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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 25th September 2013 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair

2013/14-98 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2013/14-98 Apologies had been received from Mr Bucknell, on holiday and Mr Pethard who was attending a Full Council meeting.

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

2013/14-99 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2013/14-99.2 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2013/14-100 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2013/14-100.1 There were no members of the public present

2013/14-101 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 27TH AUGUST 2013

2013/14-101.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2013/14-102 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda were covered with the following comments:

2013/14-102.1 Connecting Cambridgeshire – Mr Leigh reported that there is a website where progress for the area can be tracked. Updates can be emailed to local magazines to keep everyone aware. The project is progressing, Mr Tew thought that progress was ahead of schedule.

2013/13-102.5 Huntingdon Area Money advice, a link would be put on the website and a poster on a notice board.

2013/14-103 POLICING MATTERS

2013/14-103.1 Speedwatch - Mr MacInnes reported that there had been another volunteer and that he would circulate dates for the training session once arranged.

2013/14-104 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2013/14-104.1 Mr Tew reported that Somersham now had fibre broadband and that this was ahead of schedule.

2013/14-104.2 Mr Bucknell was away

2013/14-104.3 Mr Pethard had sent his apologies and asked for www.shapeyourplace.org to be publicised. The Clerk had not brought the information with her but would send it round following the meeting.

2013/14-105 FINANCE

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

2013/14-105.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting, and was unanimously agreed.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts :

Quarterly salary payment	£704.19
PKF Littlejohn annual audit	£120.00
Parrot Print, Wistow Warbler	£ 45.00
Parrot Print, Parish Plan	£118.00
Zen Internet, domain name renewal	£ 69.44

c) Income of £267.72 on 3rd September, interest on Cambridge Building Society Account

2013/14-106 CORRESPONDENCE

2013/14-106.1 Letter regarding proposed savings by Huntingdon District Council which would reduce our precept income by £352 based on this year's figures.

2013/14-106.2 Letter from John Newell regarding the Conservative party was not considered Parish Council business and therefore not commented on.

2013/14-106.3 Email regarding ditch maintenance from Mr Scanlon-Carling to HDC and passed on the County required no further comment as it had not been addressed to the Parish Council.

2013/14-107 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2013/14-107.1 1291274OUT RAF Upwood, - no comment

2013/14-107.2 1301313FUL, Beggars Roost, Parsonage Street, recommend approval.

2013/14-108 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2013/14-108.1 A site meeting is to be arranged to assess the need for the solar slow sign. It was suggested that a 'stop' sign would be as effective and a more cost effective solution.

2013/14-108.2 Clearance of ditches is instructed and will go ahead in due course.

2013/14-109 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2013/14-109.1 Playground, Mr Carter had made some repairs to the gate and Mr MacInnes and Mr Bucknell had raked and compacted the path. It was questioned whether Fergusons had carried out any weed killing. It was agreed that the broken equipment should be discussed with Leisure Logs as it was only 3 years old. Dr Farrar and the Clerk would look at this.

2013/14-109.2 Bus Shelter, Ms Robinson had contacted Highways regarding a ramp and it would require drawing and designs to be undertaken which could prove very costly. It was agreed to install grab handles and look at an overhang on the roof for shelter for those unable to negotiate the step. The bus stop at Pidley was a good example of what is required.

2013/14-109.3 A playground safety inspection had been instructed.

2013/14-109.4 Ms Robinson reported that on her recent playground inspection the bins were overflowing and she removed 6 bags of rubbish. Options regarding the rubbish were discussed and Mr MacInnes would check on the siting of the bins and the clerk would find out how much another bin would cost to install, plus the cost of cementing it in. Mr Pethard would be asked whether it would be possible to have the rubbish collected.

2013/14-109-5 It was agreed that the trees needed to be lightly pruned back to clear the footpath, the Clerk would contact Luminus to find out whose responsibility this is and also find out about parking. It was also asked whether it would be possible to amend the signage to read Oaklands Avenue, leading to Oaklands Close, Ms Robinson would enquire.

2013/14-110 INSURANCE RENEWAL

2013/14-110.1 Renewal with Came & Co for the sum of £765.84 was agreed.

2013/14-111 QEII DIAMOND JUBILEE, UPDATE ON DEDICATION OF PLAYGROUND

2013/14-111.1 All the paperwork had now been received, signed and passed to HDC.

2013/14-112 ALLOTMENT RENTS

2013/14-112.1 Invoices would be sent out to include the increase.

2013/14-112.2 The increase for Mr Bowd would be waived as a token of appreciation for the use of the corner of his allotment.

2013/14-113 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

a) Litter – Mr MacInnes, nothing to report

b) Countryside – Mr Carter, nothing to report

c) Village Hall – Mr MacInnes The Parish Council agreed the wording for the letter from the Village Hall Committee to the Planners requesting a pre-application meeting.

d) Parish Plan Review – Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Dr Farrar and Ms Robinson The document has been printed, Dr Farrar would email a village map to Mr Carter who would split the village into 4 for delivery purposes. He and the Clerk would make a start the following Sunday.

2013/14-114 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2013/14-114.1 Huntingdon Area Money Advice

2013/14-114.2 Connecting Cambridgeshire update

2013/14-114.3 Speedwatch update and request for volunteers

2013/14-115 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2013/14-115.1 Mr Carter is this month's auditor, Mr Leigh for next month.

2013/14-116 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2013/14-116.1 Visit from Bobby Scheme – this was dependent on the next item.

2013/14-116.2 Meeting with Mrs Bance and Mr Bland. The Clerk reported that despite chasing emails it had been impossible to organise a meeting. It was agreed that an email be sent to Mr Bland informing him of our disappointment that he had been unable to attend any of 5 meetings held since 4th May when the meeting was first requested and have one final attempt at organising something.

2013/14-116.3 Mr Tew reported that Ramsey Town Council had been visited by a member of the Planning department to give them some help and guidance with planning issues. He would inform the Clerk of the contact and she would endeavour to arrange a joint evening with other local Councils.

2013/14-116.4 Mr Leigh expressed concern that there had been another accident at the Broughton crossroads. It was agreed to contact Broughton Clerk and offer our support if ever they were looking at addressing the problems there and Mr Tew would look at its location and problems if he was provided with a grid reference.

2013/14-117 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2013/14-117.1 Wednesday, 30th October, 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Finance report:

Outgoings

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Income for August – Interest on Barclays account 63p

Balances of Account as at 29th September 2013

Current Account	£11495.28	Deposit account	£5019.60
Cambridge Building Society	£10,514.29		