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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 30th June 2015 at 7.30 pm, with Dr Farrar in the Chair.

2015/16-41 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

2015/16-41.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Carter

2015/16-41.2 Present: Mrs Coles, Dr Farrar, Mr Gregory, Ms Leaton, Mr Leigh, Mr MacInnes, Mr Bucknell, Mrs Curtis and Mr Tew. Members of the Public – Mr Williamson

2015/16-42 To receive Declarations of Interest

2015/16-42.1 All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall

2015/16-42.2 Mr MacInnes as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2015/16-43 Public Participation

2015/16-43.1 There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

2015/16-44 Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 26th May 2015

2015/16-44.1 Minutes, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved as a true record and signed.

2015/16-45 Matters for information only

2015/16-45.1 to 5 and 7 were discussed with no further action, 6 –details of the oil buying club to be passed to Mrs Williams for the Warbler.

2015/16-46 Policing Matters

2015/16-46.1 Speedwatch Update-it was agreed that it was time to get up and running. The volunteers would be contacted by Mr MacInnes to arrange a convenient evening to arrange the training and get started. Before any undertaking to purchase our own kit, it must be established that we have enough volunteers to run regular sessions.

2015/16-46.2 There had been various ecops updates

2015/16-46.3 Updates on crime figures had been circulated, with warnings about keeping safe in the hot weather and associated security issues.

2015/16-46.4 Sir Graham's regular news letter had been circulated.

2015/16-46.5 Hunts Forum Newsletter should have been under item 45 and needed no further action.

2015/16-47 To receive reports from County and District – Mr M Tew, Mr P Bucknell and Mrs A Curtis

2015/16-47.1 Mr Tew reported that development of the 3rd floor of the Central Library in Cambridge had been rescinded due to lack of funds. The Ward forum should be coming together for the end of July. This would be where to discuss B1040 speed limit and it was agreed that representation would be rotated by Councillors.

2015/16-47.2 Mr Bucknell reported that safer cycling was being promoted with training being provided for over 16s, contact 01480 387098 for details. Free compost may come back but with only 1 collection point.

2015/16-47.3 Mrs Curtis reported that 'Operations' is under review. The new portfolio holder is trying to improve the removal of weeds in Parishes, she was asked to look at having the whole village sprayed for weeds. The Clerk mentioned that the bin men were leaving bins, once collected, on the road in Manor Street which caused a problem for the bus. She also asked for bin liners for rubbish collection at the playground.

2015/16-48 Finance

a) The Financial Statement and Cashflow for 2015/16 – June, having been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts

Clerk's salary June 2015	£258.39 (30 hours at £8.613)
Clerk's expenses June 2015	£ 25.81 (£2.01 post, £10 comp, ink £13.80)
CGM grass cutting April 2015	£675.00
Shane Elmore, see saw painting (no invoice received)	
LGS Payroll service	£31.80
Mr MacInnes, refund	£93.00

The above payments were approved and cheques signed.

Income £882.28 VAT refund

2015/16-49 Correspondence

2015/16-49.1 Query regarding Toddler Group in Wistow had been replied to.

2015.16-49.2 Luminus Right to Buy Letter, Mrs Curtis explained that Luminus were challenging the Government's right to buy policy and were garnering support. They believe it not to be viable due to the lack of housing available.

2015/16-50 To consider any Planning Applications received

2015/16-50.1 15/00882/LBC Rookes Grove Farm, Mill Road, Wistow Strip existing roof, repair and replace relevant timbers and repair and make structurally sound existing outer leaf brickwork, no comment

2015/16-50.2 15/00608/PMBPA Prior approval for change of use to dwelling house incorporating mezzanine floor, Land North East of Dorringtons Stables, Straight Drove, Wistow, no comment

2015/16-50.3 Feed back from meeting with Wyton Developers on 22nd June 2015, Mr MacInnes reported that there was nothing imminent but that there was concern over increased flooding risks. He confirmed that there were planned infrastructure improvements. The first phase would be just 150 houses.

2015/16-50.4 1401057FUL Land North of Thatched, no further update on the appeal.

2015/16-51 Highways Report/Traffic Matters

2015/16-51.1 MVAS purchase – Mr Carter and Mr Leigh were to reevaluate the purchase and look at other options in view of the elapsed time and the difficulties with National Grid.

2015/16-51.2 Removal of the old solar sign on the bridge had been raised on the priorities list. Mr Tew reminded us that the bid for Highways projects has to be in by mid September and evidence needed to be collected if funds were to be sought. It was agreed to work with Bury and Warboys to try to reduce the speed limit on the B1040. This could be done through the Forum.

2015/16-52 Maintenance Issues

2015/16-52.1 Playground, Mr Carter and Mr MacInnes still have some work to do on aerial slide.

2015/16-52.2 Mr MacInnes was on the rota for June and a revised rota had been issued for the rest of the year.

2015/16-52.3 Pollarding on Mill Road was instructed but would be done at the appropriate time. It was noted that the grass was not being strimmed, also the playground boundaries were not being kept tidy. Mr MacInnes offered to meet with the grass contractors when next in the village to run through any issues.

2015/16-52.4 No streetlight issues

2015.16-52.5 County contribution to grass cutting was to be the same as last year at £474.33, the Clerk had sent an invoice.

2015/16-53 Administration Issues

2015/16-53.1 Clerk's vacancy, one applicant had been to meet the Chairman and Clerk but had very high salary expectations. The Clerk had requested confirmation of salary scales from CAPALC but they had not been received. There were two other applicants but both from outside the village. The Clerk put forward other options for consideration, including reducing the number of meetings each Year, for further consideration.

2015/16-53.2 Parish Councillor Vacancy, once vacancy now exists, it was agreed that we can work with six Councillors until someone comes forward.

2015/16-33.3 Douglas Tonks non payment of Tax. The Clerk had received notification that the police would not investigate this as fraud but that it should be pursued as a civil matter. She had been in touch with Rebecca Avery of the PCC office to ask advice and to establish why it had taken 3 months to come to this decision. She would look at the CCJ process.

2015/16-54 Working Parties Feedback and Updates

a- Litter Mr MacInnes, nothing to report

b- Countryside Mr Gregory, nothing to report

c- Village Hall Mr MacInnes/Mr Carter, nothing to report other

than two representatives have been welcomed onto the Village Hall Committee

2015/16-54 Items for the Wistow Warbler and Wistow Web site.

To inform Mr Williams and Dr Farrar of relevant articles

Volunteers for Speedwatch

Parish Clerk and Councillor vacancies

2015/16-55 Monthly audit

2015/16-55.1 Mr Leigh is our auditor for June and Mr MacInnes for July.

2015/16-56 Matters for future consideration

2015/16-56.1 Extension to graveyard – Mr Carter was to deliver the letter

2015/16-56.2 Timebanking and identification of vulnerable residents, Warboys have a Co ordinator but now require funding.

2015/16-56.3 Litter picking day- a date to be agreed and publicized, possible refreshments in playground

2015/16-56.5 Luminus garage doors on Oaklands Avenue need repainting, Mr Bucknell would take our request

2015/16-57 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40

Finance report:

Outgoings for June:	Clerk's salary June 2015	£258.39 (30 hours at £8.613)
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Income for June 67p interest on Deposit account and £882.28 VAT Refund.

Balances of Account as at 29th June 2015

Current Account	£14281.28	Deposit account	£5024.04
Cambridge Building Society	£10654.93		