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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 26th April 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

2016/17-01	To receive apologies for absence – Mr Bucknell, Mr MacInnes Present: Mr Carter, Mrs Coles, Mr Gregory, Ms Leaton, Mr Leigh, Mr Tew. Members of the public, Ms Emery, Mr Twigden	
2016/17-02 2016/17-02.1 2016/17-02.2	To Receive Declarations of Interest All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall Mr Carter as a member of the Village Hall Committee.	
2016/17-03	Public Participation None	
2016/17-04	Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 5 th April 2016 Having been circulated prior to the meeting the minutes were approved as a true record and signed.	Mr Carter
2016/17-05	Matters for information only Items 1 to 7 were discussed with no further action required	
2016/17-06 2016/17-06.1	Policing Matters Speedwatch update, still no news on training. Mr Tew will follow up. 2/3 volunteers are needed per session and once trained resources can be shared. Vital that training is arranged.	
2016/17-06.2 2016/17-06.3	Various ecops updates No crime figures for Wistow	
2016/17-07 2016/17-07.1	To receive reports from District and County Councillors Mr Tew's report would be as per the Open Meeting report: Cambridgeshire County Council is facing financial challenges on a scale never seen before and has had a very tough year to reach a balanced budget however, by liaising with officers and scrutinising strategies, the council managed to achieve an under-spend of around £5 million. By the year 2020 there will be a gap of £102 million between the funding we have to spend and the funding we need to continue to provide our services, this year's budget is even more challenging with savings of £51 million to find. To achieve this will inevitably lead to reduced services. Some services have been cut significantly such as youth work and children's centres and school transport routes have been reviewed and streamlined. We have merged teams that used to be separate and are now sharing some services. Council has moved away from providing services that are classed as being for everyone to access (universal), to services targeted at those that are most vulnerable and in real need, however, the number of people in this group is growing and we are struggling to meet this demand. One of the main changes THIS IS PRINTED PRIOR TO BEING CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD BY THE PARISH COUNCIL	

	<p style="text-align: center;">-1195-</p> <p>the County Council has made is the strategy of a programme called 'transforming lives' which is being rolled out from middle of April having proved effective in a pilot scheme where savings were achieved, this strategy is based on outcomes for the most vulnerable and elderly in our communities, part of this strategy is a new point of contact called the Early help Contact Centre, this comes on line in early April which signposts to community organisations and our more complex services, which should improve the speed that enquiries are dealt with. We have increased the use of technology to meet people's needs, such as assistive technology for older people so they require less face to face visits. However we are still delivering broadly the same services but at a lower cost which has been achieved through reviewing departments and services and making some significant restructures which have resulted in reductions of staff, particularly management. Office space for Council staff has been reduced and, where it remains, the vast majority of staff do not have an assigned desk but have to share space and use a hot desk solution. In February it was agreed at full council to increase council tax by 2% which is ring fenced for Adult social care which will help alleviate the stress put on to the social care budget in the coming year. The main council tax was not increased. Discussions have been ongoing on devolution, the County Council voted 64 with one abstention to carry on with discussion however the deal that was put forward by government was not accepted and it was agreed that a new deal should be negotiated and brought back to the table. In Wistow Potholes and road surfaces have been patched, the top of Wistow Toll has also been reported to highways officers, new initiatives have been put in place to help mitigate reductions in services to the elderly and most vulnerable, a monthly walk about is now taking place so that any seen problems can be reported ASAP to the appropriate services. A new reporting system is being trialled and if successful will be rolled out in the next couple of months which should speed up the reporting process. Mr Gregory asked how much the new system had cost and Mr Tew explained that it had been within the Transformation fund and as the new system allows reporting with photographs savings will be made. Mr Tew reported that we have a volunteer for the Elderly Community Navigator. Mr Bucknell and Mrs Curtis were absence and had not provided reports.</p>	
<p>2016/17-07.2</p> <p>2016/17-08 2016/17-08.1</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Financial Statement and Cashflow for April was discussed. It was decided to reallocate the £5,000 in the playground budget to lighting and Parish Plan as grants were</p> <p>THIS IS PRINTED PRIOR TO BEING CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD BY THE PARISH COUNCIL Page 2 of 4</p>	

<p>2016/17-13.5</p> <p>2016/17-14</p> <p>2016/17-14a</p> <p>2016/17-14b</p> <p>2016/17-14c</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-1197-</p> <p>Mr Carter would design the survey on lighting for the Clerk to print and all Councillors will deliver, in time for next meeting.</p> <p>Working parties feedback and updates</p> <p>Litter – nothing to report</p> <p>Countryside- Mr Gregory had nothing to report.</p> <p>Village Hall – Mr MacInnes and Mr Carter, nothing to report,</p>	<p>Mr Carter/Clerk</p>
<p>2016/17-15</p>	<p>Items for Wistow Warbler and Website</p> <p>The Clerk reported that there were limitations with the website, information on forthcoming elections could not be uploaded. Her email system could not be accessed remotely and grants were available to update PC websites. Mr Carter and the Clerk would seek advice from Dr Farrar.</p>	<p>Mr Carter/Clerk</p>
<p>2016/17-16</p>	<p>Monthly Audit</p> <p>Mr Leigh is our auditor for April, Mr Gregory volunteered for May.</p>	
<p>2016/17-17</p> <p>2016/17-17.1</p> <p>2016/17-17.2</p>	<p>Matters for future consideration</p> <p>PCC to come back to us regarding clearing graveyard</p> <p>Revisit Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Tew suggested we look at a Community Plan to start with.</p>	
<p>2016/17-18</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 31st May 2016, following our Annual General Meeting which starts at 7.30 pm</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm</p>	
	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>Environment Agency, drainage £14.25</p> <p>Mrs P Coles, salary £303.93</p> <p>Mrs P Coles, expenses £14.08</p> <p>Income for April, £11,000 precept</p> <p>Balance as at 29th April 2016</p> <p>Current account £18211.76</p> <p>Deposit account £15794.17</p> <p>THIS IS PRINTED PRIOR TO BEING CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD BY THE PARISH COUNCIL Page 4 of 4</p>	