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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 29th May following the Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall, with Dr Farrar in the Chair

2012/13-23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2012/13-23.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Leigh.

PRESENT: Mrs Booth, Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Dr Farrar, Mr Lucas, Mr MacInnes, Mr Pethard and Ms Robinson. Dr Farrar welcomed Mr Pethard to his first meeting.

2012/13-24 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2012/13-24.1 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.

2012/13-2.2 Mr Bucknell declared an interest with regard to any items under Agenda Item 32 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

2012/13-25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2012/13-25.1 There were no members of the public present

2012/13-26 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 24TH APRIL 2012

2012/13-26.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2012/13-27 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The items as listed on the agenda along with two further items, Clerks & Councils Direct news and information on Community Games, were covered with the following comments:

2012/13-27.3 An item should be submitted to the Warbler regarding the Community Award certificate.

2012/13-28 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

2012/13-28.1 There was no PCSO present. Ms Robinson raised the question of communication from the police. There had been news of a burglary in Church Street but there had been no feed back from the police despite a request from the Clerk for an update prior to the meeting. Sound information can heighten awareness and prevent gossip. It would be helpful to understand how communication between Parish Councils and the police will work in the future. ***Mr Bucknell will clarify with Sgt Savill.***

2012/13-28.2 Neighbourhood Forum Consultation. The PC had yet to respond. Mr Lucas said that the main objection to the new structure was another level of decision making and its legality. The police have a statutory requirement to consult every 3 months, under the Neighbourhood Policing Policy they have to establish 3 priorities and they would wish to be involved with any Forum. However, 2 a year would not comply and a line of communication with PCs would have to exist, also when the new Police and Crime Commissioner is appointed he will not be able to get to all committees.

2012/13-29 RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2012/13-29.1 Mr Lucas was happy that the agenda covered most items he wished to discuss. He urged us to promote the work on better broadband wherever possible and to support the idea of the extended busway.

2012/12-29.2 Mr Bucknell reported that the Greenheart Community Awards would be announced on 16th June.

2012/12-29.3 Mr Pethard was welcomed but had nothing further to report.

2012/13-30 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2012/13-30.1 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

2012/13-30.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed

Mrs P Coles May salary and expenses	£263.29
Parrot Print (Warbler)	£ 44.00

c) to review cash flow and resolve anticipated issues The Clerk asked permission to spend £6.99 on some additional magnets for the notice board. These were available from a local stationers, a quote from Greenbarnes was for over £25. This was agreed.

2012/13-31 CORRESPONDENCE

2012/13-31.1 It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Stagecoach to support the extension to the guided busway and the provision of bus stops at Bury, Wistow Toll and Warboys.

2012/13-31.2 It was agreed to support the Planning Applications (appeals by Town and parish Councils) Bill

2012/13-31.3 In the light of Mr Bucknell and Dr Farrar's meeting with HDC it was decided not to attend the outreach training.

2012/13-31.4 Mr Lucas would be attending the streetlight briefing.

2012/13-31.5 No-one was available to attend the Planning Forum on 13th June as it clashed with other events.

2012/13-31.6 Huntingdonshire Matters – Launch event 20th June, 10 – 12 noon. Unable to attend but respond favourable.

2012/13-31.6 In response to a request for measures following accidents on B1040 recently, Mr Bucknell suggested getting figures from County before pursuing.

2012/13-31.7 A copy of a letter to Mr Vara updating him on progress with Connecting Cambridgeshire had been received.

2012/13-31.8 Information on bulk oil buying was taken by Mrs Booth for further investigation.

2012/13-32 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2012/13-32.1 None received

2012/13-33 FEEDBACK ON SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

2012/13-33.1 Two quotes for the repair to the aerial runway had been received but travelling costs appeared high. Quotes from more local companies would be sought.

2012/12-33.2 Further discussion would take place regarding football issues.

2012/13-34 TOWN AND PARISH CHARTER MEETING/LOCALISM ISSUES

2012/13-34.1 Mr Carter reported that the first meeting of the Charter group was to plan the approach to the development of the charter and to get everyone up to the same level of understanding. It was becoming clear that Parish Councils need to participate as the third tier of Council and be prepared to be exposed to the required level of debate.

2012/13-35 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2012

2012/13-35.1 Bunting had arrived and cupcakes ordered. Helpers to meet at 12 noon at the playground. A barbeque area would be formed. Music was organised.

2012/13-35.2 Bunting and flags had arrived, along with the Fields in Trust goody bag. A cheque for £75 for the final payment on collection of the cupcakes was agreed and signed.

