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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 27th January 2015 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

2014/15-167 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2014/15-167.1 Mrs A Curtis, and Mr MacInnes

PRESENT: Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles, Dr Farrar, Mr Hodson, Mr Leigh, Mr Tew, and Mrs Willis. Mrs Gorman, Mr Williamson and Mr and Mrs Pritchard were present as members of the public.

Mr Bucknell wished to stand down as a member of the Parish Council due to his commitments at District. Mr Carter thanked him for his service to the village.

2014/15-168 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2014/15-168.1 All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall

2014/15-169 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2014/15-169.1 Mr Williamson asked whether the letter to Mr Carter from Mr Wadsworth had been circulated.

2014/15-169.2 Mrs Gorman asked why a subcommittee had been set up prior to the discussion of the letter. Mr Carter confirmed that no subcommittee had been agreed.

2014/15-169.3 Mrs Payne-Pritchard had brought a sample of the advertising boards that she and her husband were making to advertise village events. The Clerk had contacted Highways prior to the meeting concerning the location of these boards and Mr Carter explained that they could not be sited on Highways land.

2014/15-170 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 23RD DECEMBER 2014

2014/15-170.1 The Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting having been circulated prior to the meeting were confirmed as a true record.

2014/15-171 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Items 1 to 8 listed on the agenda were noted with following comments:

2014/15-171.4 Cambridge Acre have secured £2.4m for 2015/16

2014/15-171.6 and 8 End of WWII celebrations, look at grant funding and registering our event.

2014/15-172 POLICING MATTERS

2014/15-172.1 Mr MacInnes had sent a report to confirm that he had made contact with the Speedwatch Police Coordinator and he will come to assess our team once members had been confirmed but more volunteers are needed. Our new email news system will be used to try and encourage volunteers. The Police also have data boxes which can be fixed to posts and count traffic and speeds.

2014/15-172.2 E Cops updates on crime figures. The next Forum meeting is on 18th February at 7 pm in Warboys.

2014/15-172.3 Details to sign up to Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter

2014/15-173 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2014/15-173.1 Mr Carter welcomed Mr Tew back following his heart attack. Mr Tew reported that the B1040 would be closed in Bury while work is carried out to the Church Wall, between 16th and 20th February.

2014/15-173.2 Mr Bucknell reported that he had attended a meeting on RAF Alconbury and the effects of the withdrawal of American Service people in 2019. 500 houses are rented by American personnel and this will impact on local rental market. 400 British civil servants work at the site and it is hoped that they will be reduced by natural wastage. It is estimated that £92m could be lost in the local community

2014/15-174 FINANCE

2014/15-174.a. To approve the financial statement and cash-flow for January 2015

2014/15-174.b to approve payment of outstanding amounts:

The following payments were approved and cheques signed.

Village Hall Committee, hall hire £150.00

Little Paxton PC, outreach training £ 35.00

Monies received: PCC contribution to grass cutting and cemetery standpipe
£533.61

2014/15-175 CORRESPONDENCE

2014/15-175.1 Mr Williamson had requested information relating to Village Hall matters, a response had been sent.

2014/15-175.2 Litter issues to be tackled with working party in the Spring. Mr Hodson would look into the issues between Wistow and Broughton where gulleys have been cleared and debris left on the verges.

2014/15-175.4 Local Plan to 2036, there is a portal for targeted consultation. Nothing in plan for Wistow, three largest sites providing 15,000 houses are Wyton, Alconbury and St Neots. Draft paper on infrastructure is still being discussed. CIL helps with infrastructure but is split between the agencies. No CIL is payable on affordable housing.

2014/15-175.3, 5, 6 and 7 No further action required.

2014/15-176 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2014/15-176.1 1402125FUL Proposed two storey side and rear extension, 20 Oaklands Avenue, Wistow – recommended for approval

2014/15-177 HIGHWAY REPORT/TRAFFIC MATTERS

2014/15-177.1 Information required from National Grid remains outstanding Mr Carter to progress.

2014/15-177.2 Mr Leigh to progress white lining on junction of Parsonage Street and Mill Road.

