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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 25th February 2014 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair

2013/14-193 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2013/14-193 Apologies had been received from Mr Leigh and Mr Pethard

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

2013/14-194 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2013/14-194.1 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.

2013/14-194.2 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2013/14-195 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2013/14-195.1 There were no members of the public present

2013/14-196 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 28TH JANUARY 2014

2013/14-196.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2013/14-197 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Items 1 – 3 were noted with no further comments.

2013/14-197.4 The Stakeholder Engagements updates – severe weather updates had been welcomed and reassuring.

2013/14-198 POLICING MATTERS

2013/14-198.1 Mr Carter welcomed PCSO Jill Tiernan to the meeting and she reported that the only incident for Wistow was vandalism at the allotments. PCSO Tiernan is the only PCSO in our area. She explained that Neighbourhood Alert is used to keep up to date and to report events. Any non emergency issues should be reported on 101, for example complaints regarding lorries through the village, if a PCSO is available they will respond.

2013/14-198.2 Speedwatch – Mr MacInnes reported that sessions were ongoing and successful. It was agreed to purchase two fixed Speedwatch signs to be sited at both entrances to the village. This will mean that temporary signs will not need to be set up during sessions.

2013/14-198-3 Mr Bucknell had sent round crime figures for the Ward and they showed a rise, but then a fall in dwelling burglaries.

2013/14-199 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2013/14-199.1 Mr Tew reported that a 1.99% increase had been agreed to Council Tax by County. CCG are consulting on passing the care of the elderly to GPs and hospitals. Dial-a-ride is funded for a further 12 months as is the Cromwell Museum. The bus service, generally, is under consultation and the school bus service being looked at. He advised us to keep reporting potholes through the County website.

2013/14-199.2 Mr Bucknell reported a zero increase in Council Tax by District. Subsidy on bus services is very costly and needs to be cut back to £1.8m. There are meetings being held to discuss how savings can be made. Huntingdonshire Matters, a new online magazine is going live.

2013/14-199.3 Mr Pethard was not present.

2013/14-200 FINANCE

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

2013/14-200.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting and was unanimously agreed.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts :

Parrot Print, Warbler printing	£ 45.00
Glasdons (bin for playground)	£ 243.39
Land Registry – QEII registration	£ 80.00
Jamie Telling, bus shelter	£2000.00 (paid 7.2.14)

2013/14-201 CORRESPONDENCE

2013/14-201.1 A donation of £50 was agreed for the Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

2013/14-201.2 Dr Manwaring's comments on allotment hedge height were noted.

2013/14-201.3 The 'dog poo' problem appears to be an issue for many parishes and a solution has yet to be found. After much discussion it was agreed to monitor the situation over the summer months.

2013/14-201.4 The Clerk was actioned to arrange a joint meeting between members of the PCC and the Parish Council to discuss the extension to the graveyard.

2013/14-202 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2013/14-202.1 None received

2013/14-202.2 Information from HDC was noted.

2013/14-203 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2013/14-203.1 A meeting was scheduled for 14th March to discuss location and safety of the MVAS signs for members of the PC and Highways.

2013/14-203.2 Information on what repairs to roads were being carried out with a time table had been issued.

2013/14-204 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2013/14-204.1 A new bin had arrived, Mr Burton would be asked to set 2 bins and also remove the brambles from the hedge. Mr MacInnes would position the bins.

2013/14-204.2 The bus shelter had been completed but no invoice received. The Red Tile Wind Farm Trust grant has been approved for £325.

2013/14-204.3 Mr Leigh had provided his risk assessment form, Mr Hodson would carry out the inspection during February and Ms Robinson in March.

2013/14-205 QEII FIELDS CHALLENGE

2013/14-205.1 The Plaque had been ordered.

2013/14-205.2 Land registry forms had been completed to include Fields in Trust's interest, and would be sent off with the cheque for £80 for processing.

2013/14-206 CLERK'S POSITION

2013/14-206.1 The vacancy had been advertised on the notice board and Ms Robinson had expressed an interest in the position. However a Parish Councillor cannot be paid by the Council for any position for 1 year after leaving the it. It was agreed that Mrs Coles and Ms Robinson would work together over the next year and the position would be passed over on 1st March 2015. It would ensure a smooth hand over for the Parish Council. Ms Robinson would formally tender her resignation.

2013/14-207 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 Discussions regarding the Hall were ongoing.
- d) Parish Plan Review – Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Dr Farrar and Ms Robinson
A meeting would be arranged in March.

2013/14-208 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2013/14-208.1 Nothing to report

2013/14-209 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2013/14-209.1 Mr Bucknell is our auditor this month, Mr Carter in March.

2013/14-210 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2013/14-210.1 Planting on allotment hedge

2013/14-210.2 Cooperation with neighbouring parishes

2013/14-211 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2013/14-211.1 Tuesday, 25th March 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm

Finance report:

Outgoings

Parrot Print, Warbler printing	£ 45.00
Glasdons (bin for playground)	£ 243.39
Land Registry – QEII registration	£ 80.00
Jamie Telling, bus shelter	£2000.00 (paid 7.2.14)
Woodlands Centre donation	£ 50.00

Income for February nil

Balances of Account as at 29th February 2014

Current Account £5044.51 Deposit account £5020.23

Cambridge Building Society £10,514.29