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

2013/14-118 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2013/14-118 There were no apologies for absence.

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

2013/14-119 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2013/14-119.1 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.

2013/14-119.2 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2013/14-120 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2013/14-120.1 There were no members of the public present

2013/14-121 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 25th September 2013

2013/14-121.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2013/14-122 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda were covered, all relevant information had been passed to Mr and Mrs Williams for the Warbler and it was agreed not to attend any of the courses or discussions.

2013/14-123 POLICING MATTERS

2013/14-123.1 Speedwatch - Mr MacInnes reported that 2 trainings sessions had taken place successfully. The police are struggling with resources and have a quota of 600 letters per month that can be sent out. The whole point of Speedwatch was to relieve pressure on police resources but it was the admin staff. A letter was to be sent from the Parish Council, signed by Mr Carter, backing the speedwatch coordinators who are opposed to this quota.

2013/14-123-2 The Clerk had received a letter from Sir Graham Bright, the P&CC introducing Neighbourhood Alert and confirming his commitment to engage with Parish Councils. It was generally felt that this was disappointing as it was just a re-brand of E-Cops and that there was still a lack of engagement.

2013/14-123.3 The latest crime figures for the area had been received. It was pointed out that Upwood and Raveleys includes Wyton on the Hill and there are problems there. There had been an open meeting which Mr Bucknell had attended and found very informative, the next one will be in January at Warboys.

2013/14-124 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2013/14-124.1 Mr Tew reported that he had attended a meeting at the bridge but this appears on the agenda later.

2013/14-124.2 Mr Bucknell reported that there had been a pay award during 2013/14 but there would be no further increase in 2014/15. Savings were being identified.

One Leisure in St Ives had reopened, Huntingdon Multi-storey car park was going up and the Huntingdon West Road was on schedule and on budget.

2013/14-124.3 Mr Pethard had nothing further to report.

2013/14-125 FINANCE

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

2013/14-125.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting, and was unanimously agreed.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts :

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| Playground rent | £100.00 |
| McCreadie & Sons, ditch clearance | £1386.00 |
| Playground Inspection Co | £ 71.94 |

c) Income of £1103.28 from allotment rents.

d) Further precept discussion would take place next month but initial thoughts are to request the same amount.

2013/14-126 CORRESPONDENCE

2013/14-126.1 Ongoing correspondence regarding proposed savings at HDC, Mr Bucknell reported that all District Councillors have been asked to identify areas where savings can be made. A total of £2.6m is to be saved.

2013/14-126.2 It was agreed that no donation would be made to Victim Support.

2013/14-126.3 & 4, no action required.

2013/14-127 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2013/14-127.1 1301594 TREE works to trees at Thatched Cottage, Church Street was recommended for approval as it represented responsible maintenance to the trees.

2013/14-127.2 Any request for training on Planning and policies would be postponed until the New Year due to workloads and reorganization in the Planning Dept.

2013/14-128 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2013/14-128.1 Our request for improved signage at Oaklands Avenue/Close had been rejected by HDC as existing signage was deemed adequate.

2013/14-128.2 Mr Tew, Mr Bucknell and Mr Leigh had met with representatives from Highways regarding the replacement of the 'slow' sign at the Bridge. Due to the high cost of replacement it was not considered necessary to replace the solar sign, a larger 'give way' could be installed. It had been suggested that the Parish Council could purchase their own signs and options were to be sent round by Mr Bucknell for discussion at the next meeting with a view to providing signs which will deter speeding through the village. Cost for a battery powered sign would be in the region of £2500 and once installed would be maintained by Highways. There had also been an informal discussion on Broughton crossroads and Highways would look at the issues.

2013/14-128.3 & 4, These items were noted.

2013/14-128.5 There had been complaints from another parish regarding about speeding on the B1040 through the Toll. Road markings were missing and there was concern that the winter would bring more accidents. The Police were going to carry out speed checks on that stretch but it was suggested that we write to Highways to bring the issues to their attention and to request the replacement of cats eyes/road markings. Miss Robinson would email her contact.

2013/14-129 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2013/14-129.1 Playground, Leisure Logs had been contacted but no response had been received. The Clerk would continue to chase. There is still an empty bin case at the playground, Mr MacInnes would arrange its removal. The path was still full of weeds and it was agreed that Mr MacInnes would purchase the necessary equipment to keep on top of this problem – sprayer and weed killer. He would ensure it was stored according to regulations and take the necessary precautions when spraying.

2013/14-129.2 Bus Shelter, it was proving impossible to get quotes for the work. Five builders had been contacted and none responded, three were from the village. Mr Hodson knew some builders and provide their details to the Clerk.

2013/14-129.3 A playground inspection had been carried out and a report received. Mr Carter would look at the issues when he carried out his inspection for discussion at the next meeting.

2013/14-129.4 With a view to ensuring risk assessments and bin emptying is carried out, the Clerk will bring a form and had it out at each meeting to the person responsible for that month.

2013/14-129.5 & 6 The Clerk had received a response from Luminus regarding ownership of the land and the trees at Oaklands Close but it did not make sense as they advised that the land was privately owned and a patch at the rear belonged to the Parish Council. The Clerk had therefore been in touch with HDC who had a different view but in order to double check Mr Bucknell would be able to have sight of the HDC boundaries map which would then enable us to pass on correct information.

2013/14-129.7 The Clerk would contact Mr and Mrs Juggins about the dangerous guttering on their barn.

2013/14-130 CLERKS SALARY

2013/14-130.1 New paycales came into effect from 1st April 2013 giving and increase from £8.34 per hour to £8.428. A back payment of £13.16 was approved.

2013/14-131 QEII DIAMOND JUBILEE, UPDATE ON DEDICATION OF PLAYGROUND

2013/14-131.1 Paperwork had now been returned to Fields in Trust for completion.

2013/14-132 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

- a) Litter – Mr MacInnes, nothing to report
- b) Countryside – Mr Carter, notice of Rights of Way meetings had been received, Mr Carter would endeavour to attend.
- c) Village Hall – Mr MacInnes A letter had been sent to Planning requesting a pre-application meeting. The next fund raising event would be the Christmas Fayre.
- d) Parish Plan Review – Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Dr Farrar and Ms Robinson Mr Carter and the Clerk had delivered the Parish Plan document. Feedback had been received regarding affordable housing and speeding through the village. Following a suggestion Mr Hodson looked at bulk buying of coal and wood but found that there was little saving. Regarding the possible development, the Clerk would let Mrs Bance know that she should arrange a Pre-application meeting.

2013/14-133 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2013/14-133.1 Fostering recruitment drive from CCC

2013/14-133.2 Red Tile Wind Farm Trust article

2013/14-134 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2013/14-134.1 Mr Leigh is this month's auditor, Mr Bucknell for next month.

2013/14-135 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2013/14-135.1 Change of meeting night back to Tuesdays

2013/14-117 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2013/14-117.1 Wednesday, 27th November, 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Finance report:

Outgoings

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| Playground rent | £100.00 |
| McCreadie & Sons, ditch clearance | £1386.00 |
| Playground Inspection Co | £ 71.94 |

Income for October Allotment rents £1103.28

Balances of Account as at 29th October 2013

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| Current Account | £9681.81 | Deposit account | £5019.60 |
| Cambridge Building Society | £10,514.29 | | |