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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 26th August 2014 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

2014/15-77 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2014/15-77.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Leigh

PRESENT: Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles, Dr Farrar, Mr Hodson, Mr MacInnes, Ms Robinson, Mrs Curtis and Mr Tew. Mrs Gorman and Mr Williamson were present as members of the public.

2014/15-78 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2014/15-78.1 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2014/15-78.2 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.

2014/15-78.3 All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall

2014/15-78.4 A further reminder was issued that it was necessary to update the Councillors' declarations of interest as trustees of the village hall.

2014/15-79 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2014/15-79.1 Mrs Gorman and Mr Williamson were present as observers and did not wish to speak on this occasion.

**2014/15-80 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON 29TH JULY 2014**

2014/15-80.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2014/15-81 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Items 1 to 7 listed on the agenda were noted with the following comments

2014/15-81.4 Changes to bus services – a meeting is to be held on 16th September to discuss local services and subsidies, Mr Bucknell will be attending.

2014/15-82 POLICING MATTERS

2014/15-82.1 Mr MacInnes reported that holidays had affected Speedwatch sessions.

2014/15-82.2 Mr Bucknell reported that at the Forum meeting held on 12th August, speeding was a topic for discussion. Generally there was a shortage of Speedwatch volunteers. He also reported that Ramsey Police Station was under review and that St Ives will be split into two and half made available to other agencies. The number of PCSOs is to be increased. Reduction in premises should not impact on us.

2014/15-83 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2014/15-83.1 Mr Tew reported that work on the B1040 was now complete and its impact on accidents monitored. The faded white lines opposite the pub are reported. County has to cut £31m from its budget and some services will be affected.

Recycling centres are under review.

2014/15-83.2 Mr Bucknell reported that District are committing to no rise in Council Tax for 5 years.

2014/15-83.3 Mrs Curtis reported that Huntingdon are entering into a strategic partnership with South Cambs and Cambs City to share resources and make savings. She reported that Council Tax will be frozen for next year with aspirations for a further 4 years. Main savings are to be made from back office functions.

2014/15-84 FINANCE

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

2014/15-84.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting and was unanimously agreed. It was agreed to hold a budget meeting prior to the next meeting to outline cost for the next financial year so that the precept can be discussed. Mr Carter, Dr Farrar, Mrs Coles and Ms Robinson would arrange a meeting. Mr Bucknell queried the entry under streetlight replacement and it was explained that this is earmarked funds, not expenditure but with an aging stock of streetlights it may become necessary to purchase new lamps in the future.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts : nothing outstanding.

2014/15-85 CORRESPONDENCE

2014/15-85.1 Mr Bucknell would enquire whether Rooks Barn was listed and what the current situation was with regard to planning. With regard to the trees, no one was sure who they belonged to and who had taken responsibility to pollard them in the past. The Clerk would contact Mrs Juggins and ask.

2014/15-86 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2014/15-86.1 1401295FUL Retention of extensions and alterations to farmhouse, Dorringtons Farm, Cross Drove, Wistow. Approval recommended.

2014/15-87 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2014/15-87.1 Still waiting for information from National Grid and ground screw updated quote.

2014/15-87.2 Damage to Church Street sign, Mr Bucknell would pass on the relevant contact details.

2014/15-87.3 Regarding the white lines at the junction of Parsonage Street and Church Street, Highways had been contacted.

2014/15-87.4 The Clerk would enquire what training was necessary for Mr Leigh taking over as Highway Warden.

2014/15-88 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2014/15-88.1 Mr Burton and Mr Elmore would be asked to quote to apply clear preservative the the 'new' equipment.

2014/15-88.2 Playground rota Mr Leigh July no form yet received, Mr Hodson volunteered to do August, and September is his normal rota.

2014/15-88.3 No further contact from Mrs Blackhurst on churchyard tidying.

2014/15-88.4 Contact should be made regarding availability of hedging and trees in the coming weeks. Hedging can then be ordered.

2014/15-88.5 Removal of PC1 is instructed, attempts to share the cost with Balfour Beatty/CCC had failed, it was agreed that the lamp, once removed, should be delivered to the Clerk.

2014/15-89 VILLAGE HALL

2014/15-89.1 It was agreed that certain matters should be formally agreed and minuted by the Parish Council as Trustees of the Village Hall and to clarify the position of the Parish Council so that the representatives on the Committees can properly speak on its behalf. The following was agreed by all Councillors present:

2014/15-89.2 All proceeds from the sale of the current Village Hall can only be used to support the provision of a similar facility in the village.

2014/15-89.3 The Village Hall Committee has to make a decision on what they propose for the future of the Hall, and present the options to the Parish Council and the Village.

2014/15-89.4 Based on the proposal and options, residents of the village must make the decision.

2014/15-89.5 As many residents as possible must be involved in that decision and a house to house poll must be considered to ensure a significant consensus.

2014/15-89.6 Mr Farrar had prepared a draft leaflet for delivery to the whole village to explain the current situation with the Hall, Mr Carter, Mr Hodson, Mrs Coles and Mr Leigh would share delivery.

2014/15-90 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

a) Litter – Mr MacInnes, rubbish on Raveley Road reported on 11th

b) Countryside – Mr Hodson, - Slug pellets had been consumed by a dog in the village when out on a footpath and it had since died. An email had been received by another dog walker asking for reimbursement of vet bills following a similar incident. Whilst this is very unfortunate and our sympathy goes to those dog owners, farmers are entitled to take action to protect their crop. The Parish Council will liaise with local farmers to see if notices can be placed on farmland when chemicals are in use. Mr Carter would respond to Mrs Dewar's email.

The general condition of the village was discussed and it was agreed to identify specifics that would make a difference. Mr MacInnes asked for approval for the purchase of more weedkiller, agreed.

c) Village Hall, Mr MacInnes, Cricket on 20th September.

d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar, Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter – meeting to be arranged.

2014/15-91 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2014/15-91.1 Mr MacInnes needs more volunteers for speedwatch

2014/15-92 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2014/15-92.1 As there are no transactions no auditor is required this month, Mr Carter volunteered for September.

2014/15-93 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2014/15-93.1 Graveyard extension

2014/15-94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2014/15-94.1 Tuesday, 30th September 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm

Finance report:

Outgoings - nil

Income for August nil

Balances of Account as at 29th July 2014

Current Account	£5195.95	Deposit account	£5021.49
Cambridge Building Society	£10,514.29		