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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 26th July 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, with Dr Farrar in the Chair

2011/12-59 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2011/12-59.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Leigh, Mr Ward and Mr Willams

PRESENT: Mrs Booth, Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Lucas and Ms Robinson,

2011/12-60 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2011/12-60.1 It was noted that as Mrs Booth is a member of the Village Hall Committee, she had declared openly her personal interest under the New Code of Conduct of the Local Government Act 2000, Part 3, and therefore was still able to participate in aspects of business dealing with the Village Hall.

2011/12-60.2 Mr Bucknell declared an interest with regard to any items under Agenda Item 68 as a member of the Huntingdon District Council, wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee and Trustee of the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust.

2011/12-61 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2011/12-61.1 Mr and Mrs Hades were present at the meeting to put forward a case for the provision of high speed broadband to the village. Warboys is the closest exchange but not designed for high speed and although BT are working at updating the exchange, it is a long term project. Broughton had been successful in obtaining a high speed connection but that is due to businesses being located in the village. ***Dr Farrar and Mr Bucknell would make enquiries through their contacts.*** Mr and Mrs Hades asked the Parish Council to look at having a feasibility study carried out at a cost of £5000 and then apply for government funding for the £37,000 it would cost to get the infrastructure in place. Dr Farrar suggested that ***Mr and Mrs Hades find out what support they would have in the village***. Further discussion could take place once all the information was available.

2011/12-62 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 28^T JUNE 2011.

2011/12-62.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved with an amendment to the date.

2011/12-63 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda were covered.

2011/12-64 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

2011/12-64.1 PCSO was not present.

2011/12-64.2 The three priorities agreed at the Neighbourhood Forum on 19th July were: i) Speeding across the sector, ii) Anti social behaviour in Ramsey and iii) Under-age drinking across the sector. There had been a discussion on HGVs going through Warboys and other villages and measures that can be taken to restrict heavy traffic. Richard Preston from CCC was present and explained procedures.

2011/12-65 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2011/12-65.1 Mr Lucas reported that a deadline of 22nd August 2011 had been set for the business plan to keep Warboys library to be drawn up. The cabinet would make a decision by the end of September but a review of the review on libraries had been announced. On speed limits, where parishes wish to introduce speed limits, they will not be forced to use expensive signage. With regard to the Enterprise Zone application in order for the bid to be successful it must be credible and show consistency of information. All parties will work together to ensure figures and employment opportunities are realistic.

2011/12-65.2 Mr Bucknell reported that the government dictates that local authorities must plan for travellers sites where there is a need. There is no specific criteria but travellers do not want to live near the settled community. Possible sites will be identified. He also reported that HDC had been awarded the East of England Charter for elected member development, they had also won an award for the customer service centre.

2011/12-66 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2011/12-66.1 As this had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting, and there were no further comments, it was unanimously confirmed a true record.

b) to approve payments of outstanding amounts

2011/12-49.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed, with the exception of the Clerk's salary which was approved for payment later

Mrs P Coles July Salary	£152.49
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c) to review cash flow and resolve anticipated issues – nothing to report

d) the forms were available for signature and would be circulated, it was agreed to use the same signatories as the bank account, ie. Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Ms Robinson and Mr Williams.

2011/12-67 CORRESPONDENCE

2011/12-67.1 Mr and Mrs Hades had attended the meeting.

2011/12-67.2 It was agreed to support a proposal put forward by Leiston-cum-Sizewell Parish Council to urge developers to attend local meetings as a matter of planning procedure to discuss and answer questions about the planning application.

2011/12-68 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
2011/12-68.1. No planning applications had been received but an there was an update on 1100735FUL Extension to existing farmhouse, Dorringtons Farm House, Cross Drove, Wistow PE28 2QW which had been approved with amendments requested by HDC in order to make the extension subordinate to the main house.

2011/12-69 QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
2011/12-69.1 It was agreed to move forward with the QEII Fields Challenge which will permanently protect a network of recreational spaces. ***Dr Farrar and the Clerk will work on this and report back.***

2011/12-69.2 Information on the Jubilee beacon will be forwarded to the PCC with a view to making it a joint project if interested.

2011/12-70 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARITES FEEDBACK AND UPDATES

a) Traffic and road issues – Mr Bucknell/Mr Carter/Ms Robinson.

Harris Lane, work to commence on 15th August on 5 and 6. This should now be removed from the agenda.

Hawthorn hedges at Wistow Toll, no further information is available, ***the Clerk will ask Highways to quote to significantly reduce the hedge in order to avoid problems in the future.***

b) Litter – Ms Robinson/Mrs Booth – nothing to report

c) Countryside – Mr Carter/Dr Farrar Mr Carter had attended the P3 meeting on 21st July and met Simeon Carroll who is our Officer. He is still pursuing a circular walk but now the route goes from Harris Lane to Kingsland Farm, follows the boundary and into the existing Bury to Wistow path. He would also look at a route to Warboys. He had looked into the status of the parish boundary as a right of way but is has no status. ***It had been reported that the permissive path in the field over the bridge needs cutting, Mr Carter will look into this.***

d) Village Hall – Mrs Booth

Mrs Booth had attended a meeting which was a follow up to Fun Weekend and the Clerk gave a short update on the plans which now included a heatsource pump at the rear of the hall and photo voltaic cells on the roof.

e) Maintenance Issues – Clerk

Playground: Mr Carter had still to fit the see saw panels but had been able to adjust the gate to shut. The road had been marked out ready for the white line. ***Picnic benches are in poor condition and scrapping is recommended. The Clerk would look at local suppliers and bring the information to the next meeting. The Clerk would ask Mr Williams to look at the bus shelter and make some recommendations for the next meeting.***

2011/12-71

- a) Grants – Mr Bucknell/Mrs Booth
- b) Wistow Bridge – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams The new layout signs had been removed, *the Clerk would chase WIB to see what arrangements had been made with regard to the third village sign.*
- c) Allotments – *the Clerk would obtain quotes for hedge cutting.*
- d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar/Mr Bucknell/Ms Robinson. Ms Robinson had been in contact with Cambridge Acre following their letter concerning funding and assistance with Parish Plans. The result was that there is no funding available but assistance and advice could be requested. About 20 people had been approached at Fun Weekend and the feedback had been positive. The suggestions made were for more events, perhaps something for Mayday, a hallowe'en party, circular walk, and cycle path between here and Warboys. Another meeting would be scheduled to discuss these suggestions and more information could be circulated via the website and Warbler. In his absence Mr Williams had asked that the PC look at the provision of green energy for the village.

2011/12-72 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2011/12-72.1 Information relevant to the parish plan review and the need for high speed broadband.

2011/12-73. MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2011/12-73.1 Ms Robinson was our auditor this month but as no payments were due, she would audit next month.

2011/12-74 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2011/12-74.1 Condition of salt bins – a review would be carried out this month.

2011/12-74.2 Minor amendment to Standing Orders – agenda for next month

2011/12-75 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2011/12-75.1 Tuesday 30th August 2011 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

FINANCE REPORT for July 2011

			Paid
Clerk's Salary			
17 hours @ £8.344	141.85		
Computer Usage	10.00		
Postage Paid 2 x .32,	64	£ 152.49	

TOTAL

Income for July nil

Balances of Account as at 29th July 2011

Current Account £9544.59 Deposit account £15,009.56