

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday 30th September, 2024

Time: 7:30p.m.

Venue: Lower Withington Parish Hall

E.M. Maddock

Dr. E. M. Maddock PSLCC,
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Dated 24th September, 2024

In order to keep councillors and other members of the public safe, please do not attend the meeting if you are feeling unwell for any reason or if you have been in contact with anyone who has Covid, flu or Covid/flu symptoms.

All attendees will be expected to respect social distancing preferences of other attendees.

AGENDA

To Members of Lower Withington Parish Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting, as shown above, to consider and determine the following business:

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
 - (a) To receive Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda.
- 3. Minutes**
 - (a) To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 29th July, 2024 as a correct record and approve signing by the Chairman.
- 4. Public Forum for Questions**
 - (a) To receive questions from members of the public.
 - (b) To receive and consider complaints from residents regarding the Cheshire Half Marathon which took place on 8th September, 2024.
 - (c) To receive and consider complaint regarding motorbike and car racing along A535.
- 5. Cheshire East Ward Member Cllr. L. Smetham**
 - (a) To receive a report on items of interest to the Parish Council.
- 6. Finance**
 - (a) To receive and consider the Financial Statement 2024/25 as at 30th September, 2024. (Appendix A)
 - (b) To note receipts since the last meeting listed at Appendix B.
 - (c) To approve the payments listed at Appendix C.
- 7. Planning Applications**
 - (a) To note recent planning decisions issued by Cheshire East Council. (Appendix D)
 - (b) To consider the following planning applications:

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- i. 24/2836M: Foden Bank Farm, Lapwing Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9AD
Retrospective application for outbuilding extension, canopy, outdoor pool, garden wall and store.
- ii. 24/2965M: Holly Tree Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Lower Withington. SK11 9DT
Erection of a free range egg laying unit.
- iii. 24/3076M: The Cottage, Macclesfield Road, Jodrell Bank. CW4 8BU
Extension in the footprint of the existing cottage at the sides and also at the rear and refurbishment of the existing cottage.
- iv. Any applications received following issue of Agenda may be included for discussion if required.

8. Correspondence

- (a) To consider specific correspondence received by the Parish Council since the date of the last ordinary meeting and determine such actions as Members consider appropriate thereto:
 - i. Cheshire East Council: Consultation relating to the proposed introduction of evening and Sunday car parking charges in Cheshire East. (Closes: 09/10/24)
[Link to information: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/car-parks-and-parking/reviews_and_consultations/reviews_and_consultations.aspx]
 - ii. Cheshire East Council: Consultation on proposed changes to household waste collection services. (Closes: 20/10/24)
[Link to information: <https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/HouseholdWaste2024/>]
 - iii. NatWest Bank plc: Notice of interest rate reduction from 16th October, 2024.
[Business Reserve Account: Existing rate: 1.46% New rate: 1.36%
Liquidity Manager Account: Existing rate: 3.25% New rate: 3.00%]

9. Highway Maintenance and Enhancements

- (a) To consider updates on reported highway matters listed at Appendix E.
- (b) To receive new highway maintenance matters for attention from Members.
- (c) To consider the speed review criteria in respect of the following stretches of highway:
 - i. A535 (Holmes Chapel Road)
 - ii. Salters Lane (Windy Arbour crossroads to parish boundary with Siddington)
 - iii. Trap Street.
- (d) To receive and consider matters relating to the proposal to install village gateways within Parish.
- (e) To receive and consider update relating to the proposed upgrade of the footbridge at Lower Withington FP5.

10. Parish Matters

- (a) To receive a report on matters of interest / concern within the Parish from Gawsworth Ward Policing Team.
- (b) To receive and consider updates relating to the next edition of the community newsletter.
- (c) To consider matters relating to the planting of fruit trees at Dicklow Cob Village Green.
- (d) To consider options to address condition of shrubs in island at entrance to Parish Hall car park.
- (e) To receive and consider updates relating to proposals for Christmas lights 2024.

