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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair

2013/14-175 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2013/14-175 Apologies had been received from Mr Bucknell

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

2013/14-176 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2013/14-176.1 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2013/14-177 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2013/14-177.1 There were no members of the public present

2013/14-178 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013

2013/14-178.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2013/14-179 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

2013/14-180 POLICING MATTERS

2013/14-180.1 Speedwatch – Mr MacInnes reported that there was a new recruit and the next session was scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> February.

2013/14-180-2 Mr Bucknell had sent round crime figures for the Ward and they showed a drop in crime. There was a cynical view that crime was not being reported. For our area the biggest issue is antisocial behaviour in the Warboys.

2013/14-180.3 The Clerk would establish the current situation with regard to PCSO visits.

2014/14-180.4 Mr McInnes had attended the St Ives Road Safety Committee meeting, the main subject of which was the access roads to the new housing in the St Ives area. Although it is not relevant to us it may be a forum for future co-operation. It was also reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office were adjusting their budget.

2013/14-181 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2013/14-181.1 Mr Tew that there would have to be severe cuts and he would let us know more next month, it was likely that services would be affected.

2013/14-181.2 Mr Bucknell had sent round an update which included information on a Senior Management restructure, an increase in HDC website use over the Christmas period, and how limited service impact savings are being identified.

2013/14-181.3 Mr Pethard reported that audits are being carried out through Scrutiny Panels to look at ways of sharing services.

2013/14-182 FINANCE

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

2013/14-165.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting and was unanimously agreed.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts :

Ray Burton, removal of bus shelter roof	£ 20.00
Village Hall Committee – hire	£ 125.00

2013/14-183 CORRESPONDENCE

2013/14-183.1 No donation would be made to MAGPAS

2013/14-183.2 The Clerk would respond to Dr Manwaring and suggest that he reports the vandalism on his allotment to the police. It is difficult to be sure that this is linked with his Speedwatch involvement.

2013/14-184 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2013/14-184.1 None received

2013/14-185 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2013/14-185.1 There had been a vague response from Highways in response to our request for permission to install a MVAS sign. Ms Robinson would go back and thank them for their advice and push for their support. Mr McInnes would take photos of the nominated locations to forward to Highways.

2013/14-185.2 B1040 repairs would be carried out before the end of the financial year, the A141 is also being resurfaced. All budget money is being used up and pot holes are being repaired on an ongoing basis wherever teams are located.

A small amendment to the no.30 bus timetable has been put forward.

Mr Carter reported that the Raveley Road was beginning to break up.

2013/14-186 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2013/14-186.1. Leisure logs had repaired the equipment but put the problem down to the use of an industrial trimmer. Mr McInnes had costed a battery trimmer which he was prepared to use around the equipment but the Clerk would contact the contractors in the first instance. Mr Burton had quoted £19 per bin to secure the waste bins. It was agreed to purchase one bin and ask him to secure the existing and the new bin into place, and also tidy up the hedge which was full of brambles.

2013/14-186.2 Jamie Telling is making good progress on the bus shelter and had suggested two further improvements – cast iron effect guttering and to make the bench into a u shape, to take in both sides of the shelter, at an extra cost of £570, total cost £3370. This was agreed. An application has gone to the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust for a grant for 50% of the cost of the recycled materials. We had received an invoice for £2,000 for part payment but it was agreed that Mr Leigh and Dr Farrar could authorise full payment prior to the next meeting if they were satisfied with the job.

2013/14-186.3 Playground rota, Mr Leigh January, still outstanding, Mr Hodson, February – the key for the bin was passed to him.

2013/14-187 QEII FIELDS CHALLENGE

2013/14-187.1 This has now been completed and the deeds returned. The restriction has to be lodged with the Land Registry and forms had been provided. A cost of £80 would be involved and this was approved.

2013/14-188 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 Mr McInnes reported that there will be a fund raising Poker Night on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Mr Carter reported that 5 sites for the new village hall had been submitted, two located in Harris Lane are favourite, once a final decision on site has been reached costings can be done.
- d) Parish Plan Review – Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Dr Farrar and Ms Robinson  
A meeting would be arranged in February.

2013/14-189 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2013/14-189.1 The next issue is in process.

2013/14-190 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2013/14-190.1 Ms Robinson is our auditor this month, Mr Leigh February.

2013/14-191 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- 2013/14-191.1 Planting on allotment hedge
- 2013/14-191.2 Cooperation with neighbouring parishes
- 2013/14-191.3 Purchase of fixed Speedwatch signs
- 2013/14-191.4 Request for donation from Hinchingbrooke for Woodlands Centre
- 2013/14-191.5 Letter from PCC regarding extension of cemetery

2013/14-174 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2013/14-174.1 Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Finance report:

**Outgoings**

Ray Burton, bus shelter room	£ 20.00
Village hall hire	£ 125.00

**Income for January** £531.18 – PCC contribution to grass cutting and standpipe charges

**Balances of Account as at 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

Current Account	£7189.51	Deposit account	£5020.23
Cambridge Building Society	£10,514.29		