Bright Nights Electrical (Defib Fund)

£100.00: Withington PCC (Fireworks)

Payments to be made:

£12.00: Room hire for 15/11/2017 meeting.

£65.00: Clerks Training

£16.79: M Timmis (Website Hosting Service)

**54/2017 Planning**

16/04965/EIA Rea Farm Poultry Sheds Upton Magna:

* With reference to the S106 agreement HGV Restriction offered by The Rea. Withington is not included.
* A handout was available at the meeting. However, to view the handout and the PC comments in full visit: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning/applications/viewing-planning-applications](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning/applications/viewing-planning-applications) and either type in the reference number above or search for Upton Magna. There are 5 entries on the documents page dated from 3/11 to 22/11/2017. Please contact the Clerk if you want copies in a different format.

Report from Cllr Stone regarding the Upton Magna PC Meeting 14/09/17

Mr Stevenson stated the Sundorne Estate intended to submit revised proposals for the Poultry Units at Rea Farm early 2018. To meet requirements from the planners they have: -

* Revised plans for odour management
* Revised plans for noise from the fans and HGV night journeys.
* Shrewsbury and Newport Canal Trust have agreed to take the surface and storm water run- off into the old canal, which takes it away from the on-site pond. This addresses environmental concerns and the Trust now have no objections to drainage.
* Sundorne Estate/Balfours have employed their own Highways consultant who has agreement from Shropshire Highways that 3 passing bays are sufficient so the fact the NT won’t make land available for a 4th won’t affect the application.
* Tthe scheduled ancient monument has been reviewed and as traffic is currently allowed up to the kerb edge there is no reason for this to affect the planning application.

A further round of consultation will begin shortly – statutory consultees, followed by objectors and the public.

Upton Magna Parish Council remained concerned about: -

* the routing of HGV’s and the fact that restrictions on routes and timings change over time.
* -although initially run by the estate there will be nothing to stop the Estate selling the business on as a going concern (they would then be back to the situation regarding CJ’s)
* -the size of the planned passing bays diagrams apparently don’t show wing mirrors.

17/04609/EIA Forge Farm Poultry Sheds Upton Magna:

* Highways have no objection to this planning application. Passing places are not required and there is no S106 agreement to prevent the HGV’s going through Upton Magna and Uffington (or Withington) as per The Rea. Query re number of sheds, confirmed 2 (1996) 1 (2011) 2 (2017) total of 5 if approved.

Cllr Picton expressed concern over the inconsistency with highways for both applications.

Suggestions were made to form a committee to deal with the planning issues surrounding the Rea and Forge Farm. Cllr Timmis noted that there was a need to act promptly but he was also aware that we must to abide by the rules laid down regarding Parish Council meetings etc. It was agreed that an Action Group, led by Stuart Jones, would be set up to look into the planning applications made to Shropshire Council for poultry sheds in Upton Magna and a report will be submitted to the Parish Council for consideration

**55/2017 Place Plan Review**

Annual update to Shropshire Council on Withington’s Parish Plan due 22nd December 2017. Cllr Stone has volunteered to manage the update. Cllrs are to submit their views to Cllr Stone who will compile a draft, pass to Cllrs for agreement and to the Clerk who will submit the reply to SC in the required format. Action: All Cllrs and Clerk

**56/2017 Roads & Rights of Way**

Road Names: The consultancy results are deferred to next PC meeting (due to a full agenda) if you have still not responded the response date has been extended to 22nd December copies can be obtained from the Clerk.
Effects of HGV/Farm Vehicles on Bridges & Creation of Additional Field Entrances

Update - responses from Shropshire Council

Field Entrances: unhelpful
Bridges: The bridge next to the pumping station (Withington West Bridge) has no weight restriction.

The bridge on the Walcot road leaving the village, next to Burton Cottage is not listed on our structures database but there is no weight restriction on the road.

Withington PC response: Could you please explain why all of the roads in the area of Upton Magna and Uffington are the subject of a blanket 7.5 tonne weight restriction, restriction order and Withington is not?

The PC is aiming to get weight restrictions for Withington and form S106 agreements for HGV’s and Contractors with Agricultural machinery to use other routes unless their business is in Withington.

Cllr Picton reported that Planning Policy and Development Control are considering the HGV controls on weight restriction to Withington.

**57/2017 Village Green Committee Report**Report from Village Green Chairman – Update since 25 October meeting

1. The Green has been maintained with grass cutting, hedges trimmed and trees around wet area managed.

2. The gate will be repaired, and the padlock is bought ready for use.

3. Two very successful events held on the green, the vintage tractor rally and bonfire night fireworks.

4. Benches policy to be discussed at next meeting.

5. Finance, as usual thankfully healthy.

6. Many thanks to all volunteers in helping with all aspects of the green.

**58/2017 Correspondence**
Correspondence received relating to 13th September Minutes Reference: 40/2017

1/10/17 Letter received from Mr C R Pavey

24/10/17 Response from Mr & Mrs A Stone to the above letter

**59/2017 Reports on Meetings**

SALC meeting 18th October: Not attended as “The Code of Conduct Information” was deferred.

Training: Clerk attended “Clerks Year” training.

**60/2017 Forthcoming Meetings**27/11/17 LJC Local Joint Committee – Cllr Stone is attending
23/11/17 Town & Parish Council Forum

**61/2017 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

Will be on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room