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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 30th November 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall with Dr Farrar in the Chair.

2010-120 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2010-120.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Lucas and Mr Bucknell
PRESENT: Mrs Booth, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Ms Robinson, and Mr Ward, Mr Williams.

2010-121 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
2010-121.1 It was noted that as Mr Leigh and Mr Williams are members of the Village Hall Committee, they had declared openly their personal interest under the New Code of Conduct of the Local Government Act 2000, Part 3, and therefore were still able to participate in aspects of business dealing with the Village Hall.

2010-122. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
2010-122.1 There were no members of the public present.

2010-123. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 26TH OCTOBER 2010.
2010-123.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2010-124 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY
2010-124.1 The items as listed on the agenda were covered.
2010.124.2 *The Clerk would make enquiries regarding alternative street lighting maintenance having received details from MHB Services.*

2010-125. COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER
2010-125.1 Dr Farrar welcomed PCSO Jill Tiernan to the meeting. She reported that she had spoken to the boys playing football at the bus stop about safety issues but would return next week to reinforce the message. She also reported that Neighbourhood Watch was being given another push, *Mr Williams would put an article in the next Warbler and Dr Farrar put something on the website.* Finally she warned about the perils of leaving your car running and unattended to defrost as thefts had been reported.

2010-126 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2010-126.1 Mr Ward reported that the Chief Executive of HDC had applied for voluntary redundancy and that other senior staff were applying for redundancy or early retirement. Hinchingsbrooke Hospital had moved into the ownership of CIRCLE. Two supermarkets were interested in moving into Huntingdon under the redevelopment of the town centre/George Street project. Three applications were in for mobile home parks in the area as they provide alternative affordable accommodation. Guided bus is ongoing. Budget casualties are CCTV, town partnerships and public toilets.

2010-127. FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2010-127.1. 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

2010-127.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed.

Mrs P Coles November Salary	£239.46
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Lee Gray - Grass cutting	£169.58
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The Clerk also requested permission to settle Lee Gray's December bill for grass cutting which would be received at the end of December and be for the same amount. This was agreed.

c) to review cash flow and resolve anticipated issues – nothing further to discuss

2010-128. CORRESPONDENCE

2010-128.1 The correspondence listed was covered with comments as follows:

2010-128.2 Requests for donations had been received from EACH and a further request from MAGPAS, both to be declined.

2010-128.3 Regarding 'Obstruction and Lethargy in Public Office' as the background was not known and there was no-one present to provide the information discussion was postponed. However, it was noted that problems with the C140 remain and are worthy of further discussion.

2010-128.4 A letter from Mr Bish regarding the cemetery hedge, railings and the location of the salt bin at the bus stop was read out. The items referring to the cemetery would be passed on to the PCC, the Parish Council would look at the position of the salt bin bearing in mind costs and permission required to move it.

2010-129 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2010-129.1. None received.

2010-130 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

2010-130.1. A draft budget had been prepared by Dr Farrar and the Clerk to demonstrate running costs and known expenditure. After lengthy discussion it was proposed by Dr Farrar, seconded by Mrs Both and agreed by a majority to request £10,000 for the forthcoming year. *The Clerk would send in the form.*

2010.131 HEDGE CUTTING CONTRACT 2011/2012

2010-131.1 Only two quotes had been received and the contract was awarded to Mr A Davis.

2010-132 CHRISTMAS TREES

2010-132.1 Savills had confirmed by email that there were no plans to plant Christmas trees in the village.

2010-133 ROOKS GROVE HEDGE

2010-133.1 It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr and Mrs Juggins and give them until 1st February 2011 to clear the footpath at which point Highways would be involved. If they undertake to clear the footpath then Mr and Mrs Juggins would be invoiced for any work.

2010-134 PLAYGROUND PLANTING PROGRAMME

2010-134.1 As Mr Bucknell had been looking into this it will be discussed at the next meeting.

2010-135 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATES

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

Harris Lane – drainage problems, although no date had been given, work is moving forward.

Blackhurst Lane/Hill Road, *the Clerk would find out if this was a private road.*

C140 would continue to be monitored.

b) Litter – Ms Robinson/Mrs Booth – flytipping on Raveley Road had been reported

c) Countryside – Mr Carter/Dr Farrar Mr Carter had not had information regarding ancient rights of way.

d) Village Hall – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams

Mr Williams reported that a planning sub committee had been formed and good progress was being made. ACRE are providing advice on grants and ‘green’ solutions.

e) Maintenance Issues – Clerk

Leisure Logs had been out to tighten up the new equipment. The Clerk had not been able to contact Playscape who supplied the aerial runway, *she would continue her enquiries. She would also contact Wicksteed regarding the panels on the see-saw.* Mr Carter had carried out the risk assessment at the playground for November, Mrs Booth was on the rota for December.

2010-136

a) Grants – Mr Bucknell/Mrs Booth Nothing to report.

b) Wistow Bridge – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams It was decided to proceed with work to reinstate the area between Manor Street and the Bridge but not to disturb the Green outside Lodes Cottage as it was considered that would be a backward step. £800 would be earmarked should further work to that green become necessary. ***Mr Leigh would speak to Mr Burton and instruct him to proceed with the Manor Street to Bridge area.***

c) Allotments – It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be involved in erecting a shed on Dr Manwaring’s allotment. ***The Clerk would inform him.***

d) Parish Plan Review- Dr Farrar/Mr Bucknell/Ms Robinson/Mr Williams Mr Williams wished to withdraw from this project. A copy of the original questionnaire had now been sourced and a meeting would be arranged in January.

e) Broadband – Dr Farrar/Mr Leigh. There was the opportunity to sign up to the BT fibre optic system from Warboys exchange, ***Mr Leigh would look at the time frame and if appropriate an article to encourage awareness would be put into the Warbler.***

2010-137 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEBSITE

Mr and Mrs Williams were collecting articles for the January edition. The Clerk passed information on food hygiene in food outlets, mobile library times, Green House project, other information regarding Neighbourhood Watch and broadband would be added.

2010-138. MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2010-138.1 In Mr Bucknell’s absence Ms Robinson was November auditor and Mr Leigh volunteered for January.

2010-139 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

PC9 Church Street

White line outside Playground entrance

2010-140 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 25th January 2011 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

FINANCE REPORT for November 2010

			Paid
Clerk’s Salary			
27 hours @ £8.344	225.18		
Computer Usage	10.00		
Postage Paid 4 x 32p	1.28		
Heating	3.00	£239.46	30/11/10
Lee Gray – grass cutting		£169.58	30/11/10
TOTAL		£409.04	

Income for November - nil

Balances of Account as at 29th November 2010

Current Account	£ 3,181.29
Savings account	£15,003.95