

WITHERN WITH STAIN & TOTHILL PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
12th July 2016

Present: Cllr Key (Chair); Cllr Hastie; Cllr Bood; Cllr Walker

Mrs J. Cooper (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Harrison (ELDC)
1 Member of the public

The member of the public introduced himself and advised he had come along to try and gain Parish Council support for a proposed development in Withern of 20 houses behind Vyner Row. The Chairman advised that the Council would formally consider the proposal once a planning application had been received.

18 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded Cllr Bood and **resolved** that Cllr Key continue as Chairman for the forthcoming civic year.

19 TO RECEIVE CHAIRMANS DECLARATION

This was received and counter signed by the Clerk as Proper Officer

20 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bood declared a possible prejudicial interest in a matter to be discussed under correspondence.

22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 24TH MAY 2016

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign the notes of the meeting held 24th May 2016 as official minutes.

23 UPDATES

The Clerk to check with the PCC regarding Tothill Churchyard

24 FINANCIAL

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the following be paid:

Clerks salary (June/July) £187.50

R. Aldrich (grass and war memorial painting) £510.50

(War memorial and bench painting - £160.00 part of grant received)

25 STREET LIGHTING UPDATE

Cllr Bood had attended a meeting of a collaboration of Parish Councils against taking over street lights from ELDC, the feeling was that parishes and towns were not being treated equally. It was noted that Withern PC had resolved at the May meeting not to take on the lights at this time. The Chairman noted his disappointment that no members of the public had raised concerns, despite notices and article in the newsletter. It was agreed that Councillors would try to attend the village fete to bring the matter to public attention. Members agreed to walk the village to assess the lighting situation further.

26 CHARITIES

Cllr Key had discussed the rental with one of the tenants, and felt the current contract did not allow for any rent increases, however both tenants realised the rent must increase at some point. The Clerk handed over both rental cheques – Appleby (1.7 acres) - £150.00 and Robinson (2.4 acres) - £280 (being 2 years rent at £140.00 p.a.) Both tenants now paid up to date until April 2017.

27 ASSET REGISTER

It was agreed to add the speed indicator devices and the planters (3 no)

- 28 CORRESPONDENCE
LALC NEWS
Boundary Commission
Clerks and Councils direct
Letter from potential developer re: proposal for 20 houses. This was noted.
Village Hall – including increase in rental charges to £5.50ph from 1st July.
- 29 LOCAL PLAN
Members to view on line and let Clerk have comments. Agreed need to consider wider area and impact on towns closed to village.
- 30 PLANNING
N/212/01226/16 – Ashtree House, Extension and Alterations. Agreed no observations subject to site visit.
It was noted the approval for the Village Hall store building had been received.
- 31 NEWSLETTER
To target production for October. Feedback had been received, happy with content but felt font a little small. To be discussed at September meeting.
- 32 ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA
Cllr Hastie updated members on recent events at the village hall and forthcoming activities including the Fete on 23rd July. Provision date of 15th October for a coffee morning and formal presentation of refurbished hall..
Withern sign still down (Clerk to check)
Post boxes very dirty.
Next meeting – Newsletter
- 33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
This was agreed as being 20th September 2016.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm