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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall with Dr Farrar in the Chair.

2010-165 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2010-165.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Carter and Mr Williams.
PRESENT: Mrs Booth, Mr Bucknell, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Mr Lucas, Ms Robinson, and Mr Ward,

2010-166 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
2010-166.1 Mr Bucknell declared an interest with regard to any items under Agenda Item 174, as a member of the Huntingdon District Council, wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee and Trustee of the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust.
2010-166.2 It was noted that as Mr Leigh is a member of the Village Hall Committee, he had declared openly his personal interest under the New Code of Conduct of the Local Government Act 2000, Part 3, and therefore was still able to participate in aspects of business dealing with the Village Hall.

2010-167. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
2010-167.1 There were no members of the public present.

2010-168 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 25TH JANUARY 2011.
2010-168.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved with one correction: item 2010-146.2 The date of the Youth Forum, held on 16th February 2011

2010-169 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY
2010-169.1 The items as listed on the agenda were covered.

2010-170. COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER
2010-170.1 PCSO was not present.
2010-170.2 New guidelines and solutions for parking on pavements had been circulated.
2010-170.3 Mr Bucknell reported that the Youth Forum had been well attended and very positive. Notes were available for circulation.

2010-171 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2010-171.1 Mr Lucas reported that he felt that the C140 road was improving. He had attended a cabinet meeting that morning and a further wind farm was being discussed which could have benefits for the community in the form of grants. Up to £18,000 could be available with maximum single grant of £5,000 for projects with environment benefits, this is match funding.

2010-171.2 Mr Bucknell talked of the reported plans to merge Huntingdon District Council with Fenland District and East Cambs which he stressed were just talks. This had arisen as Eric Pickles advocates sharing of services and indeed 17 services are currently shared by the Councils. Mr Bucknell reported the budget meeting at HDC scheduled for the following day.

2010-171.3 Mr Ward had nothing further to add.

2010-172. FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2010-148.1. 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

2010-148.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed.

Mrs P Coles February	£207.13
Lee Gray - Grass cutting	£169.58
CCC street light energy and maintenance	£592.40
Village Hall hire for 2010	£140.00
Wicksteed Leisure, see saw panels	£143.22

c) to review cash flow and resolve anticipated issues

Confirmation had been received from HDC regarding the Band D charge relating to the village precept - £46.51

2010-149 CORRESPONDENCE

2010-149.1 The correspondence listed was covered with comments as follows:

2010-149.2 Mr Harold's letter regarding the condition of the telephone box was discussed and *the Clerk was instructed to take advice from County before contacting BT again.*

2010-149.3 Library Service Review – Mr Lucas reported that a meeting was to be held to discuss the options available to Warboys Library. Warboys PC had allocated some funds from the precept in order to support it. If it were continued as a Library and Community Centre under a Management Board then a commercial rent would have to be paid. Mr Lucas would report back at the next meeting.

2010-149.4 Provision of Transport Consultation, comments were required by 11th March and changes were to be made on 17th April. The 30 bus route would no longer have evening or Sunday services. ***The Clerk would send in comments against the loss of service, suggesting that double decker buses should be replaced to make some savings.*** Community buses are being promoted but volunteers and funding are both required. £100,000 is made available to the County for community buses.

2010-150 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
2010-150.1. None received.

2010.151 SALT BINS

2010-151.1 A response had been received from Highways regarding relocation of the salt bins. If a concrete base is required then the cost of moving could be £1000. ***The Clerk would contact Highways for further clarification as the bin at the Toll is on slabs.*** It was agreed that the bins would not be moved if a cost would be incurred.

2010-153 ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

2010-153.1 As the time of year makes any outdoor celebrations difficult, it was decided that the Parish Council would not organise anything but would support any plans by other parties.

2010-159 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATES

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

Blackhurst Lane/Hill Road, Clerk would inform Mr Carter that the road is adopted and liaise with him over contact with Cambs Water to tidy up following the new water main.

A new fault reporting system as an alternative to fixmystreet.com had been circulated. Details on the website.

b) Litter – Ms Robinson/Mrs Booth – There is some flytipping on Raveley Road and a polish deli sign has been dumped at the bridge. ***Ms Robinson will report them.*** Mr Bucknell had received a call to thank the PC for removing the rubbish on Oaklands Avenue.

c) Countryside – Mr Carter/Dr Farrar Nothing to report.

d) Village Hall – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams

The next meeting is week commencing 28th February.

e) Maintenance Issues – Clerk

The seesaw panels had arrived, the Clerk will contact Mr Williams and Mr Carter regarding their installation.

Mr Williams still needs to take a photo of the aerial runway

Mr Williams is on risk assessment for February and Ms Robinson March.

2010-160

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

2010-161 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEBSITE

Mr and Mrs Williams had delivered their first issue of the Warbler.

- b) Wistow Bridge – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams Mr Burton had started work to reinstate the Green from Manor Street to the Bridge. He had suggested levelling the whole area, *the Clerk would find out what additional cost was involved.*
- c) Allotments – Further hedge trimming would be considered in the Autumn.
- d) Parish Plan Review – *The Clerk would arrange a meeting before the next PC meeting.*
- e) Broadband – Dr Farrar/Mr Leigh this is an ongoing project.

2010-162. MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING
2010-162.1 Mr Leigh was auditor for February and Ms Robinson volunteered for March.

2010-163 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION
White line outside Playground entrance
Review condition of salt bins

2010-164 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 29th March 2011 at 7.30 pm
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

FINANCE REPORT for February 2011

			Paid
Clerk's Salary			
21 hours @ £8.344	179.31		
Computer Usage	10.00		
Postage Paid 1 x 32p	32		
Change for heating	10.00		
Paper	7.50	£207.13	22/02/11
Lee Gray – grass cutting		£169.58	22/02/11
CCC street light energy and maintenance		£592.40	22/02/11
Village Hall hire for 2010		£140.00	22/02/11
Wicksted Leisure, see saw panels		£143.22	01/03/11
TOTAL		£1252.33	

Income for February

Balances of Account as at 28th February 2011

Current Account	£ 2,666.71
Savings account	£15,005.82