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

2013/14-137 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2013/14-137 Apologies had been received from Mr Hodson - away on business  
PRESENT: Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Leigh, Mr MacInnes, Mr Pethard, Mr Tew and Ms Robinson.

2013/14-138 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2013/14-119.1 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.

2013/14-138.2 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2013/14-139 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2013/14-139.1 There were no members of the public present

2013/14-140 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013

2013/14-140.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2013/14-141 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda were covered with no further comments.

2013/14-142 POLICING MATTERS

2013/14-142.1 Speedwatch – Mr MacInnes reported that another speedwatch session had caught 27 speeders indications were that it was working as traffic was slower. Regular checks would send the right message to drivers passing through the village. Further sessions were planned.

2013/14-142-2 Further correspondence had been received regarding the quotas for letters being sent following speedwatch sessions – no further action was required as a letter had been sent following the last meeting.

2013/14-142.3 Mr Bucknell informed us that the next Forum meeting was planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> January at Warboys Community hall.

2013/14-143 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2013/14-143.1 Mr Tew reported that £149m had to be saved over the next 5 years by County and it was inevitable that some services will have to be cut or reduced. Mr Tew circulated a document relating to this and reported that decisions would be made in February.

2013/14-143.2 Mr Bucknell reported that District were also looking at savings but more detail needs to be available on what is being spent to assess where money can be saved. He asked if we had all received a booklet regarding how our money is spent and the meeting questioned the relevance of the booklet and the cost of production and delivery. When discussing bringing services back into the Council, the cost of pensions is a big issue. Part of Eastfield House had been rented out.

2013/14-143.3 Mr Pethard also reported on savings and that Scrutiny Panels were looking to find savings of £4.9m.

#### 2013/14-143 FINANCE

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

2013/14-125.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting, Dr Farrar had a question regarding the sum allocated to ditch clearance, the Clerk explained that there was a discrepancy between the quote and the invoice for the work of £6 which she had spotted after the spreadsheet was circulated, this would be amended, with that amendment it was unanimously agreed.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts :

Cambridge Water, standpipe charge £ 16.95 (this had been paid)

Reimburse Mr MacInnes for

Spraying equipment £ 82.49

#### 2013/14-145 CORRESPONDENCE

2013/14-145.1, 2 and 3 None of the events listed would be attended.

#### 2013/14-146 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2013/14-146.1 None received

#### 2013/14-147 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2013/14-147.1 Ms Robinson had had a response from Highways regarding the problems on the B1040 stating that they were looking into the situation with the roads. It was agreed that Highways should be chased due to another accident occurring on the road that evening.

2013/14-147.2 Mr Bucknell had circulated information from SWARCO regarding signage to deal with speeding. The cost would be in the region of £2300 including VAT, we would need to look at the cost of insurance, inform Highways that we are looking at installing these signs and invite the company to come and present to us and provide a firm price. Mr Bucknell would pass details onto the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. It was also suggested that the Hunts Post be contacted as we would be the first parish to look at providing their own signage.

#### 2013/14-148 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2013/14-148. Still nothing from Leisure Logs, the Clerk would try and phone.

2013/14-148.2 Two quotes had been received, but neither gave enough information on materials and cost breakdown. The Clerk had emailed both parties to ask for more information. It was agreed that, in order to speed the process up two Mr Leigh and Dr Farrar would take ownership of the project so that when the information came in Decisions could be made outside of the meeting. The quotes were in the region of £2500 – £3000, some of which, it was hoped, would be funded by the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust. Mr Bucknell reminded us that the next meeting to award grants was at the end of January and applications need to be in in good time.

2013/14-148.3 Mr Carter had carried out his playground inspection and reported that some work would have to be carried out in the Spring to protect the equipment, this would mainly involve rubbing down and repainting areas where rust is showing. He also recommended purchasing another bin and cementing that and an existing bin in place. The Clerk would ask Mr Burton to quote to do the work, the cost of a bin, without a lock was in the order of £200. It was also noted that the area by the Close is very boggy. The Clerk would contact Cambridge Water to find out whether there was any pipework beneath the area.

2013/14-148.4 Mr MacInnes was on playground rota for November and Mr Bucknell for December.

2013/14-148.5 Mr Bucknell had seen the HDC maps of Oaklands Close and confirmed that the grass areas belong to HDC. The Clerk will contact them regarding outstanding matters.

2013/14-148.6 The Clerk had contacted Mr and Mrs Juggins regarding the gutter.

2013/14-148.7 Hedges on Harris Lane had been cut back.

#### 2013/14-149 PRECEPT FOR 2014/15

2013/14-149.1 An increase of 5% (£500) was proposed by Mr Carter, seconded by Mr Leigh and unanimously agreed.

#### 2013/14-150 QEII DIAMOND JUBILEE, UPDATE ON DEDICATION OF PLAYGROUND

2013/14-150.1 Nothing further to do on this, just waiting confirmation of completion.

#### 2013/14-151 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

2013/14- 151.1 The Chairman had been contacted by four Councillors requesting that we revert to the last Tuesday of the month. This was unanimously agreed.

#### 2013/14-152 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

a) Litter – Mr MacInnes, nothing to report

b) Countryside – Mr Carter, Mr Leigh had noted that the path from the Bridge towards Bury had been ploughed and not yet reinstated. Mr Bucknell would be seeing Mr Blackhurst and would mention it.

c) Village Hall – Mr MacInnes The Planners had visited all proposed sites for the new hall and a report would be issued in the new year.

d) Parish Plan Review – Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Dr Farrar and Ms Robinson  
A meeting would be arranged to draft the plan and flesh out the proposals. Ms Robinson reported that she had received mixed views on affordable housing with worries being expressed about existing properties being devalued. It was however felt that there is a need to revitalise the village with younger families.

2013/14-153 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2013/14-153.1 Mr Leigh had sent the broadband information to Mr Williams but had not received an acknowledgement. The Clerk would provide Mrs Williams' email address to Mr Leigh and Mr Bucknell who also had an article.

2013/14-154 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2013/14-154.1 Mr Leigh is this month's auditor, Mr Bucknell for next month.

2013/14-155 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2013/14-155.1 Presentation from SWARCO

2013/14-156 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2013/14-156.1 Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Finance report:

**Outgoings**

Cambridge Water, standpipe	£ 16.95
Reimburse Mr MacInnes	£ 82.49

**Income for November nil**

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

Current Account	£9210.20	Deposit account	£5019.60
Cambridge Building Society	£10,514.29		