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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 30th July 2013 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair

2013/14-61 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2013/14-61 There were no apologies for absence

PRESENT: Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Mr MacInnes, Mr Pethard, Mr Tew and Ms Robinson. Mr Carter welcomed Mr Martin Hodson who had applied to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

2013/14-62 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2013/14-62.1 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.

2013/14-62.2 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2013/14-63 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2013/14-63.1 There were no members of the public present

2013/14-64 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 25TH JUNE 2013

2013/14-64.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2013/14-65 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda were covered with no further comments:

2013/14-66 POLICING MATTERS

2013/14-66.1 Monthly CID updates were circulated via E-Cops

2013/14-66.2 Mr MacInnes had attended a Speedwatch meeting and it was agreed to arrange for volunteers to receive training in order to carry out checks in the village. A team consists of three people and they operate under supervision until they are familiar with the kit. **Mr MacInnes would arrange.**

2013/14-67 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2013/14-67.1 Mr Tew had nothing to report.

2013/14-67.2 Mr Bucknell reported that NATS would be carrying out a survey between 16 – 20 September, to test the air from wind turbines to assess the effect on communications. **He would email details for the Warbler and the notice board.** The changes to refuse collection timetables had resulting in a 29% reduction in fuel use. Work had started on the multi storey car park in Huntingdon and the relief road was progressing well. He also reported that the Conference for Councillors on 4th July had been very interesting and included a presentation on Planning.

2013/14-67.3 Mr Pethard had attended a conference on adult health and wellbeing in Cambridgeshire which included a presentation from the East of England Ambulance Trust. He reported that a draft contract was not ready to be agreed and that there was a lack of cohesion in the approach to health support.

2013/14-68 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement and cashflow prediction for 2013/14

2013/14-68.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting, and it was unanimously agreed. The Clerk had been informed that the Cambridge Building Society account was about to mature. It was agreed to re-invest for a further 12 months with CBS unless a better rate could be found.

2013/14-68.2 Nothing outstanding

2013/14-69 CORRESPONDENCE

2013/14-69.1,2 No further comments

2013/14-69.3 HDC plans to make savings – the decision reported in this letter has been reconsidered.

2013/14-69.4 No further action

2013/14-69.5 Mr Carter will not be able to attend the Mayor's Civic reception.

2013/14-70 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2013/14-70.1 None received

2013/14-70.2 Street naming in Mill Road was noted.

2013/14-71 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

2014/14-71.1 It was agreed to continue without a Vice Chairman, Dr Farrar would stand in as Chairman in Mr Carter's absence but did not wish to take on the role.

2013/14-71.2 Mr Carter proposed, Mr Leigh seconded and it was unanimously agreed to change our meetings to the last Wednesday of the month with effect from September.

2013/14-71.3 Mr Carter proposed, Mr Bucknell seconded and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Martin Hodson to the Parish Council.

2013/14-71.4 An email had been received outlining dates for 2014 elections. Wistow Parish Council would be holding elections in 2014.

2013/14-72 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2013/14-72.1 The broken solar slow sign would need traffic light controls for its repair. A new costing would have to be carried out resulting in a further delay.

2013/14-72.2 It was agreed to proceed with the clearance of ditches and the removal of the playground stump. **The Clerk would liaise with Mr Bowd regarding the spoil.**

2013/14-73 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2013/14-73.1 Playground - Raking the path had yet to be arranged. It was agreed to **instruct Fergusons to cut the hedge but to stress that they must check for birds still nesting before completing the cut.**

2013/14-73.2 Bus Shelter, it was agreed to obtain quotes for a pitched roof with solar light, new guttering to water butt, pantiles or slates, depending on availability and cost. **The Clerk would contact Mr Burton, Mr Parker and Mr Williams.**

2013/14-73.3 Mr MacInnes had been asked to get the trees on Oaklands Close trimmed back to ease access should emergency vehicles be required. This is not within the remit of the Parish Council as that area is maintained by HDC. It was reported that there is mixed opinion by residents as to whether this work should be carried out. **It was agreed to put a paragraph in the Warbler asking for comments regarding the trees and to act on the majority opinion.**

2013/14-74 TEXTILE BANK

2013/14-74-1 We had been informed by HDC that the textile bank is not achieving enough income to justify being there. Its success has been affected by the collections by the village hall committee. It was agreed to take no action as it was unlikely to result in enough textiles to make the difference. **The Clerk would email Mr Wadsworth to ensure the village hall had the correct waste licence to carry out their collections.**

2013/14-75 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

- a) Litter – Mr MacInnes, Fly tipping had been cleared from the Raveley bends.
- b) Countryside – Mr Carter will continue with countryside but had nothing to report.
- c) Village Hall – Mr MacInnes Mr Carter and Mr Wadsworth had been pursuing possible land options for a new village hall, should that be the preferred route. Mr MacInnes reported that profits for Fun Weekend appeared to be up on last year. The hall was scheduled to be redecorated by Community Service young people.
- d) Parish Plan Review – Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Dr Farrar and Ms Robinson
A meeting was scheduled for 7th August to finalise the document to be circulated.

2013/14-76 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2013/14-76.1 Views on Oaklands Close tree trimming

2013/14-76.2 Asking for speedwatch volunteers

2013/14-77 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2013/14-77.1 Ms Robinson would be our auditor for next month.

2013/14-78 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2013/14-78.1 Visit from Bobby Scheme

2013/14-78.2 Noise from Secret Garden Party

2013/14-79 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2013/14-79.1 Tuesday 27th August 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Finance report:

No outgoings

Income for July – Contribution to grass cutting from CCC £474.33

Balances of Account as at 29th July 2013

Current Account	£14508.70	Deposit account	£5018.97
Cambridge Building Society	£10,246.57		