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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Thursday, 20th December, 2012 at 7.30 pm, with Dr Farrar in the Chair

2012/13-173 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2012/13-173.1 Apologies had been received Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mr Lucas and Mr Pethard. Flooding in the village was partially to blame.

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

2012/13-174 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2012/13-174.1 Mr MacInnes declared an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2012/13-175 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2012/13-175.1 There were no members of the public present.

2012/13-176 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 27th NOVEMBER 2012

2012/13-176.1 The minutes of the above Parish Council Meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. Dr Farrar had picked up a discrepancy on the spreadsheet and the minutes on Clerk's expenses where £13.05 should read £23.05. The error was cleared up satisfactorily and there being no further comments the minutes were approved.

2012/13-177 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

2012/13-178 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

2012/13-178.1 Mr Lucas had enquired whether the Clerk had heard from the Police and Crime Commissioner and she had not.

2012/13-179 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2012/13-179.1 As flooding had prevented attendance there were no reports.

2012/13-180 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2012/13-180.1 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

2012/13-180.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly Signed.

Mrs P Coles – December salary (rates as per minute no. 8e of the meeting dated the 15/12/09) now paid quarterly included below	£ 182.80,
Street light power	£ 270.59
Douglas Tonks quarterly salary payment	£624.03

2012/13-181 CORRESPONDENCE

2012/13-181.1 Regarding the email from Dr Manwaring, Ms Robinson would speak to Highways regarding the ditches and their ownership and the Clerk would speak to Mr Burton to get some background.

2012/13-181.2 No further action required regarding Kingston Way sewers.

2012/13-182 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2012/13-182.1 None received

2012/13-182.2 The name of Plot 1, Orchard House, was noted.

2012/13-183 HIGHWAY WARDEN SCHEME/ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES

2012/13-183.1 In response to Mr Dransfield's concerns about drainage on the footpath to Broughton, Highways had dug a gulley across the path going into the drain but water was still pooling against the house. The Clerk would contact the Rights of Way team.

2012/13-184 UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND

2012/13-184.1 Repairs to path, Mr Bucknell was to have looked at the original specification for the work, in his absence no decisions could be made.

2012/13-184.2 Digley & Associates had issued their report just prior to the meeting, it all appears to be in order. They had not included the trees in their report. Dr Farrar would pass round information he had received regarding monitoring the condition of trees in the park. We will include a tree inspection in the safety report next year.

2012/13-184.3 The Clerk had prepared the leases onto the playground for 25 and 27 Kingston Way. It was agreed to re-issue the leases.

2012/13-185 PRECEPT FOR 2013/14

2012/13-185.1 There had been further correspondence regarding the precept and the changes in Council Tax benefits. We still expect to receive £10,000 as requested.

2012/13-186 CONNECTING CAMBRIDGESHIRE – BROADBAND CAMPAIGN

2012/13-186.1 Harris Lane, Kingston Way and Mill Road had not been door knocked. The Clerk said she would happily deliver leaflets but would not have time to knock at each door. Mr Leigh had the leaflets and would pass them on. The deadline for the campaign is 31st December 2012.

2012/13-187 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

2012/13-187.1 It was agreed to proceed with this and to invite neighbouring parishes.

2012/13-188 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

- a) Litter – Mr MacInnes – there had been plasterboard on the Raveley and Broughtons Roads, this had been reported and picked up.
- b) Countryside – Mr Carter Mr Carter was absent.
- c) Village Hall – Mr MacInnes Dr Farrar had received a letter and energy report from the Village Hall committee who, following the report were rethinking the possibility of a new village hall and its location and wanted the support of the Parish Council. Following much discussion on the content of the report the following was agreed:

The playground in Oaklands Avenue would not be considered as a site

That direction had been given by the village/parish council in the past that there was not support for a new hall

Significant funds have already been spent on getting to the current stage in the refurbishment, it was of concern that this would be wasted

Figures in the report do not make it a 'game changer', a larger hall would not change the attitude of the village

Opinion was split on the merit of a meeting as similar discussions have occurred in the past but it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged to discuss how things should move forward.

There was a possible long term option of including a new village hall in any future development of business units or affordable housing as part of our Parish Plan.

Dr Farrar would draft a letter to arrange a meeting during January.

- d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar, Mr Carter, Mr Bucknell and Ms Robinson. At the moment there is no clear mandate from the village, the Group would circulate their ideas around the village and await comments.

2012/13-189 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2012/13-189.1 Ms Robinson still needs to obtain information on Speedwatch to pass onto Mr Williams.

2012/13-190 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2012/13-190.1 Mr Leigh is our auditor for this month and Mr Bucknell for next.

2012/13-191 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2012/13-191.1 These will be linked with our Parish Plan

2012/13-191.2 Bus Shelter, possible improvement

2012/13-191.3 Look at other possibilities with playground where it is boggy perhaps with WIB on board

2012/13-191.4 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.

2012/13-191.5 Tour of HDC offices for Chairman and Clerk

2012/13-192 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2012/13-192.1 Tuesday 26th February 2013, following the Code of Conduct training which commences at 7 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Finance report:

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Income for December

Interest from Bank £1.35

Balances of Account as at 29th December 2012

Current Account	£1340.40	Deposit account	£9017.09
Cambridge Building Society	£10,246.57		