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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

2014/15-39 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2014/15-39.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Leigh, Mr Bucknell would be late.

PRESENT: Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Hodson, Mr MacInnes and Mr Tew. Ms Robinson and Mr Blackhurst as a member of the public.

2014/15-40 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2014/15-40.1 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2014/15-40.2 Mr Carter wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Building Committee

2014/15-40.3 Mr Bucknell declared interests as follows: any items concerning Planning as a member of the Huntingdon District Council, member of the Liaison Committee for Warboys Landfill Site, the Village Hall Committee, and also Trustee of the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust.

2014/15-40.4 All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall

2014/15-40.5 The Clerk would confirmed that it was necessary to update the Councillors' declarations of interest as trustees of the village hall and requested that new forms be forwarded to her as soon as possible.

2014/15-40.6 An amendment to the Code of Conduct, paragraph 5.2.4 with regard to dispensations was agreed and adopted (copy attached to minutes).

2014/15-41 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2014/15-41.1 Mr Blackhurst had agreed to attend the meeting to assist and advise on footpaths in the Parish. His view on the situation is that it should be give and take, farmers should do what they can to reinstate footpaths when ploughed and keep them cut, but the public have to respect that it can be costly not possible to reinstate immediately. He is happy liaise with other farmers in the area to try and improve accessibility and have a good working relationship. The current state of footpaths was discussed and it was agreed that they were generally in good shape with the exception of the path to Broughton which had been diverted round the field and needed to be reinstated. Mr Blackhurst agreed to have a word with Mr Stokes. Mr Carter thanked Mr Blackhurst for coming and providing information and advice.

2014/15-42 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014

2014/15-42.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved having amended the cost of CAPALC membership to £174.27.

2014/15-43 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Items 1 to 6 listed on the agenda were noted with no further comments

2014/15-44 POLICING MATTERS

2014/15-44.1 Speedwatch sessions had been too difficult while the streetlight work was in progress. They would resume once completed.

2014/15-44.2 There is a new police website and facebook page for St Ives and Ramsey policing where updates can be found.

2014/15-44.3 The main priority from the Forum was speeding through villages. Bury do not have a Speedwatch team as yet.

2014/15-44.4 The Clerk had booked the village hall for 10 am on 12<sup>th</sup> July and PCSO Jill Tiernan, Mr Bucknell and Mr Tew will attend the surgery.

2014/15-45 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2014/15-45.1 Mr Tew reported that County had won £2m for pot hole repairs, making a total available of £3.95m. There is a patching order for Wistow Toll and problem areas have been marked in the village. The road from Abbots Ripton to Upwood is being sealed. The old hospital site at Upwood has been sold with 60 further houses being planned

2014/15-45.2 Mr Bucknell reported that a list of Senior Officers at HDC had been released. Wind Farm Policy had now been approved for Huntingdonshire but the specification for large, medium and small had to be defined. He asked that a thank you letter be sent to the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust.

2014/15-46 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement and cashflow prediction for 2014/15

2014/15-46.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting and was unanimously agreed.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts :

Ray Burton – playground hedge	£200.00
CCC, streetlight power	£231.89
D Tonks, quarterly salary and expenses	£700.48
Mr MacInnes, expenses	£ 98.97

Thanks are recorded to Mr MacInnes for his hard work preserving the playground equipment and benches in the village.

c) Change of signatory documents had been signed.

2014/15-47 CORRESPONDENCE

2014/15-47.1 No donation would be made to EACH.

2014/15-47.2 There were no volunteers to attend the timebanking presentation. Mr Tew explained that this would generally concern the care of the elderly and that people with the right skills were being encouraged to give their time, to accumulate credits which could be used, for example, at local amenities. It was suggested that this could be looked at under the Parish Plan.

2014/15-47.3 No further action regarding Local Works.

2014/15-48 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2014/15-48.1 None received

2014/15-49 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2014/15-49.1 With regard to the MVAS, National Grid survey outstanding, the Clerk had been chased by SWARCO and had asked them to look a their quote.

2014/15-49.2 Mr Tew had chopped back some foliage to uncover the priority sign at the bridge.

2014/15-49.3 No application would be made this year to the Local Highway Improvement Initiative.

2014/15-50 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2014/15-50.1 Mr MacInnes had applied weed killer around the aerial runway. Fergusons had applied some weed killer to reduce the amount of strimming necessary but it was very hit and miss. The Clerk would investigate.

2014/15-50.3 Playground inspection rota – Mr Leigh July.

2014/15-51 CHURCH YARD TIDYING

2014/15-51.1 It was agreed that the Church yard would benefit from clearing ivy and overgrowth from the headstones. The Clerk would liaise with the PCC and WIB.

2014/15-52 STREETLIGHTS

2014/15-52.1 The new streetlight inventory has been added to the manual.

2014/15-52.2 It was agreed that it would make sense to remove PC1. The Clerk and Dr Farrar would progress.

2014/15.52.3 Balfour Beatty were three weeks into their six week project with the new streetlights, no feedback had been received.

2014/15-53 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

a) Litter – Mr MacInnes, nothing to report.

b) Countryside – Mr Hodson, was pleased with Mr Blackhurst's visit and would liaise with him in the future.

c) Village Hall, Mr MacInnes, a spreadsheet of the costs of new village hall versus refurbishment of the old would be circulated for everyone to see. Mr Bucknell suggested that we have a formal, minuted decision at the next meeting regarding the sale of the existing hall and the proceeds thereof, should this be the chosen route. It was also apparent that there was some difficulty obtaining grant aid.

d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar, Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter – ongoing

2014/15-54 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2014/15-54.1 The next Warbler had been printed but not distributed, it was agreed to pay Parrott Print's bill for £45.

2014/15-55 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2014/15-55.1 Mr Carter is our auditor for this month, Mr Bucknell for next.

2014/15-56 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2014/15-56.1 Planting on allotment hedge

2014/15-56.2 Graveyard extension

2014/15-57 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2014/15-38.1 Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Finance report:

**Outgoings**

Ray Burton – playground hedge	£200.00
CCC, streetlight power	£231.89
D Tonks, quarterly salary and expenses	£700.48
Mr MacInness, expenses	£ 98.97
Parrot Print, Warbler	£ 45.00

**Income for June** 63p interest

**Balances of Account as at 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Current Account	£8362.19	Deposit account	£5021.49
Cambridge Building Society	£10,514.29		