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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 24th February 2015 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

2014/15-185 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2014/15-185.1 Mr Bucknell and Mr Hodson

PRESENT: Mr Carter, Mrs Coles, Mrs Curtis, Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Mr Tew, and Mrs Willis. Mr Williamson, Mr Wadsworth, Mrs Bance and Mr Gregory were present as members of the public.

2014/15-186 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2014/15-186.1 All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall

2014/15-186.2 Mr MacInnes as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2014/15-186.3 Mr Carter as a member of the Village Hall building group

2014/15-187 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2014/15-187.1 Mr Wadsworth wished to speak on the proposed canvas of the village regarding the future of the village hall. He noticed that there was no reference to the involvement of the Village Hall Committee in such a document and he believed that any approach to the village would be premature without information on the development of Mill Farm. Mr Carter explained that that was a separate issue and the canvas was just to simply establish preferences without solutions. The Parish Council has to be very careful in respect of any proposed development, especially as no details are known. He further stated that it would be naive to ignore the information that has been circulated in the village but that it was the PC's aim to lay out options in a balanced and unbiased way. He assured Mr Wadsworth that he would be included in the next meeting, further discussion would take place later in the meeting.

2014/15-188 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 27TH JANUARY 2015

2014/15-188.1 The Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting having been circulated prior to the meeting were confirmed as a true record.

2014/15-189 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Items 1 to 5 listed on the agenda were noted with no further comments:

2014/15-189.6 Councillors were encouraged to look at the Local Plan presentation.

Mr Carter would make comments within the consultation period.

2014/15-190 POLICING MATTERS

2014/15-190.1 Mr MacInnes would be attending a Speedwatch meeting on 5th March.

2014/15-190.2 E Cops updates on crime figures.

2014/15-190.3 No one had attended the Forum meeting.

2014/15-191 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2014/15-191.1 Mr Tew reported that the County budget had been approved and an increase of 1.99% on Council Tax agreed. Bury Road is open on traffic lights. There had been more accidents on the B1040, it is still being monitored but it appears that they are due to excessive speeds. From April 2016 it may be possible to request a review of the speed limit.

2014/15-191.2 Mrs Curtis reported that the Local Development Plan is the key issue. She explained that when there is a perverse planning decision, a member of the Parish Council should attend the Development Control meeting. Finally she reported that the District budget was looking positive to hold Council Tax for the next five years without sacrificing services.

2014/15-192 FINANCE

2014/15-192.a. The financial statement for February 2015 was approved.

2014/15-192.b to approve payment of outstanding amounts: Nothing outstanding

2014/15-192.c Monies received: interest on Cambridge BS Account £140.64. Dr Farrar agreed to act as a signatory on the Cambridge Building Society account to replace Mr Bucknell.

2014/15-193 CORRESPONDENCE

2014/15-193.1 It was agreed that no donation would be made to HACT.

2014/15-194 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2014/15-194.1 none received

2014/15-195 HIGHWAY REPORT/TRAFFIC MATTERS

2014/15-195.1 Information required from National Grid remains ongoing.

2014/15-195.2 Mr Leigh had chased white lining and agreed to meet with Highways regarding this and potholes reported at the bottom of Harris Lane.

2014/15-195.3 Nothing further

2014/15-196 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2014/15-196.1 A schedule and contract had been received from CGM and Mr Carter would read through prior to signing.

2014/15-196.2 Mr Elmore had agreed to paint the see saw and thought he had paint.

2014/15-196.3 Mr MacInnes to forward November playground inspection report and Mr Hodson to complete report for February.

2014/15-196.4 No quote received from Ray Burton, Clerk to chase.

2014/15-196.5 Nothing further on the BT cabinet as faster broadband had been put back to end of April.

2014/15-196.6 An offer had been received for PC1, Dr Farrar would check websites to check what a fair price would be.

2014/15-197 ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

2014/15-197.1 Clerk's Vacancy and Parish Councillor vacancy had been put into the Warbler which was ready for distribution.

2014/15-198 WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATES

2014/15-198.a Litter – Ongoing, Mrs Curtis would look into borrowing litter pickers and heavy duty gloves for our litter picking day. More traffic has been through the village during the road closure and there is a lot of litter on the hill.

2014/15-198.b Countryside – Mr Hodson was absent

2014/15-198.c Village Hall – The subcommittee has met and produced a draft consultation leaflet. The letter that has been delivered by the 'Village Matters' team will encourage debate and we must maintain our resolve to consult in a balanced and unbiased way. It was agreed that it was still necessary to establish fundamentals rather than offer solutions that are not, as yet, known. We should first look at what is wanted by residents and then offer the solutions to achieve it. It was discussed whether the 'alternative' leaflet should be acknowledged but as it is nothing to do with the PC or Village Hall committee it was agreed to proceed down our planned route with input from the Village Hall Committee.

2014/15-199 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2014/15-199.1 The Warbler was ready for distribution, the Clerk had split it up into roads and asked everybody to take a couple of roads to deliver.

2014/15-200 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2014/15-200.1 Mr Leigh is our auditor for February, Mr MacInnes volunteered for next month.

2014/15-201 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2014/15-201.1 Extension to graveyard Mr Carter would prepare a letter

2014/15-201.2 Village Handyman – The Clerk would approach Upwood & Raveley, Bury and Broughton.

2014/15-201.3 Time banking and identification of vulnerable members of community to offer support

2014/15-201.4 End of WWII celebrations, liaise with VHC

2014/15-201.5 Litter picking day, get youth on board and end with a drink

2014/15-202 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2014/15-202.1 Tuesday, 31st March 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Finance report:

Outgoings for February - none

Income for February – interest on Cambridge Building Society £140.64

Balances of Account as at 28th February 2015

Current Account £7313.24 Deposit account £5022.79

Cambridge Building Society £10,654.93