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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

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	To receive apologies for absence – Mr Bucknell, Mr MacInnes Present: Mr Carter, Mrs Coles, Mr Gregory, Ms Leaton, Mr Leigh, Mr Tew. Members of the public, Ms Emery, Mr Twigden To Receive Declarations of Interest All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall Mr Carter as a member of the Village Hall Committee. Public Participation None Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 Having been circulated prior to the meeting the minutes were approved as a true record and signed. Matters for information only Items 1 to 7 were discussed with no further action required Policing Matters Speedwatch update, still no news on training. Mr Tew will follow up. 2/3 volunteers are needed per session and once trained resources can be shared. Vital that training is arranced. Various ecops updates No crime figures for Wistow To receive reports from District and County Councillors Mr Tew's report would be as per the Open Meeting report: Cambridgeshire County Council is facing financial challenges on a scale never seen before and has had a very tough year to reach a balanced budget however, by liaising with officers and scrutinising strategies, the council managed to achieve an under-spend of around £5 million. By the year 2020 there will be a gap of £102 million between the funding we have to spend and the funding we need to continue to provide our services, this year's budget is even more challenging with savings of £51 million to find. To achieve this will inevitably lead to reduced services. Some services have been cut significantly such as youth work and children's centres and school transport routes have been reviewed and streamlined. We have merged teams that used to be separate and are now sharing some services. Council has moved away from providing services that are classed as being for everyone to access (universal), to services targeted at those that are most vulnerable and in real need, however, the number of people in this group is growing and we are struggling to meet this demand. O

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	the County Council has made is the strategy of a programme	
	called 'transforming lives' which is being rolled out from	
	middle of April having proved effective in a pilot scheme	
	where savings were achieved, this strategy is based on	
	outcomes for the most vulnerable and elderly in our	
	communities, part of this strategy is a new point of contact	
	called the Early help Contact Centre, this comes on line in	
	early April which signposts to community organisations and	
	our more complex services, which should improve the speed	
	that enquiries are dealt with. We have increased the use of	
	technology to meet people's needs, such as assistive	
	technology for older people so they require less face to face	
	visits. However we are still delivering broadly the same	
	services but at a lower cost which has been achieved	
	through reviewing departments and services and making	
	some significant restructures which have resulted in	
	reductions of staff, particularly management. Office space	
	for Council staff has been reduced and, where it remains,	
	the vast majority of staff do not have an assigned desk but	
	have to share space and use a hot desk solution. In February	
	it was agreed at full council to increase council tax by 2%	
	which is ring fenced for Adult social care which will help	
	alleviate the stress put on to the social care budget in the	
	coming year. The main council tax was not increased.	
	Discussions have been ongoing on devolution, the County	
	Council voted 64 with one abstention to carry on with	
	discussion however the deal that was put forward by	
	government was not accepted and it was agreed that a new	
	deal should be negotiated and brought back to the table. In	
	Wistow Potholes and road surfaces have been patched, the	
	top of Wistow Toll has also been reported to highways	
	officers, new initiatives have been put in place to help	
	mitigate reductions in services to the elderly and most	
	vulnerable, a monthly walk about is now taking place so that	
	any seen problems can be reported ASAP to the appropriate	
	services. A new reporting system is being trialled and if	
	successful will be rolled out in the next couple of months	
	which should speed up the reporting process. Mr Gregory	
	asked how much the new system had cost and Mr Tew	
	explained that it had been within the Transformation fund	
	and as the new system allows reporting with photographs	
	savings will be made. Mr Tew reported that we have a	
	volunteer for the Elderly Community Navigator.	
2016/17-07.2	Mr Bucknell and Mrs Curtis were absence and had not	
	provided reports.	
2016/17-08	Finance	
2016/17-08.1	The Financial Statement and Cashflow for April was	
	discussed. It was decided to reallocate the £5,000 in the	
	playground budget to lighting and Parish Plan as grants were	
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	available for the proposed playground projects. The Parish	
	Plan and Lighting earmarked funds are for MVAS, CCTV and	
2010/17 00 2	possible improvements to lighting.	