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- (f) To receive any updates from the Jodrell Bank Observatory World Heritage Site Steering Group.
- (g) To receive and consider updates in respect of the empty properties at Jodrell Bank.
- (h) To review and consider any actions required in respect of trees and tree designations within the Parish.

11. Parish Councillor Vacancy

- (a) To consider co-opting an individual (1) to fill current vacancy.

12. Matters for inclusion on next/future meeting agenda

- (a) Review of standing orders and financial regulations.

13. Date of next meeting: Monday 28th October, 2024 at 7:30p.m.

To consider passing a resolution under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

14. Matters for consideration including those transferred from above items (as required)



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APPENDIX A

Financial Statement – 2024/25 as at 30 th September, 2024					
Actual 2023/24 £	Details	2024/25 Budget £	Actual to Jul. 24 £	Agenda Sep. 24 £	Budget Balance £
	Receipts				
10,892.00	Precept	11,142.00	5,571.00		5,571.00
0.00	Balances	3,000.00	0.00		0.00
228.09	Investment interest		325.93	74.44	0.00
0.00	Sale of assets		0.00		0.00
500.00	Grants, donations & refunds		0.00		0.00
519.96	VAT refund		0.00		114.67
12,140.05	Total receipts	14,142.00	5,896.93	74.44	5,685.67
	Payments				
4,334.22	Salary (Clerk)	4,722.00	1,487.20	743.60	2,491.20
0.00	National Insurance (Employer)	0.00	0.00		0.00
300.00	Allowances (Clerk)	350.00	0.00		350.00
136.41	Administration	300.00	0.00		300.00
0.00	Chairman/Member allowances	0.00	0.00		0.00
185.00	Audit fees (internal & external)	200.00	220.00		-20.00
300.00	Insurance	350.00	300.00		50.00
2,114.96	Grants/Donations (inc. s.137)	2,600.00	0.00		2,600.00
345.00	Website	345.00	230.00		115.00
201.50	Subscriptions/affiliation fees	290.00	174.04		115.96
190.00	Room hire	325.00	0.00		325.00
0.00	Training	210.00	0.00		210.00
0.00	Professional Services	750.00	0.00		750.00
35.98	Assets – purchase	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
9.99	Assets – maintenance	1,600.00	290.00	58.33	1,251.67
771.49	Newsletter	600.00	146.94	146.94	306.12
0.00	Contingency	500.00	500.00		0.00
95.75	VAT		103.00	11.67	
9,020.30	Total payments	14,142.00	3,451.18	960.54	9,844.95

Cash/Bank reconciliation	01/04/24	29/07/24	30/09/24	31/03/25
Balance B/Fwd	34,515.57	34,515.57	36,961.32	36,075.22
Add total receipts	14,142.00	5,896.93	74.44	5,685.67
Less total payments	14,142.00	3,451.18	960.54	9,844.95
Balance C/Fwd	34,515.57	36,961.32	36,075.22	31,915.94
Cumulative balances	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance
	01/04/24	29/07/24	30/09/24	31/03/25
General funds	8,091.91	10,537.66	9,651.56	5,492.28
Earmarked reserves	26,423.66	26,423.66	26,423.66	26,423.66
	34,515.57	36,961.32	36,075.22	31,915.94

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Cash/Bank Reconciliation as at 30th September, 2024

Cash

Balance brought forward 01/04/24	
Current Account	2,500.00
Business Reserve Account	6,492.38
Liquidity Manager Account	25,523.19
	<u>34,515.57</u>

Plus receipts	5,971.37
Less payments	4,411.72
Balance carried forward 30/09/24:	<u><u>36,075.22</u></u>

Bank (NatWest)

Current Account 5,812.37 05/07/24

Add receipts/transfer since above statement	
	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

Less unrepresented cheques		
Approved	-1,096.80	
For approval	<u>-960.54</u>	
	<u>-2,057.34</u>	
		3,755.03 30/09/24

