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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

**2016/17-115 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence**

2016/17-115.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Leigh

Present: Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles, Mr Gregory, Mrs Janiak-Emery, Ms Leaton, Mr MacInnes, Mrs Tavener, Mr Tew, Mr Waller.

Members of the public: Mr Twigden, Mr Gore and Mr Layman

**2016/17-116 To receive Declarations of Interest**

a) All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall

b) Mr MacInnes and Ms Leaton as members of the Village Hall Committee

**2016/17-117 Public Participation**

To allow 10 minutes for any members of the public and Councillors declaring a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting.

Mr Gore was invited to speak first and he wished to discuss the situation with streetlight PC16 on Mill House, Mill Road. He made the point that in his opinion the street light on Mill House makes a big difference to safety and security on Mill Road and he was concerned that a new owner could decide that it should be removed. Mr Layman the new owner of Mill House had reported light pollution from the lamp and had asked the Parish Council to remove it. It was mounted on the house with the consent of the previous owners, probably over 40 years ago. He now wished to withdraw this consent. Mr Carter expressed the view that the light is not near a hazard or on a junction and is therefore not a priority light. However the Clerk had contacted Balfour Beatty and requested a summary of options and costs to find a solution that would be acceptable to all parties. There was some discussion and it was generally felt that a light is needed in that area as Mill Road is the busiest part of the village. The Parish Council would have to bear any costs, likely to be in the region of £1500 to £2000. No decision could be made at this stage as it had not been possible to get any information from Balfour Beatty. Further discussion would take place once options and costs were known.

**2016/17-118 Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

2016/17-118.1 Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were approved as a true record and signed.

**2016/17-119 Matters for information only**

2016/17-119.1 Various Hunts Forum

2016/17-119.2 Various CAPALC and NALC updates. Transparency fund form to be completed.

2016/17-119.3 Changes to bus services including number 30. Mr Tew has started a petition available on the facebook page of Bury Village Group.

2016.17-119.4 Note about SLCC fees- Look into joining and membership benefits.

2016/17-119.5 Flood and Water Management update

2016/17-119.6 CouncilTax base for Wistow is 220 and band D charge £52.50. HDC Council tax charge increase of 2% being considered at Full Council. This will put £2 onto a band D property.  
2016/17-119.7 Change in waste collection days. Notification due week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> February. Cost of Green waste collection has increased. Bank Holiday collections are going to be scheduled.  
2016/17-119.8 A14 upgrade newsletter

Mr Layman left the meeting at 7.55 pm

### **2016/17-120 Policing Matters**

2016/17-120.1 Speedwatch Update. Speedwatch sessions had not been carried out in the bitter cold. They would start again as soon as the weather allows. Woodwalton would like to buy into a share of the Speedwatch kit, Bury and Upwood and Raveleys had agreed. It was agreed that there was capacity available and Wistow are in agreement. £200 would be paid to each of the parishes for the share.

2016/17-120.2 ECops updates (various)

2016/17-120.3 Update on Crime Figures and any other matters, Warboys had reported burglaries.

### **2016/17-121 To receive reports from County and District – Mr M Tew, Mr P Bucknell and Mrs J Tavener**

2016/17-121.1 Mr Tew confirmed that the gritting schedule had been reinstated as per 2016 and the decision to turn off street lights had been revoked. The Toll and the Hill had been patched. County have requested an increase in Council Tax of 2 to 5% which could mean £50 on a band D property but this is the result of no increase in previous years and rising costs. The change in the number 30 bus route is being tackled. Mr Carter asked for any assistance that can be given to get Balfour Beatty to respond to our requests. Mrs Janiak-Emery reported a very positive response to her pot hole reporting.

2016/17-121.2 Mr Bucknell reported that Devolution was moving on and that elections for a Mayor will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The District Council had prosecuted the owner of a listed building in Spaldwick who had made alterations without consent.

2016/17-121.3 Mrs Tavener had nothing to add.

### **2016/17-122 Finance**

a) to approve the Financial Statement and Cashflow for January. The Clerk explained that she had balanced and found an omission in May. This had been corrected.

b) to approve payment of following amounts

Paid in December	
P Coles, salary and expenses	£309.00
Due in January	
P Coles Salary and Expenses	£242.61
Village Hall Hire	£90.00

**2016/17-122** Income for December/January  
Interest from bank £1.97, recycling £76.50

Payments were approved and cheques signed.

**2016/17-123 Correspondence**

2016/17-123.1 Correspondence from Mr Gore regarding streetlight on Mill House, Mill Road

2016/17-123.2 Correspondence from Mr Layman of Mill House requesting that the streetlight on his property is relocated.

