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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Wednesday, 18th December 2013 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair

2013/14-157 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2013/14-157 Apologies had been received from Mr Pethard

PRESENT: Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Hodson, Mr Leigh, Mr MacInnes, Mr Tew and Ms Robinson.

2013/14-158 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2013/14-158.1 Mr Bucknell declared an interest with regard to any items concerning Planning as a member of the Huntingdon District Council and the Liaison Committee for Warboys Landfill Site, he also wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee, and also Trustee of the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust.

2013/14-158.2 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2013/14-159 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2013/14-159.1 There were no members of the public present

2013/14-160 PRESENTATION BY GARRY HOUSLEY OF SWARCO

Mr Housley had been asked to come to the meeting to speak on mobile vehicle activated signs which the Parish Council are considering as a way of combating speeding in the village. The idea is that one sign can be moved to a number of locations, minimising cost and maximising effect. At the end of his presentation Mr Housley was asked to provide a full breakdown of costs and options.

2013/14-161 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2013

2013/14-161.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2013/14-162 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda were covered with no further comments.

2013/14-163 POLICING MATTERS

2013/14-163.1 Speedwatch – Mr MacInnes reported that Speedwatch was working well and that we have the option of producing our own letters to those caught speeding through the village but it was agreed that it was best done by police admin.

2013/14-163-2 Mr Bucknell reported that a dirty, grey, fairly new car was in the area and the driver was exposing himself, any suspicious vehicles should be reported.

2013/14-163.3 Mr Bucknell also reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had received criticism over the cost of his office.

2013/14-164 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2013/14-164.1 Mr Tew reported the inspection team had recommended that the B1040 be resurfaced with a non slip surface as soon as possible. There is a temporary 40 mph speed limit and they are also looking at the issue of mud on the road. Mr Bucknell offered a vote of thanks to Mr Tew for moving this matter forward.

2013/14-164.2 Mr Bucknell reported that District were losing a number of staff as cutbacks are announced. Mr Carter asked what the impact would be and whether problems could be foreseen with planning issues where there are deadline. Mr Bucknell responded that there were financial penalties to the council if decisions were not reached within deadlines and that a loss of rigour in decision making could occur.

2013/14-165 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement and cashflow prediction for 2013/14

2013/14-165.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting and was unanimously agreed.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts :

Fergusons, grass cutting final bill	£1836.00
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D Tonks, Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses	£ 633.38
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2013/14-166 CORRESPONDENCE

2013/14-166. 1, 2 and 3 No further action, 4. had been circulated to Mr Wadsworth.

2013/14-166 5 Correspondence had been received regarding the payment of electricity for street lights to inform us that the billing period would be changed.

2013/14-167 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2013/14-167.1 1301736FUL Two storey extension to 20 Oaklands Avenue, approval recommended

2013/14-167.2 1301754FUL Renovation and extension at Dorringtons Farm House, Cross Drove, approval recommended

2013/14-167.3 Mr Bucknell reported that the outline planning permission for RAF Upwood had now been approved and that it would start with Upwood Hill House.

2013/14-168 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2013/14-168.1 B1040, already reported

2013/14-168.2 It was agreed that we should look at purchasing 1 MVAS sign, with 2 batteries and 1 pole, with 3 ground screw fittings, locations to be finally agreed in consultation with Highways. The budget allocated for this and to include a laptop computer for the Clerk's use and in order to collect data from the signs was £4500. Permission would be sought from Highways.

2013/14-168.3 The question of large lorries coming through the village was once again raised. The weight limit on the bridge is 7.5 tons except for access.

2013/14-169 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2013/14-169.1. Keep onto Leisure Logs.

2013/14-169.2 Jamie Telling is due to start on the bus shelter on 8th January, and hopefully complete by the end of the month at a cost of £2800 plus VAT. The next Red Tile Wind Farm Trust meeting is at the end of January and our application should be completed by then.

2013/14-169.3 The Clerk had contacted Cambridge water and there were no pipes recorded under the playground that could be the cause of the bogginess.

Mr Bucknell was on playground rota for December and Mr Leigh for January. It was agreed, due to the state of the goal nets, to purchase a new set.

2013/14-169.4 It was agreed that new leases for access onto the playground should be issued and the Clerk reported that the occupants of 25 Kingston Way had not signed last year's lease. It was agreed that if there was no response this year they would be asked to close up the access.

2013/14-169.5 Mr Leigh and Mr Hodson had volunteered to get the Christmas lights up at the Church, they would also look at the flood light that was not working.

2013/14-170 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

- a) Litter – Mr MacInnes, nothing to report
 - b) Countryside – Mr Carter, nothing to report
 - c) Village Hall – Mr MacInnes Some grant opportunities are now closing.
 - d) Parish Plan Review – Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Dr Farrar and Ms Robinson
- A meeting needs to be arranged for the new year.

2013/14-171 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2013/14-171.1 The next issue would be in the new year.

2013/14-172 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2013/14-172.1 Mr Bucknell is our auditor this month, Ms Robinson for January.

2013/14-173 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2013/14-173.1 Planting on allotment hedge

2013/14-173.2 Cooperation with neighbouring parishes

2013/14-174 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2013/14-174.1 Tuesday, 28th January 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Finance report:

Outgoings

Fergusons, grass cutting final bill £1836.00

D Tonks, Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses £ 633.38

Income for December £0.63 - interest

Balances of Account as at 27th December 2013

Current Account £9127.71 Deposit account £5020.23

Cambridge Building Society £10,514.29