Business Reserve Account 6,516.14 05/07/24

Add receipts/transfer since above statement	
	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

Less unrepresented cheques		
	<u>0.00</u>	
	<u>0.00</u>	
		6,516.14 30/09/24

Liquidity Manager Account 25,804.05 05/08/24

Add receipts/transfer since above statement	
	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

Less unrepresented cheques		
	<u>0.00</u>	
	<u>0.00</u>	
		25,804.05 30/09/24

Total bank balances 30/09/24 36,075.22

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APPENDIX B

Receipts

NatWest Bank plc	£74.44	Gross interest – July 2024 (LM)
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APPENDIX C

Payments for approval

Cheque No 000595	E. M. Maddock	£595.00	Salary: August – September 2024
Cheque No 000596	HM Revenue & Customs	£148.60	PAYE payment
Cheque No 000597	P. Chrisp	£146.94	Newsletter printing
Cheque No 000598	BHF Shops Ltd.	£70.00	Defibrillator pads

APPENDIX D

(a) Recent planning decisions

23/2794M	Mallerstang, Congleton Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9LD Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage, re-routing of driveway and associated hard and soft landscaping. DECISION STATUS – Approved with conditions (01/08/24)
24/1276M	Bank View Farm, Hodgehill Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9LU Demolition of existing building and construction of new dwelling using existing footprint. DECISION STATUS – Approved with conditions (21/08/24)
24/2396D	1 Thorntree Cottages, Salters Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9FY Discharge of condition 4 on approved application 24/0252M – New disabled parking bay, turning facility and dropped kerb. DECISION STATUS – Approved (24/07/24)
24/2508M	Walnut Cottage, Chapel Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9DE Side and rear single storey extension. DECISION STATUS – Approved with conditions (23/09/24)
24/2623M	Foden Bank Barn, Lapwing Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9AD Certificate of existing lawful use for internal reconfiguration of existing outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling house (C3 Use Class). DECISION STATUS – Negative certificate (09/09/24)
24/2628H	Land North of Ivy Farm, Salters Lane, Lower Withington. Hedgerow removal to make the fields more economical and efficient to farm. DECISION STATUS – Not decided (08/09/24)

(b) Outstanding planning applications

24/1216M	Oaklyn, Lapwing Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9AD Side/rear and first-floor extensions which have already been approved or deemed lawful with a pitched roof to the single storey extension and closing of two gaps between approved extensions. DECISION STATUS – Undecided
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- 24/1905M Oaklyn, Lapwing Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9AD
Demolition and relocation of annexe outbuilding.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided
- 24/2383M Piggotts Hall, Congleton Lane, Lower Withington.
Amalgamation of two dwellings to return property to a single dwelling house.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided

APPENDIX E

Updates on reported highway matters

- a. Dislodged coping stone and fallen tree on bridge at Catchpenny Lane.
Update: “Unfortunately funds have been really tight this year [2023/24], however this will be prioritised in the new year, for replacement.”
- b. Holes in road at junction of Whisterfield Lane and Chapel Lane.
Update: “Unfortunately no available resource at the moment, we will only repair actionable defects collected by our routine safety inspectors.”
- c. Broken sign along A535 (near to The Old Cheshire Hunt).
Update: A job has been raised for the sign to be repaired. (No timescale provided)
- d. Proposal for double white lines on A535 near to junction with Catchpenny Lane.
Update: Linked to review of A535.
- e. Broken post on Parish boundary sign at Salters Lane.
Update: Order placed for replacement post and remounting of sign.
- f. Blocked drains/gullies at Trap Street.
Update: “This is still in the system to be checked by our Drainage Team, we are currently working to get through a large back log of drainage and flooding enquiries due to recent weather events. You should receive the system notification when it has been actioned.”
- g. Water running on A535 near to junction with Catchpenny Lane
Update: From the report it doesn't appear that there is any immediate hazard or threat to property. However, if further information and photographs can be provided Cheshire East Council will consider what action is appropriate. Status: No further action.