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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, with Dr Farrar in the Chair

2011/12-183 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2011/12-183.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Carter and Mr Ward.

PRESENT: Mrs Booth, Mr Bucknell, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Mr Lucas, Mr MacInnes, and Ms Robinson.

2011/12-184 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2011/12-184.1 It was noted that as Mrs Booth is a member of the Village Hall Committee, she had declared openly her personal interest under the New Code of Conduct of the Local Government Act 2000, Part 3. Therefore she was still able to participate in aspects of business dealing with the Village Hall.

2011/12-184.2 Mr Bucknell declared an interest with regard to any items under Agenda Item 192 as a member of the Huntingdon District Council, he also wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee, the Vetting Panel for the new Police Commissioner, the Liaison Committee for Warboys Landfill Site, and also Trustee of the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust. Finally he informed the meeting that as the local elections had been called he could not do or say anything that could be interpreted as giving political gain.

2011/12-185 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2011/12-185.1 There were no members of the public present

2011/12-186 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2012

2011/12-186.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2011/12-187 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

2011/12-187.1 There would be no alterations to the subsidised bus services until 2014. Community operations are being consulted.

2011/12-188 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

2011/12-188.1 There was no PCSO present.

2011/12-188.2 The Clerk had received confirmation from Sgt Savill that the reported burglary had been an error and the missing item found.

2011/12-188.3 The next Neighbourhood Forum will be on Monday, 23rd April at 7pm at Ramsey Community Centre. The Clerk would be able to attend.

2011/12-188.4 Mr Bucknell reported that there had been an arrest in the village on Thursday, 15th March with a court appearance pending the following week.

2011/12-189 RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2011/12-189.1 Mr Lucas reported that with the change in the structure of policing it will not be possible for them to attend each Neighbourhood Forum and this may result in a change to the format of the Forums. It may be that the new Commissioner will write to Parish Councils quarterly or attend their meetings to discuss the priorities.

Mr Lucas will no longer act as liaison. Cambs County Council have some funding to extend the guided bus service and it is hoped that it will eventually go from Ramsey.

2011/12-189.2 Mr Bucknell reported that following on from the 'green' houses in St Ives and St Neots, Eastfield House now has solar panels which deliver 117kw of power.

2011/12-190 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2011/12-190.1 As this had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting, and there were no further comments, it was unanimously confirmed as a true record.

b) to approve payments of outstanding amounts

2011/12-190.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed with the exception of payment to Andy Davis who had not completed the allotment hedge cutting or submitted his invoice.

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| Mrs P Coles March Salary and expenses | £218.58 |
| Cambs Water, church standpipe | £ 14.51 |

c) to review cash flow and resolve anticipated issues

d) the budget for 2012/13 had been circulated and was now agreed. It was also agreed that a sum of £1500 be allocated to Jubilee celebrations, £5000 be earmarked for the Parish Plan and there was £3000 now in the pot for street light replacement.

e) It was unanimously agreed that Mr Carter would replace Mr Williams as a signatory on the Barclays Account.

f) The sum of £451.74 was unanimously agreed for the County contribution to grass cutting. The Clerk would send an invoice.

2011/12-191 CORRESPONDENCE

2011/12-191.1 The email from Mr Turner regarding the clock was duly noted and we await notification from the PCC that they are satisfied with the work prior to paying the outstanding invoice.

2011/12-191.2 An invitation to a Jubilee Picnic at Burghley House, which the Queen will attend, had been received. The Parish Council were invited to make four nominations from our community for tickets. Nominations were Mr and Mrs John Wadsworth, Mrs Helen Buddle and Dr Richard Farrar, for their contribution to the village. Mr and Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs Buddle were agreed but it was felt by some members of the Parish Council, including Dr Farrar, that members of the Council should not be nominated as their contribution was a given. Mr Leigh proposed and Mr Bucknell seconded Dr Farrar's attendance and the proposal was carried by a majority. Dr Farrar did not vote, he and the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

2011/12-192 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2011/12-192.1 None received

2011/12-193 TO DISCUSS PLAYGROUND SAFETY REPORT

2011/12-193.1 As Mr Carter had been unwell this had not been done. It was therefore delayed until the next meeting and Mr MacInnes would assist. It was decided to make the aerial runway a priority and the Clerk would ask Mr Burton to quote to provide more bark and paint with preservative. It was further decided to position the benches as they are laid out except that the bench under the tree would be moved to between the new equipment and the aerial runway. Mr Burton would be asked to site these as soon as possible and the Clerk would then clean them up.

