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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 26th February 2013 following Code of Conduct Training, with Dr Farrar in the Chair

2012/13-193 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2012/13-193.1 There were no apologies for absence

PRESENT: Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Carter, Mr Leigh, Mr Bucknell, Mr MacInnes, Ms Robinson, Mr Williams, Mr Pethard and Mr Lucas.

Mr and Mrs Cox and PCSO Dan Scott were present for part of the meeting

2012/13-194 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2012/13-194.1 Mr MacInnes declared an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2012/13-194.2 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.

2012/13-195 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2012/13-195. Mr and Mrs Cox wished to speak concerning the Planning application 1201985FUL to be discussed later in the meeting. They gave their reasons for concerns and passed a copy of a letter they had sent to HDC Planning to the Parish Council. Dr Farrar thanked them attending the meeting.

2012/13-196 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 20TH DECEMBER 2012

2012/13-196.1 The minutes of the above Parish Council Meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk explained that Douglas Tonk's charge of £13.50 plus VAT was included in the Clerk's Expenses item on the spreadsheet. There being no further comments the minutes were approved.

2012/13-197 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda had been circulated and were covered with no further comments.

2012/13-198 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

2012/13-198.1 PCSO Dan Scott attended the meeting and explained that there had been no crime or ASB reported in the village. Last week there had been a report of vehicle crime locally but this was an isolated incident. Before Christmas there had been a string of house burglaries but this has stopped and the police receive good reports of suspicious behaviour which assists them. PCSO Scott explained that he would be our point of contact and gave his mobile number for questions and non urgent matters.

He explained that he was only scheduled to attend one Parish Council meeting per year. Dr Farrar asked whether he considered this to be enough and asked that he feed back our Parish Council's dissatisfaction at the way the police currently engage with Parishes. He also asked PCSO Scott how we could encourage a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme who promised to come back to us with some suggestions. Mr Lucas also asked how the Police and Crime Commissioner is going to obtain his priorities from Parish in order to develop his plan when he has not been in touch.

2012/13-198.2 Neighbourhood Watch, we will wait for suggestions from PCSO Scott.

2012/13-198.3 Parking issues in Manor Street, a resident is having difficulty accessing his drive.

2012/13-199 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2012/13-199.1 Mr Lucas reported that Cambs County Council had agreed an increase in Council tax of 1.99% and that the Minor Improvements Grant committee were to meet on 18th March.

2012/13-199.2 Mr Bucknell reported that Huntingdon District Council's increase would be £4.67 on a band D property, nearly 4%. The new waste and recycling collection arrangements would save in the region of £500,000. Nominees were being sought for the Green Heart award.

2012/13-199.3 Mr Pethard informed us of the £30,000 community chest, grants may be available upon application up to £5,000.

2012/13-200 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2012/13-200.1 As this had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting, and there were no further comments, it was unanimously confirmed as a true record. A letter had been received from Douglas Tonks who look after our payroll to say that under new legislation PAYE has to be reported in real time and they will have to make a month report despite quarterly payment. The cost would be an additional £5 per month and the quarterly fee would rise from £13.50 to £15. The Clerk would take advice from HMRC.

b) to approve payments of outstanding amounts

2012/13-180.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed

Mrs P Coles – Jan/Feb salary (rates as per minute no. 8e	
of the meeting dated the 15/12/09) now paid quarterly	£ 238.18
Digley Associates safety report	£ 42.00
Village Hall hire for 2012	£ 130.00

2012/13-201 CORRESPONDENCE

2012/13-201.1 Mr Pethard will attend the Huntingdonshire Matters event.

2012/13-101.2 Cambridgeshire future transport, Community Transport is going through a tough time with the price of petrol etc, at least one operator is expected to cease trading.

2012/13-202 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Mr Bucknell, having already declared an interest, excused himself from the discussion.

2012/13-202.1 1201985FUL Installation of two Kingspan KW6 wind turbines, 15m mast to hub with 5.6m diameter blades. The Retreat, Wistow Toll. Approval was recommended on the Chairman's casting vote.

2012/13-202.2 1201972FUL Change of use to (B2, B1 and B8) General Industrial use for manufacture of wood products and associated office and storage accommodation and the installation of an extraction plant, 3 Upwood Air Park, Ramsey Road, Bury. The Parish Council wished to make no comment.

