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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at 7.30 pm, with Dr Farrar in the Chair

**2012/13-153 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2012/13-153.1 Apologies had been received Mr Leigh and Mr Lucas

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

**2012/13-154 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2012/13-154.1 Mr MacInnes declared an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2012/13-154.2 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.

**2012/13-155 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

2012/13-155.1 Mr John Dransfield had come to the meeting to speak about Footpath 1 to Broughton and the drainage problems. Water was running across the road and pooling at the side of his house. Possible solutions were discussed and it was agreed that Mr Carter would speak to the Countryside team and Ms Robinson would speak with Highways with a view to improving drainage before there is a freeze. The Clerk would copy Mr Lucas in on any correspondence. Mr Dransfield left at 7.35 pm.

**2012/13-156 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

2012/13-156.1 The minutes of the above Parish Council Meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. There being no further comments they were approved.

**2012/13-157 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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

**2012/13-158 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER**

2012/13-158.1 The Clerk had requested an update from our PCSO, Dan Scott, for the meeting but had been referred to the website. It was agreed that this did not give the information required. Dr Farrar registered his dismay at the level of engagement from the police.

2012/13-158.2 An email had been received regarding 'surgery' meetings at locations in the area.

2012/13-158.3 An email had been circulated from Inspector Mark Greenhalgh re Police Engagement. M Bucknell reported that jewellery thefts in the area had become a problem.

2012/13-159 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2012/13-159.1 Mr Lucas had not sent a report.

2012/12-159.2 Mr Bucknell reported that the District Precept would be set next week and savings will have to be made. The 'green' houses were to be sold.

2012/13-159.3 Mr Pethard covered the overview of the Scrutiny Panel, withdrawal of funds from CAB and other similar organisations. Care, performance and feedback at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital were being looked at. He had attended the Huntingdonshire Matters meeting and the three themes are going to the next stage – Young People, looking at more involvement, Education and Skills, how to extend these topics, Older People, how to get people to the right services.

2012/13-160 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2012/13-160.1 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. There were no cashflow issues.

b) to approve payments of outstanding amounts

2012/13-160.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed

Mrs P Coles November salary and expenses £ 214.87 (corrected amount) (not paid)

Playground rent, HDC £ 100.00

Parrot Print, Warbler £ 45.00, this was £1 more than expected as 10 extra copies had been ordered

Fergusons, grass cutting £ 1584.00

2012/13-161 CORRESPONDENCE

2012/13-161.1 Street light power was agreed at £270.59

2012/13-161.2 Wistow in Bloom had planted out the container on the Green with the permission of the Parish Council

2012/13-161.3 Replacement of the dead tree in the Church yard was going ahead.

2012/13-161.4 A CCTV survey of the sewer in Kingston Way was to be carried out by the end of the week. Further action would be considered depending on the outcome.

2012/13-162 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Mr Bucknell stated that he would make his decision based on the facts in front of him.

2012/13-162.1 1201618FUL, Demolition of previous single storey extension and rebuilding on same footprint. Replacement of flat roofs with pitched. Treyarnon, Manor Street, Wistow. Approval recommended.

2012/13-162.2 1201646FUL, Proposed extension to garage and alterations to form office/granny annexe. 4 Harris Lane, Wistow. Approval recommended by majority.

#### 2012/13-163 HIGHWAY WARDEN SCHEME/ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES

2012/13-163.1 There had been no response to the poster asking for volunteers for winter gritting. It had been confirmed that the hill will be included in the gritting schedule. A bag had been left by the grit bin on the corner of Oaklands Avenue, Mr McInness would pick it up.

2012/13-163.2 It was agreed to put information into the next Warbler asking for volunteers for Speedwatch and Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Bucknell would pass on the information regarding Speedwatch to Ms Robinson.

2012/13-163.3 Following on from the Minor Improvements Grant it was agreed to look at traffic issues with regard to rat running as part of the Parish Plan or set up an additional working party.

2012/13-163.4 Mr Carter mentioned that vehicles were being parked on the corner of Harris Lane/Mill Road, placing them at risk. Mr Williams agreed to have a word with the owner of the vehicle.

#### 2012/13-164 UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND

2012/13-164.1 A quote had been received from Leisure Logs to carry out the repairs to the path. Rain has caused erosion and there is obviously an issue with drainage that should, perhaps, have been thought about when the work was first carried out. Mr Bucknell would look at the old records and specifications and circulate before taking this matter further.

2012/13-164.2 Digley & Associates had not issued their report, the Clerk would chase.

2012/13-164.3 There had been a report of an issue with trees in a playground where a child had been killed. It was agreed that the Clerk would check whether an inspection of the trees was undertaken as part of the visit by Digley and if not ask them for a recommendation. Also this would be added to the risk assessment form.

#### 2012/13-165 PRECEPT FOR 2013/14

2012/13-165.1 It was agreed to submit an application for the same as last year, £10,000.

#### 2012/13-166 CONNECTING CAMBRIDGESHIRE – BROADBAND CAMPAIGN

2012/13-166.1 The door to door had produced 40 further registrations which the Clerk had input. This would be an ongoing campaign.

#### 2012/13-167 GRASS CUTTING FOR 2013 AND 2014 SEASONS

2012/13-167.1 The Clerk had received a quote from Fergusons, our current contractor. She had contacted other Parishes and approached their contractors but had been unable to obtain further quotes. It was therefore decided to proceed with Fergusons as we had been satisfied with their work and the working relationship had improved significantly. Previous quotations from other contractors had been significantly more and a waste of time. It was also decided to have 15 cuts on the playground and greens, 6 on the verges and to share the cost of 12 cuts for the church and grave yard as at present and for the PC to pay for 3 extra cuts in order maintain the standard throughout the village. The Clerk would write to the PCC.

2012/13-168 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

- a) Litter – Mr MacInnes – nothing to report.
- b) Countryside – Mr Carter Mr Carter is still reviewing possible walks.
- c) Village Hall – Mr MacInnes The Christmas fair was a great success raising in the order of £800. Mr Bucknell reported that things were moving forward with the proposed improvements and grants being sought. The cost was likely to be in the order of £150,000.
- d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar, Mr Carter, Mr Bucknell and Ms Robinson. Broadband was a feature of the Plan and this was now fully underway. A draft consultation document would now be drawn up for a few light industrial units and affordable housing units.

2012/13-169 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2012/13-169.1 Speedwatch volunteers, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.

2012/13-170 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2012/13-170.1 Ms Robinson is our auditor for this month and Mr Bucknell for next.

2012/13-171 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2012/13-171.1 These will be linked with our Parish Plan

2012/13-171.2 Bus Shelter, possible improvement

2012/13-171.3 Look at other possibilities with playground where it is boggy perhaps with WIB on board

2012/13-171.4 Mr Carter would like to look at consultation process as he feels the multiple choice system is restrictive and steers the respondent in a way that removes the freedom to comment.

2012/13-171.5 Tour of HDC offices for Chairman and Clerk

2012/13-172 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2012/13-172.1 Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Finance report:

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**Income for November**

Nil

**Balances of Account as at 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

Current Account	£3059.40	Deposit account	£9015.74.74
Cambridge Building Society	£10,246.57		