These items have already been covered during Public Participation

**2016/17-124 To consider any Planning Applications received and planning related issues**

2016/17-124.1 17/00096/FUL Demolition of the Bungalow, Manor Street and construction of a four bedroom detached house.

A letter from a resident was read to the meeting. The Clerk requested that The Chair oversee the response to this planning application and approve any wording submitted to HDC as the development is opposite her own property. The Parish Council found that the design of the building was not consistent with the Design and Access statement and fails material considerations criteria as it overlooks a listed building adjacent and opposite and has a detrimental effect on their surroundings. They would recommend refusal on that basis.

2016/17-124.2 Alterations to listed building, proper procedures are now being followed.

2016/17-124.3 Mr Carter has commented on our behalf on the windpower consultation and a copy of his comments was available.

Mr Gore left the meeting at 8.25 pm

**2016/17-125 Highways Report/Traffic Matters**

2016/17-125.1 Progress with MVAS purchase, Ms Leaton and Mr Leigh. Mr Leigh had met with our Highways officer and was waiting for a quote for the installation of the poles. Highways had recommended two sites. Mr Carter proposed and Mr Gregory seconded authorization of a budget of £4000. This was agreed so that Mr Leigh can proceed prior to the next meeting once the costs are confirmed.

2016/17-125.2 Any outstanding highways issues, none

2016/17-125.3 Gritting routes have now been restored to last year's schedule to include gritting of the hill.

2016/17-125.4 Petition started by Mr Tew on number 30 bus route. No bus before 10.30 on the 30 route. Available on the Bury Group Facebook page.

**2016/17-126 Maintenance Issues**

2016/17-126.1 Playground – update on works and grant application, Mr MacInnes reported that four companies have been asked to quote for the work on the playground. The first is due on Tuesday. A full presentation will be given to the meeting in February. Grant funding will be applied for wherever possible. Some of the repair work required will be carried out by contractors where it is impractical to ask volunteers.

2016/17-126.2 Playground rota/risk assessment forms, December Mr Carter, January Mrs Janiak Emery, February Mr Waller, March Mr MacInnes. Mrs Janiak Emery brought her forms and pointed out her concerns. These are already being addressed as above.

2016/17-126.3 CGM grass cutting contract to be approved and signed. There was one amendment to the contract, which would then be signed and returned.

**2016/17-127 Administration Matters**

2016/17-127.1 Training on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February confirmed with 23 participants.

2016/17-127.2 Streetlighting, already covered.

2016/17-127.3 Allocation of responsibilities for our two new councilors Mr Waller would take on the grass cutting and Mrs Janiak Emery would be involved in the website.

2016/17-127.4 Feedback from CAPALC AGM attended by Mr Carter, Mr Carter reported that there is pressure to become a Quality Council but it is something for the future as we need all Councillors to be trained and a CILCA clerk.

2016/17-127.5 Ms Leaton would take the minutes in February and March.

**2016/17-128 Working Parties Feedback and Updates**

a- Litter Mr MacInnes Nothing to report

b- Countryside Mr Gregory had reported an issue with a bridge on the footpath to Broughton.

c- Village Hall Mr MacInnes/Ms Leaton Mr MacInnes reported that there would be no fun weekend this year. A meeting would be arranged shortly to discuss the future plans for the hall and how to consult the village.

**2016/17-129 Items for the Wistow Warbler and Wistow Web site.**

To inform Mrs Williams and Dr Farrar of relevant articles The Clerk had sent over information on the A14 works and would pass on details of the waste collection changes.

2016/17-129.1 Review of website –Dr Farrar is ready to go live, administrators would be the Clerk, Mr Carter and Mrs Janiak Emery.

**2016/17-130 Monthly audit**

Mr Carter is our auditor for January, a Mr MacInnes volunteered for February.

**2016/17-131 Matters for future consideration**

2016/17-131.1 Vicar now aware of situation with PC funding Church matters (remove)

2016/17-131.2 Community Plan

2016/17-131.3 Public access defibrillator to be reviewed in April

**2016/17-132 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

**FINANCE REPORT**

Paid in December

P Coles, salary and expenses £309.00

To be paid in January

P Coles Salary and Expenses £242.61

Village Hall Hire £90.00

Income for December/January - Interest from bank £1.97, recycling £76.50, contribution to grass cutting from the PCC and cemetery water £515.69

Balance as at 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Current account £10,134.76 Deposit account £15,798.11