

**Withington Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
at 7.30pm in the Parish Room**

**Minutes**

**33/2024 Present:** Councillors: Phil Heath (Chair), Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Martin Timmis, Alan Williams, Denise Roscoe (Clerk) and 10 members of the public

**34/2024 Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone

**35/2024 Apologies:** None

**36/2024 Declaration of Interest:** None

**37/2024 Approval of the Minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

**38/2024 Public Forum**

Concerns were raised regarding the diversion route used when the Berwick to Upton Magna road was closed due to a burst water main. HGVs were being sent down roads very narrow roads with few passing places.

It was also mentioned that the road closed signs were not removed once the work had been completed and were not removed for some time afterwards.

**Action Clerk:** to report to SC in the future.

**39/2024 Report from Cllr Lezley Picton**

Cllr Picton didn't attend the meeting.

**40/2024 Updates from Previous Meetings:**

- Flooding outside Hucksters Cottage: Listed by Shropshire Council (SC) as action scheduled.
- Potholes on the road past Villa Farm: Listed by SC as action scheduled. **Action Clerk:** to chase.
- Faded "Slow" Sign on Rodington Road: Clerk has chased. Cllr Stone reported that there have been 2 accidents on the bend in August. **Action Clerk:** to chase again.
- Hedges: The verge outside Brookside and the Village Green hedge have been cut. Hedges are allowed to be cut after 31 August.
- Drains: Reported Caernarvon: SC Technician & Manager looking at the areas of concern this week. Areas: Caernarvon Lane past old cottage, Dip over hill going to Upton Magna, drains just past pumping station, bend by tree on Walcot Road and Hucksters Cottage. Blocked drain before the old cottage (Caernarvon Lane) reported to SC.
- Full Fibre Broadband: See attached update from Withington's Working Group.
- Dog Fouling Signs: The SC dog warden is going to drop off some stick-on signs when next in area. It was agreed to purchase more substantial signs. **Action Clerk:** To purchase.

## 41/2024 Finance Report

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

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

4 September 2024

Parish Council		Village Green	
Brought Forward from 02/07/24	£3,865.97	Brought Forward from 02/07/24	£4,109.77
Receipts since 02/07/24	£0.00	Receipts since 02/07/24	£629.66
		Friends of the Green	£227.00
		HMRC Giftaid	£402.66
Payments Approved - 03/07/24	£59.00	Payments Approved - 03/07/24	£300.00
Hire of Hall (July)	£12.00	ALS	£300.00
Hire of Hall (30 May)	£12.00		
Information Commissioner	£35.00		
Payments made since 02/07/24 for approval	£169.94	Payments made since 02/07/24 for approval	£127.10
N Maxwell - Defibrillator Floor Plate	£119.94	A Lewis - Weedkiller	£41.40
D Malley - Payroll	£50.00	A Lewis - Petrol	£25.72
		A Lewis - Petrol	£27.92
		A Lewis - Petrol	£32.06
Balance Carried Forward to 03/09/24	£3,637.03	Balance Carried Forward to 03/09/24	£4,312.33
Defibrillator Funds	£102.46		
Coronation Proceeds	£291.71		
Balance Available to the Parish Council	£3,242.86		
Payments for approval - 04/09/24		Payments for approval - 04/09/24	
Hire of Hall (Sept 24)	£12.00	Brookside GMC	£487.63
Clerk Salary (June 24)	£516.84		
HMRC PAYE (June 24)	£129.00		
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:

#### Payments made since 02/07/24

£119.94	N Maxwell (Defibrillator)
£50.00	D Malley (Payroll)
£41.40	A Lewis (Weedkiller)
£25.72	A Lewis (Petrol)
£27.92	A Lewis (Petrol)
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Changes to the PC bank account terms and conditions require a card and pin to pay cash into bank accounts. Councillors resolved that an application be made for a card and pin for the PC and Village Green accounts. **Action Clerk.**

## 42/2024 Planning

**Church Farm Solar Farm 22/03486/FUL:** No update. Councillors resolved to defer the Parish Plan until 2025/2026.

**Telford & Wrekin Council Local Plan 5 Year Review:** No further information regarding the next consultation stage.

## 43/2024 Proposed Changes to National Planning Policy Framework - Consultation

The Government have proposed significant changes to the Framework which will affect rural areas. The changes are open to a consultation which closes on 24<sup>th</sup> September. **Action Councillors:** resolved to respond to the consultation.

**Action Clerk:** seek permission from Cllr Picton to email her letter to parishioners.

## 44/2024 Village Green Committee Report

Report from Village Green Chairman: Wayne Thomas: General maintenance has been carried out and weed killer has been applied to the field and the footpath. The hedge along the road has been cut and the new mower has had it's first service. A new Village Green Constitution has been drafted and is under review by the Village Green Chairman and the Parish Councillors.

## 45/2024 Date of Next Parish Council Meetings: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Minutes confirmed as correct 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Chairman