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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 28th February 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, with Dr Farrar in the Chair

2011/12-159 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2011/12-159.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Bucknell, Mr Leigh and Mr Lucas. PRESENT: Mrs Booth, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Ms Robinson and Mr Ward.

2011/12-160 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2011/12-160.1 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.

2011/12-161 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2011/12-161.1 There were no members of the public present

2011/12-162 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2011

2011/12-162.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2011/12-162.2 The Clerk apologised for the numbering error on the Agenda for tonight's meeting which had now been corrected.

2011/12-163 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda were covered and items of interest would be passed to Mr and Mrs Williams for the Warbler and placed on the notice board.

2011/12-164 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

2011/12-164.1 There was no PCSO present. The Clerk was asked to contact Sgt Savill to obtain more information regarding the possible burglary in the village at the beginning of January.

2011/12-164.1 Information regarding the police priorities following the Neighbourhood Forum on 30th January had been circulated. They relate to antisocial behaviour in Ramsey and speeding across the sector.

2011/12-164.3 The next Neighbourhood Forum will be on Monday, 23rd April at 7pm at Ramsey Community Centre.

2011/12-165 RECEIVES REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2011/12-165.1 Mr Ward reported the following: He had attended a presentation on police inspectors and their role and commented that they are spreading themselves thin by handing over the running of the police stations to a local sergeant.

At the District Council meeting it was resolved to put up council tax by 8p per week, 3.5%. Every £1 brings in £60,000; the resulting £4 on a band D property will raise approx £0.25m which will be used to help the disabled and elderly and to invest in town centres. Alconbury Enterprise Zone has been passed and will be started. A new planning system is being operated in line with localism. CCTV is being kept. There has been a pay structure review in line with the Hutton report which states that the highest paid should not earn more than 20 x the lowest paid. At HDC the highest paid are 11x lowest and 5.5 x middle salary. Under the review the highest would be 15 x lowest, i.e. lowest paid receive £12,441, middle £24,000 and highest £134,000 (only 2)

2011/12-166 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2011/12-166.1 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

2011/12-166.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed with the exception of payment to G D Armitage. It was agreed that the Clerk would issue a cheque once the PCC had confirmed that they were satisfied with the work and the clock was in full working order.

Mrs P Coles December Salary and expenses	£204.92
Mrs P Coles Jan/Feb Salary and expenses	£151.85
Payment to Douglas Tonks for quarterly salary	£ 16.20
These three items make up the cheque for the quarterly salary payment	
Parrot Print, Wistow Warbler	£ 44.00
G D Armitage, Church Clock	£1320.00

c) to review cash flow and resolve anticipated issues

d) confirmation of the band D precept cost had been received

2011/12-167 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence as per the agenda was discussed and the following noted

2011/12-167.3 As Mr Williams had volunteered to be the Highway Warden and he had now resigned from the Parish Council, it was agreed not to appoint a Warden.

2011/12-167.4 Mrs Cracknell's email regarding the tree had been followed up and replied to.

2011/12-167.5 On the subject of Community Hubs, there is the possibility of combining the library and the post office in Warboys.

2011/12-167.6 Mrs Hades email regarding dog fouling was discussed and it was agreed to raise the profile of the problem and Mr Carter had some signs he would put round and an article put into the Warbler. It is recognised as a problem but hard to resolve.

2011/12-167.9 It was agreed not to join the Fields in Trust.

2011/12-168 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2011/12-168.1 1200165FUL Alterations to existing roof (including raising height) and elevations to rear and side of dwelling, Sunny View, Wistow Toll, Wistow, approval recommended.

2011/12-168.2 Tree Application 1200005TREE, Crown thin one ash tree at Vine House, Church Street, has been received for comment but the deadline had passed.

2011/12-168.3 Following our brief meeting on 20th December, 1101954FULL, Mill Farm House, Mill Road was recommended for approval subject to conforming to PPS1, ENV7, and ENV25.

2011/12-168.4 Development Control meeting regarding Warboys Landfill Site on 15th February 2012

2011/12-168.5 12200166FUL Erection of new steel framed grain store, High Holborn Farm, Upwood Road, Great Raveley, approval recommended.

2011/12-169 TO DISCUSS PLAYGROUND SAFETY REPORT

2011/12-169.1 Mr Carter volunteered to prioritise comments and report back to next meeting. Ms Robinson would assist.

2011/12-170 HUNTS LOCALISM FORUM, TUESDAY, 17TH JANUARY 2012

2011/12-170.1 Mr Carter, Ms Robinson and the Clerk had attended and felt that it was important to be involved with this from the start, they had volunteered Wistow PC to be on the team that sets up the Town and Parish Charter, which is a statement of intent to cooperate and sets out the rules. The message that was received was that more and more would be passed out to Parish level and that Councils will have to become more professional, provide Councillors with the tools to make the right decisions by offering training where necessary and be prepared to consult with residents on matters that affect the community. Methods of communication were discussed, e.g. email newsletter, the Warbler, through village functions, door knocking and via the website. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs a project and this could be identified through the Parish Plan review. Mr Carter would act as our representative on the Charter team with back up from Ms Robinson and then the Clerk should he be unable to attend.

2011/12-171 CPALC AGM, SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011

2011/12-171-1 Mr Carter had attended and reported that it was very professionally run with a speaker on Localism.

2011/12-172 FASTER BROADBAND

2011/12-172.1 This project undertaken by Cambs County Council is moving forward but still in consultation.

2011/12-173 PLAYGROUND LEASE

2011/12-173.1 The Lease is now registered to the County Council and our status as a QEII Field in Trust has been confirmed.

2011/12-174 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

2011/12-174.1 As a result of Mr Williams' resignation there is a casual vacancy on the Parish Council. The relevant paperwork and notification has been completed and we are now free to co-opt a new Councillor. Only one application has been received from Mr Gordon MacInnes who was co-opted subject to providing the necessary paperwork.

2011/12-174.2 Dr Farrar wished to minute a vote of thanks to Mr Williams who has made a huge contribution to recent projects in the village and has always been an approachable member of the Council.

2011/12-175 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

2011/12-175.1 It was agreed that a 'picnic in the park' would take place on Monday, 4th July from 3pm. Prizes would be given for the best child and adult in fancy dress with a royal theme and there would be a competition for best dressed home. The Clerk was waiting to hear from the PCC regarding a beacon on the Church Tower and was authorised to place an order should it be possible to proceed. The cost of the Beacon would be £299 plus VAT and p&p.

2011/12-176 HUNTINGDONSHIRE FLOOR FORUM

2011/12-176.1 The meeting would clash with our next meeting, Mr Bucknell would normally attend.

2011/12-177 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 confirmed to be the responsibility of Highways and they will be dealing with them.

b) Litter – Ms Robinson/Mrs Booth – there had been no prosecution as a result of the flytipping at the Kings Ripton end of the village. There had been two incidents of flytipping on Hill Road and Raveley Road, both cleared.

c) Countryside – Mr Carter/Dr Farrar Mr Carter had returned the necessary forms to P3 and will sign up for next year. Footpath 1 to Broughton had been improved.

d) Village Hall – Mrs Booth

A copy of the last minutes had been received.

e) Maintenance Issues – Clerk

Village sign, quotes would be obtained to repair without the overhang.

Mr Burton had quoted to install the new benches in the playground £155, this was agreed but their positioning would be confirmed before he is instructed.

2011/12-178

- a) Grants – Mr Bucknell/Mrs Booth
- b) Wistow Bridge – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams The sign has been removed but not the poles, Clerk to chase.
- c) Allotments – A quote had been received for the second part of the hedge cutting of £94, a total of £245, this was agreed subject to it covering the clearing of the ditch. Dr Farrar had responded to an enquiry regarding an allotment.
- d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar/Mr Bucknell/Ms Robinson. No response had been received from the item in the Warbler, a further meeting would be planned.

2011/12-179 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2011/12-179.1 Shopping service, Nene and Ouse transport, dog fouling

2011/12-180 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2011/12-180.1 Ms Robinson is our auditor for this month and Mr Leigh for next.

2011/12-181 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2011/12-181.1 Projects for 2012/13/Training budget/ Parish Plan

2011/12-182 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2011/12-182.1 Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Finance report:

Mrs P Coles - December salary (rates as per minute no. 8e of the meeting dated the 15/12/09) now paid quarterly	£ 281.18* (23 hours + £10 computer + £3 heating)
Mrs P Coles – Jan/Feb salary	£ 151.85* (17 hours + £10 computer)
Douglas Tonks quarterly Payment	£ 16.20 *
Parrot Print – Wistow Warbler	£ 44.00
G D Armitage, Church Clock	£1320.00 not paid but approved

*These items make up the cheque (£372.97) to D Tonks for this quarter's payroll.

In January we paid

Cambs County Council Street light energy & maint £351.00

Village Hall hire £110.00

In December we paid

Leeds Day – playground lease registration £170.00

Digley & Assoc, playground inspection £42.00

Fergusons, grass cutting £1566.00

Income for February £481.85 from PCC for grass cutting and church standpipe

Balances of Account as at 29th February 2012

Current Account £3794.73 Deposit account £5012.61

Cambridge Building Society £10,000