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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 26th October 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall with Dr Farrar in the Chair.

2010.100 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2010.100.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Lucas and Mr Williams.
PRESENT: Mr Bucknell, Mrs Booth, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Ms Robinson, and Mr Ward.

2010-101 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
2010-101.1 Mr Bucknell declared an interest with regard to any items under Agenda Item 109, as a member of the Huntingdon District Council.
2010-101.2 It was noted that as Mr Leigh is a member of the Village Hall Committee, he had declared openly his 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.

2010-102. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
2010-102.1 There were no members of the public present.

2010-103. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2010.
2010-103.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved with the following amendment. Item 2010-94d, amend wording to reflect that the information on Public Works Loan is available on their own website, not the village website.

2010-104 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY
2010-104.1 The items as listed on the agenda were covered.
2010.104.2 Christmas Waste Collection timetable received and *passed to Dr Farrar to be put on the website.*

2010-105. COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER
2010-105.1 The Community Liaison Officer was not present.
2010.105.2 Mr Bucknell reported that the Neighbourhood Forum had been well attended. The three priorities for policing had proved difficult to set as many improvements had been made, agreed as i) antisocial behaviour and speeding in Somersham, ii) antisocial behaviour in Ramsey and iii) prevention of vandalism on community Christmas decorations.
2010.105.3 Antisocial behaviour can now be reported via the E-cops site.

2010-106 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2010-106.1 In Mr Lucas' absence Mr Bucknell reported that County are more advanced with their spending review. They are looking at approximately 1000 job losses, and District 100, many of which it is hoped will be through voluntary redundancy or natural wastage. It will start at the top as this has the greatest impact. Statutory services will remain, but there will be an impact on other services provided. Mr Bucknell further reported that Local Democrat Day was well attended.

2010-106.2 Mr Ward had nothing further to add.

2010-107. FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2010-107.1. 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

2010-107.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed.

Mrs P Coles October Salary	£236.78
Lee Gray - Grass cutting	£169.58
Mr Longland, hedgecutting	£ 190.00
Cambs Water, cemetery standpipe	£ 16.48

c) to review cash flow and resolve anticipated issues

A budget meeting to prepare for the precept request would be organised by the Clerk, Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Mr Carter and the Clerk would attend.

2010-108. CORRESPONDENCE

2010-108.1 The correspondence listed was covered with comments as follows:

2010.108.2 ***The Clerk would complete the surveys and respond to the Tenders for Bus Services consultation resisting any cut in services.***

2010-108.3 Requests for donations had been received from MAGPAS, Citizen's Advice Bureau and Victim Support and it was resolved not to make any donations.

2010-108-4 ***Feedback to the request for volunteers for the digital switchover from Cambs Acre would be emailed by the Clerk.***

2010-108.5 ***Mr Carter would investigate further the correspondence between Cambs Water and Mr Green concerning the reinstatement of Blackhurst Lane following the new water main.***

2010-108.6 It was agreed that football at the bus stop must be addressed and the boys would be invited to come to the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss the options at the playing field to get them back to the football pitch. ***The Clerk would also contact the PCSOs to ask them to speak to the boys regarding safety.***

2010-109 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2010-109.1. None received.

2010-110 BROADBAND – FURTHER DISCUSSION FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE

2010-110.1. Mr Leigh had been in touch with Broughton's contact who had not responded. Mr Leigh and Dr Farrar would continue to work on this issue. It would be added to the Working Parties feedback on the agenda.

2010.111 GRASS CUTTING

2010-111.1 The Clerk had received a number of quotes with a wide range of costs. It was decided that having had so many problems with grass cutting this season, a company with a history of Parish Council work would be employed. Fergusons would be given a two year contract for a total sum of £5150 plus vat. They had not quoted for the hedge cutting, *the Clerk would therefore request quotes for a two year contract for the maintenance of the playground hedge to be awarded separately.*

2010-112 CHRISTMAS TREES

2010-112.1 *The Clerk would contact Savills to ask whether any planting is planned for the future.*

2010-113 PLAYGROUND PLANTING PROGRAMME

2010-113.1 It was decided to plant a single tree rather than hedging which would need maintenance. *Mr Bucknell would make further enquiries.*

2010-114 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK
AND UPDATES

- a) Traffic and road issues – Mr Bucknell/Mr Carter/Ms Robinson.
Harris Lane – drainage problems – The Clerk would email Mr Rouse at Luminus for an update.
Roadside trees – Mr Leigh has had no further contact – remove from agenda.
- b) Litter – Ms Robinson/Mrs Booth – Ms Robinson had reported the debris on Oaklands Avenue.
- c) Countryside – Mr Carter/Dr Farrar Mr Carter was making enquiries regarding ancient rights of way. Correspondence on monthly walks from the Rights of Way and Access Team, CCCC regarding signposting and waymarking improvements, and the Broughton Footpath consultation to link the footpath to the highway were passed to Mr Carter.
- d) Village Hall – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams
Mr Leigh reported that a sub committee was being set up to manage the building works.
- e) Maintenance Issues – Clerk
Mr Williams was on the Risk Assessment/bin rota for October and Mr Carter for November. *The Clerk would email Leisure Logs and Playscape regarding issues on the play equipment.*

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The Clerk had spoken to Mr Seaton of BT regarding the poor state of the telephone box. He had been out to inspect it and although he agreed, there is no plan for BT to remove or refurbish it. If the telephone box was on private land then its removal could be demanded by the land owner. *The Clerk would ask Mr and Mrs Harrold whether this is the case.*

2010-115

- a) Grants – Mr Bucknell/Mrs Booth Nothing to report.
- b) Wistow Bridge – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams CCC had agreed some works at the Bridge. *The Clerk was instructed to obtain another quote to turf the area and confirm that the contribution from CCC would stand if the Parish Council undertook additional work at their own cost..*
- c) Allotments – *Dr Manwaring's questions were discussed, the Clerk will respond.*

2010-116 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEBSITE

Mr and Mrs Williams are now editing the Warbler and the Clerk read out a note from them. Dr Farrar had the start of a subscription newsletter which he would send out to the PC to test the subscription process.

2010.117. MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING
2010.117.1 Mr Leigh was October auditor and Mr Bucknell November.

2010.118 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION
PC9 Church Street
White line outside Playground entrance

2010.119 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 30 November 2010 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

FINANCE REPORT for October 2010

		Paid
Clerk's Salary		
25 hours @ £8.344	225.18	
Computer Usage	10.00	
Postage Paid 5 x 32p	1.60	£236.78
Lee Gray – grass cutting		£169.58
T Longland – playground hedge		£190.00
Cambridge Water – cemetery standpipe		£ 16.48
TOTAL		£612.84

Income for October

Allotment Rent	£1058.40	Recycling	£177.73
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Balances of Account as at 29th October 2010

Current Account	£ 3,441.59
Savings account	£15,003.95