2012/13-35.3 Mr Lucas agreed to judge the fancy dress and a prize of a bottle of champagne for the adult and a £20 book voucher and box of sweets for the child was agreed. Some Jubilee goodies would be bought for the best house prize, to be judged by Dr Farrar.

2012/13-36 ANNUAL AUDIT

2012/13-36.1 A payment to Mrs Pye of £50 was agreed.

2012/13-36.2 Mrs Pye had advised that our internal accounting systems were satisfactory.

2012/13-36.3 The accounts would now be sent to the Auditor at the end of the month.

2012/13-37 LOCALISM ACT 2011, WISTOW NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLANNING

2012/13-37.1 Mr Bucknell and Dr Farrar had met with the planning dept at HDC and were guided not to go down the Neighbourhood Plan route as it will take some time. It would continue as a Parish Plan. We could invite Paul Bland from HDC to discuss the options on small business units and starter homes with us. We could also invite a renewable energy expert to advise us. Out of the 6 items, three had been ticked, of the remaining, the village hall is awaiting planning but ongoing, better broadband is progressing and healthy living/walks falls into countryside. Ms Robinson stated that she was very disappointed that the meeting had taken place without her knowledge when she had formed part of the working party. Dr Farrar apologised for this oversight.

2012/13-38 HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN TO 2036

2012/13-38.1 Ms Robinson had attended a presentation on Huntingdonshire to 2036. The core strategy up to 2026 was being extended but in line with Government strategy. Only housing was being looked at, CIL would cover infrastructure. The concern that roads may not cope with extra traffic, forcing rat running through the village was discussed and concerns that infrastructure could be divorced from housing planning. ***The Clerk would ask for figures re road capacity on A141 and B1040.*** Mr Carter, Ms Robinson and Dr Farrar would look at our response to the consultation, and it was suggested that we could work with other local parishes on this. ***The Clerk would contact Bury and Warboys to start with.***

2012/13-39 FEEDBACK FROM OPEN MEETING

2012/13-39.1 Ms Robinson had attended a site meeting with HDC who advised her that moving the bin would be costly and possibly complicated with permission and advised to wait for upgrading. A bin deodoriser would be purchased.

2012/13-39.2 Environmental Health had been contacted regarding regular emptying.

2012/13-39.3 The potholes had been repaired on the road between Wistow and Broughton but there was some concern expressed on the standard of work. ***The Clerk would send an email to Mr Lucas expressing those concerns.***

2012/13-39.4 PCSO Jill Tiernan had conducted a speeding check in the village and caught some offenders.

2012/13-39.5 Highways had agreed to burn off the old give way markings on the bridge, this work was scheduled for July.

2012/13-40 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK
AND UPDATE

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

Nothing to report

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

c) Countryside – Mr Carter/Dr Farrar - Mr Carter was looking at a link from Wistow to Warboys, not via Broughton.

d) Village Hall – Mrs Booth, the Plans are now agreed in principle and a new application will be made. Preparations for fun weekend are well underway.

e) Maintenance Issues – Clerk

Mrs Booth was on May risk assessment and Mr Leigh June.

Brambles are growing through the hedge on the Kingston Way side of the playing field but the hawthorn hedge is the issue with the footballs. The solution could be to plant another row of hedging/trees.

When Mr Carter carried out his inspection he was concerned that the bolts on the new equipment looked as if they could be cadmium coated. Mr Bucknell will check the specification and Mr Carter may have the facility to test them.

2012/13-41

- a) Grants – Mr Bucknell/Mrs Booth
- b) Wistow Bridge – Mr Leigh – lines being removed
- c) Allotments –nothing to report
- d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar/Mr Bucknell/Ms Robinson. Already covered.

2012/13-42 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2012/13-42.1 Community award

2012/13-43 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2012/13-43.1 Mr Bucknell is our auditor for this month and Ms Robinson for next.

2012/13-44 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2012/13-44.1 These will be linked with our Parish Plan

2012/13-45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2012/13-45.1 Tuesday 26th June 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Finance report:

Mrs P Coles - May salary (rates as per minute no. 8e of the meeting dated the 15/12/09) now paid quarterly	£ 263.29 (not paid)
Parrot Print (Warbler)	£ 44.00
Bury Cakes and Pies (cupcakes)	£ 75.00
Mrs W Pye (audit)	£ 50.00

All the above paid in May except Clerks Pay.

Income for May

CCC grass contribution £451.74

Balances of Account as at 29th May 2012

Current Account	£12,595.72	Deposit account	£5013.35
Cambridge Building Society	£10,000		