2016/17-08.2	payment of the following was approved	
	Environment Agency, drainage £14.25	
	Mrs P Coles, salary £303.93	
	Mrs P Coles, expenses £14.08	
	c) Income in April – precept £11,000	
2016/17-09	Correspondence	
2016/17-09.1	Follow up email from Mr Cook, Mr Carter has now been to	
	see him.	
2016/17-10	To consider any Planning Applications received and planning	
	related issues	
2016/17-10.1	None received	
2016/17-10.2	A copy of the planning presentation had been emailed	
	round.	
2016/17-10.3	The Clerk had spoken with Planning and the Enforcement	
	Officer was already aware of the wall in Harris Lane.	Mr Carter
2016/17-11	Highways Report/Traffic Matters	Mr Leigh/Ms
2016/17-11.1	Ongoing discussion regarding MVAS, specification to be	Leaton
2010/17 11.1	reviewed and decided.	Leaton
2016/17-11.2	It was unanimously agreed to enter into joint purchase of	
2010/17-11.2		
	speedwatch kit, to share with Bury and Upwood at a cost of	
	£833. No contribution would be made until training had	
	been provided and we were in a position to make use of the	
	kit.	
2016/17-11.3	The Parish Council had been asked to look at the possibility	
	of installing CCTV cameras at both ends of the village. The	
	Clerk had spoken to PSK who provide the cameras in	
	Somersham and work with HDC. The cost would be in the	
	order of £2000 and it is recommended to install on the end	Mr Leigh
	of a residential property. Mr Leigh was tasked to find out	
	about Data Protection and look into this further.	
2016/17-12	Maintenance Issues	
2016/17-12.1	Mr Carter and Mr MacInnes were working through the list of	
	repairs at the Playground. Mr Carter is working through the	Mr Carter
	grant application for the new equipment.	
2016/17-12.2	Mr Gregory had completed the risk assessment forms.	
2016/17-13	Administration issues	
2016/17-13.1	Complaints procedure, Mr Carter will prepare in time for	Mr Carter
	AGM	
2016/17-13.2	Paperwork had been delivered to Mrs Moore for audit.	Clerk
2016/17-13.3	Mrs Emery is interested in joining the Parish Council. The	Clerk
	Clerk will forward the necessary forms.	
2016/17-13.4	There were no actions resulting from the Open Meeting. It	
,	should be noted that the Village Hall report as read	
	contained information from last year's report which should	Clerk
	be omitted. Speedwatch report would be summarised.	5.6
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2016/17-13.5	Mr Carter would design the survey on lighting for the Clerk	Mr Carter/Clerk
	to print and all Councillors will deliver, in time for next	
	meeting.	
2016/17-14	Working parties feedback and updates	
2016/17-14a	Litter – nothing to report	
2016/17-14b	Countryside- Mr Gregory had nothing to report.	
2016/17-14c	Village Hall – Mr MacInnes and Mr Carter, nothing to report,	
2016/17-15	Items for Wistow Warbler and Website	Mr Carter/Clerk
	The Clerk reported that there were limitations with the	
	website, information on forthcoming elections could not be	
	uploaded. Her email system could not be accessed remotely	
	and grants were available to update PC websites. Mr Carter	
	and the Clerk would seek advice from Dr Farrar.	
2016/17-16	Monthly Audit	
	Mr Leigh is our auditor for April, Mr Gregory volunteered for	
	May.	
2016/17-17	Matters for future consideration	
2016/17-17.1	PCC to come back to us regarding clearing graveyard	
2016/17-17.2	Revisit Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Tew suggested we look at	
	a Community Plan to start with.	
2016/17-18	Date of Next Meeting	
	The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2016,	
	following our Annual General Meeting which starts at 7.30	
	pm	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20	
	pm	
	FINANCE REPORT	
	Environment Agency, drainage £14.25	
	Mrs P Coles, salary £303.93	
	Mrs P Coles, expenses £14.08	
	Income for April, £11,000 precept	
	Balance as at 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	
	Current account £18211.76	
	Deposit account £15794.17	
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