2012/13-203 HIGHWAY WARDEN SCHEME/ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES

2012/13-203.1 Regarding Footpath 1 to Broughton, Simeon Carroll had inspected and liaised with Tony King of Highways who has agreed to extend the scope of the work to be carried out on Mill Road during the spring/early summer, to include improved drainage on the footpath.

2012/13-203.2 Ms Robinson would request that saltbins are replenished

2012/13-203.3 Repairs to bridge are in hand and will be monitored, no evidence of drainage channels in the bridge prior to the work can be found. An email had been received from the Environment agency stating that the brook would not be dredged on a regular basis, it is cleared further up and it was discussed whether measures could be taken ourselves. However, this would have little effect if there was a build up elsewhere.

2012/13-203.4 Information regarding reporting of road problems, there had been no previous issues with reporting faults.

2012/13-203.5 Mr Bucknell would have a word with the farmer who has cleared his ditches onto the highway side.

2012/13-203.6 A blocked drain in Bridge Street had been promptly cleared.

2012/13-204 UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND

2012/13-204.1 No guarantee exists for the path. The gravel is Golden Amber graded at .5". Mr Bucknell would try to source a cubic meter. Mr McInnes may have a contact who could help with this. Target date of middle of April for completion.

2012/13-204.2 Risk assessment sheets were requested for January – Mr Leigh and February – Mr Williams.

2012/13-205 PRECEPT FOR 2013/14

2012/13-205.1 Confirmation of our precept had been received.

2012/13-206 CONNECTING CAMBRIDGESHIRE – BROADBAND CAMPAIGN

2012/13-206.1 The contract had been awarded and the programme is moving forward.

2012/13-207 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

2012/13-207.1 This had been completed and certificates would be issued.

2012/13-208 ALLOTMENTS

2012/13-208.1 There was some urgency to the hedgecutting. The Clerk had approached Mr Burton and reminded him but still had not received a quote. Mr Williams would approach Mr Longland. A budget of £1000 was agreed to get the allotment and playground hedges cut prior to the next meeting.

2012/13-208.2 Drainage issues on the new tenancy agreement it clearly states that ditches are the responsibility of the tenant. A letter would be sent to new tenants and Ms Robinson would discuss ditches generally with Highways.

2012/13-209 FLOODING IN HARRIS LANE

2012/13-209.1 Mr Lucas would liaise with Highways and ask them to contact the owners to clearly define their responsibilities.

2012/13-210 BUS SHELTER

2012/13-210.1 Mr Williams and his son had effected an emergency repair to the bus shelter and something more permanent was required. It was suggested that we obtain quotes to rebuild and apply for a grant under the Community Chest scheme. Quotes and designs would be obtained.

2012/13-211 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

- a) Litter – Mr MacInnes – nothing to report
- b) Countryside – Mr Carter Mr Carter is unable to attend the event on 7th March.
- c) Village Hall – Mr MacInnes Following on from the joint meeting with the Village Hall committee it was confirmed that agreement had been reached that the Parish Council would consider any proposals put forward with an unbiased view. A valuation had been carried out on the Hall which was considerably less than previous valuations due to current market conditions.
- d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar, Mr Carter, Mr Bucknell and Ms Robinson. A final attempt to get a mandate from the village will be made. Dr Farrar and Mr Carter will work on a leaflet to be distributed and present it to the next meeting.

2012/13-212 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2012/13-189.1 The Warbler had been circulated. Mr Ward still appears as a District Councillor, should be Mr Pethard.

2012/13-213 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2012/13-213.1 Mr Bucknell is our auditor for this month and Mr Leigh for next.

2012/13-214 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2012/13-214.1 These will be linked with our Parish Plan

2012/13-215 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2012/13-215.1 Tuesday 26th March 2013, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Finance report:

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of the meeting dated the 15/12/09) now paid quarterly	£ 238.18
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Income for Jan/Feb

£556.37, grass cutting and stand pipe charges to PCC

Balances of Account as at 28th February 2013

Current Account	£1002.15	Deposit account	£9017.09
Cambridge Building Society	£10,246.57		