2011/12-194 TOWN AND PARISH CHARTER MEETING/LOCALISM ISSUES

2011/12-194.1 Mr Carter would attend the first Parish Charter meeting on 30th April and the meeting on 25th April at Huntingdon District Council.

2011/12-195 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2012

2011/12-195-1 The following was decided: the Clerk would obtain information on a hog roast or similar, information on bunting, she and Dr Farrar would look at risk assessment, Mr MacInnes would organise a pa system and music. Mr and Mrs Berry had organised a karaoke for the evening and that could follow on from our event. The Clerk would also contact Bernasconi in Warboys who were offering commemorative ironwork.

2011/12-196 ALLOCATION OF REPORTS FOR THE OPEN MEETING ON 24TH APRIL 2012

2011/12-196.1 The following was agreed

Dr Farrar - Financial, Chairman's, Allotment

Mr Leigh - Bridge, Jubilee

Ms Robinson – Litter

Mr Carter - Countryside, Playground

Mr Bucknell - Traffic and road, Neighbourhood Plan

Mrs Booth - Village Hall and grants

Ms Robinson gave her apologies but would supply her report to be read out.

2011/12-197 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

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

Hedges at Wistow Toll had been cut back and it was a great improvement

b) Litter – Ms Robinson/Mrs Booth – nothing to report

c) Countryside – Mr Carter/Dr Farrar

d) Village Hall – Mrs Booth

Mr Bucknell reported that following a meeting with planners there was now agreement how to proceed with the roof and to open up the attic. The pitched roof at the back will be a similar height to the existing roof. They can now submit a further application.

e) Maintenance Issues – Clerk

Village sign, quotes would be obtained to repair without the overhang. Mr Bucknell had spoken to the builder but he had not supplied a quote. It was agreed to proceed up to £150

2011/12-198

a) Grants – Mr Bucknell/Mrs Booth

b) Wistow Bridge – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams The Clerk would chase removal of the poles.

c) Allotments – Mr Davis had not completed the hedge cut and would be advised against any further work during the nesting season.

d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar/Mr Bucknell/Ms Robinson. There had been no response to the article in the Warbler, under the localism act the Parish Council can formulate a neighbourhood plan, the following suggestions had been discussed:

- small high-tech business units
- a few starter homes
- improve village hall
- better broadband
- healthier living – encourage walks etc
- renewable energy.

Grant money is available from District for Neighbourhood plans, it would have to be registered and have community support for growth through consultation. It would be important to raise the profile of the village and show that it would be open to small businesses. Mr Bucknell will have further updates.

2011/12-199 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2011/12-199.1 Details of jubilee celebrations

2011/12-200 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2011/12-200.1 Mr Leigh is our auditor for this month and Mrs Booth for next.

2011/12-201 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2011/12-201.1 Parish Plan/CPALC membership

2011/12-182 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2011/12-182.1 Tuesday 24th April 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Finance report:

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| Mrs P Coles - March salary (rates as per minute no. 8e of the meeting dated the 15/12/09) now paid quarterly computer + £4 heating plus £4.32 stamps) | £ 218.56 (24 hours + £10 |
| Cambridge Water, Church standpipe | £14.51 |
| Income for March 74p interest | |
| Balances of Account as at 29th March 2012 | |
| Current Account £3377.76 | Deposit account £5013.35 |
| Cambridge Building Society £10,000 | |