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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair

2013/14-80 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2013/14-80 Apologies had been received from Mr Leigh, on holiday and Dr Farrar, unwell.

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

2013/14-81 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2013/14-81.1 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.

2013/14-81.2 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2013/14-82 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2013/14-82.1 Mr Carter welcomed Mr Tony Bish to the meeting. He had a number of points he wished to raise as follows:

2013/14-82.2 Trees on Oaklands Close, Mr Bish asked that the Parish Council cut back the branches at the bottom to improve access.

2013/14-82.3 Tree in Church Yard, Mr Bish asked if it was being replaced, it was confirmed that it was in the hands of Wistow in Bloom.

2013/14-82-4 Bus Shelter – Mr Bish asked that the Parish Council considers installing a ramp for disabled access when the repairs are carried.

2013/14-82.5 The Parish Council would establish who had responsibility for the upkeep of the trees on Oaklands Close and whether a ramp could be included in the repairs to the bus shelter, thanked Mr Bish for attending. He left the meeting at 7.35pm.

2013/14-83 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013

2013/14-83.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2013/14-84 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

2013/14-84.2 Rural Services Network petition, it was agreed that **Parish Councillors would print off their own copy of the petition and take it to events with them and obtain signatures.**

2013/14-85 POLICING MATTERS

2013/14-85.1 Mr MacInnes had agreed to take on the role of Speedwatch Co-ordinator and as the criteria for organising a speedwatch session would be changing he would organise training sessions to prepare us. It is clear that the village would benefit from carrying out sessions in Bridge Street and Mill Road where speeding continues to be an issue.

2013/14-86 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2013/14-86.1 Mr Tew had nothing to report.

2013/14-86.2 Mr Bucknell reported that Huntingdon District Council have given a grant to the Regional College of £1.5m to refurbish the college. One Leisure pool at St Ives is closed until 15<sup>th</sup> September for essential repairs. Connecting Cambridgeshire has secured a £1.2m grant from the European Regional Development Fund. Local unemployment has fallen, 426 fewer claims were being made for Jobseekers allowance compared to this time last year.

2013/14-86.3 Mr Pethard had nothing further to report.

2013/14-87 FINANCE

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

2013/14-87.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting, and it was unanimously agreed. The Clerk confirmed that the Cambridge Building Society Account had been renewed as no better rate was found.  
2013/14-87.2 Payments were approved for Fergusons of £2574 for grass cutting and trimming the playground hedge and to Balfour Beatty £439.42 for Streetlight maintenance.

2013/14-88 CORRESPONDENCE

2013/14-88.1 Cambridge ACRE AGM, **Mr Carter and Ms Robinson would look at their diaries.**

2013/14-88.2 **Mr Carter would comment on the final version of the Parish Charter**

2013/14-88.3 It was agreed that a monthly newsletter from CAPALC was adequate and the Clerk confirmed that she had sent in all email addresses.

2013/14-88.4 The email regarding ditch maintenance from Mr Scanlon-Carling had been forwarded to County, it would be brought forward to the next meeting.

2013/14-89 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2013/14-89.1 1301154FUL Proposed kitchen and garden room to rear of property, The Gatehouse, 11 Bridge Street, Wistow, approval recommended.

2013/14-89.2 Mr Bucknell reported that the planning application for the land at Cromwell Farm had been approved as, despite local objections, correct planning policies had not been used to back up the objections. Some guidance is needed on planning policies and how to find and interpret them. Mr Tew suggested that on issues of local importance, Parish Councils should consult with each other.

2013/14-90 CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

2014/14-90.1 Mr Hodson returned his forms.

2013/14-91 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2013/14-91.1 The broken solar slow sign is ongoing, the Raveley Road has been marked up for repair. Potholes are ongoing.

2013/14-91.2 It was agreed to incur the extra costs to keep the spoil from the ditches off the verge.

2013/14-91.3 Information only

2013/14-91.4 **Ms Robinson would request that our salt bins are filled.**

2013/14-92 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2013/14-92.1 Playground, Mr Carter would look at the gate, Mr Bucknell and Mr MacInnes would meet at the Playground on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> to look at other issues.

2013/14-92.2 Bus Shelter, Ms Robinson would contact Highways regarding the feasibility of a ramp, no quotes had yet been received although Mrs Parker had responded with a few questions regarding the solar lights and the water butt. Once the issue of the ramp was resolved it was agreed to go outside the village for quotes as it is imperative that three are obtained.

2013/14-92.4 It was agreed to organise an inspection with the company recommended by our insurers.

2013/14-93 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 There were still some responses from farmers regarding land options outstanding, although there were 4 offers on the table. A pre-application meeting was being organised with the Planners.

d) Parish Plan Review – Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Dr Farrar and Ms Robinson Final document ready for printing and then circulation.

2013/14-94 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2013/14-94.1 Nothing further

2013/14-95 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2013/14-95.1 Ms Robinson is our auditor for this month, Mr Carter for next.

2013/14-96 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2013/14-96.1 Visit from Bobby Scheme

2013/14-96.2 Meeting with Mrs Bance and Mr Bland

2013/14-97 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2013/14-97.1 Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Finance report:

**Outgoings**

Fergusons, grass cutting and hedge trimming	£2574.00
Balfour Beatty, Street light maintenance	£ 439.41

**Income for August** – Interest on Cambridge Building Society Account £267.72

**Balances of Account as at 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

Current Account	£14508.70	Deposit account	£5018.97
Cambridge Building Society	£10,246.57		