2014/15-178 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2014/15-178.1 Revised quote from CGM acceptable, best value, good to deal with, award contract with 15 cuts on playground, greens, cemetery and churchyard and 8 cuts on verges.

2014/15-178.2 It was agreed to purchase paint from Wicksteed and instruct Shane Elmore to paint the seesaw.

2014/15-178.3 Mr MacInnes to forward November playground inspection report and Mr Leigh to complete report for January.

2014/15-178.4 No quote received from Ray Burton, Clerk to chase.

2014/15-178.5 Mrs Willis had been in touch with BT and also obtained code of conduct for location of new cabinets. She was asked to progress without jeopardising provision of faster broadband.

2014/15-178.6 Clerk to investigate value of PC1 in order to sell.

2014/15-179 ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

2014/15-179.1 Clerk's Vacancy, an advert will go into the next Warbler. The Clerk will prepare a notice of vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

2014/15-180 WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATES

2014/15-180.a Litter – Nothing to report

2014/15-180.b Countryside – Mr Hodson reported that everywhere is very muddy, there are no issues other than the ongoing issues of dog fouling.

2014/15-180.c Village Hall – Before the meeting, Mr Carter had circulated a letter from the Chair of Village Hall Committee issued following notification by the Parish Council that the costed options were insufficiently accurate to support consultation with the village. It was noted that the reference in the letter to the Parish Council having little enthusiasm for anything other than a do nothing or minimal maintenance option was not an accurate interpretation of the Parish Council's position. The correct interpretation was that in the light of funding issues stated at the last meeting and the possible requirement to undertake a costly referendum, the Parish Council at the time had little enthusiasm for high cost options and believed that further less expensive options would need to be considered including do nothing and do minimum refurbishment.

It was noted that it was some time since the views of the Village had been sought and that when it had been consulted there appeared to have been little appetite for a new hall. It was agreed that it was time to approach the Village again to regenerate confidence; to review what the village feels it needs, how they perceive it will be used, and how location could affect use. It was agreed that in the current economical climate, a wider range of options should now be submitted to the village for consideration. It was agreed that since the last Parish Plan the views in the Village may have changed and the economic conditions had changed considerably. It was noted that while there were no significant developments in the Local Plan this should not rule out consideration of the full range of options during any consultation. It was therefore agreed to consult the village to obtain a mandate and a sub-committee of Mr Leigh, Mr Hodson, Mrs Willis and Dr Farrar was established. The Clerk would minute the meetings, and a consultation document would be drafted for the next meeting.

Mr Carter reported that a proposal had been made by Mrs Bance that funding for a new hall could be linked with development of her land on Mill Road. It was noted that since there was no development in the Local Plan for Wistow, the only possible way for this development to occur would be on an "Exception Site". Under planning rules this was intended to be for "Affordable Housing" and could only proceed if supported by a significant majority of the village. Given the intent to build "Market" rather than "Affordable Housing", the Parish Council could not formally support the project but would not frustrate consultation between Mrs Bance, her Agent and the Village. It was recommended that no consultation take place prior to completion of the work to clarify the needs of the Village.

2014/15-181 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

- 2014/15-181.1 – New printing arrangements would be used for the next Warbler
- 2014/15-181.2 Clerk's vacancy and Casual Councillor Vacancy
- 2014/15-181.3 Update contact list
- 2014/15-181.4 E mail newsletter

2014/15-182 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

- 2014/15-182.1 Mr Carter is our auditor for January, Mr Leigh volunteered for next month.

2014/15-183 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- 2014/15-183.1 Extension to graveyard
- 2014/15-183.2 Village Handyman – plan to approach local Parish Councils to share resources.
- 2014/15-183.3 Identify vulnerable members of community to offer support

2014/15-184 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 2014/15-184.1 Tuesday, 24th February 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Finance report:

Outgoings for January

Village Hall	£150.00
Little Paxton PC	£ 35.00

Income for January

PCC Grass cutting	£533.61
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Balances of Account as at 29th January 2015

Current Account	£7548.24	Deposit account	£5022.79
Cambridge Building Society	£10,514.29		