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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 29th November 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, with Mr Leigh in the Chair

2011/12-137 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2011/12-137.1 Apologies had been received from Dr Farrar, best wishes were sent to him. PRESENT: Mrs Booth, Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles (Clerk), Mr Leigh, Mr Lucas, Ms Robinson Mr Ward and Mr Williams. PCSO Jill Tiernan attended for some of the meeting

2011/12-138 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2011/12-138.1 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, and therefore was still able to participate in aspects of business dealing with the Village Hall.

2011/12-138.2 Mr Bucknell declared an interest with regard to any items under Agenda Item 146 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, the Vetting Panel for the new Police Commissioner and also Trustee of the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust.

2011/12-139 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2011/12-139.1 There were no members of the public present

2011/12-140 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 25TH OCTOBER 2011

2011/12-140.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved.

2011/12-141 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

2011/12-141.1 Mr Bucknell had attended the Luminus Street Reps conference before coming to the meeting, the emphasis being on St Ives, Huntingdon and St Neots.

2011/12-141.3 The Community Pathways Website was coming up as a blank screen.

2011/12-141.4 Mr Williams had not attended the CRIF event.

2011/12-141.5 Mr Bucknell reported that the Inspectors Report on the joint Minerals and Waste Site confirmed that any materials that would rot and therefore smell would not be at Warboys.

2011/12-141.6 The Community Infrastructure Levy was explained by Mr Bucknell. This will apply to every house built, the present 106 arrangement applies only to developments of 13 or more houses.

2011/12-142 COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

2011/12-142.1& 2 Mr Leigh welcomed PCSO Jill Tiernan who reported that they had been busy with the Christmas light switch on in Ramsey and Warboys. She suggested that she would coincide a surgery in Wistow with her Saturday morning surgeries in Ramsey and would post notices in the village to make people aware.

2011/12-142.3 The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed the meeting dates to Sgt Dave Savil.

2011/12-142.4 PCSO Jill explained the new 101 number which replaces the 0345 number for non emergency calls. Mr Leigh thanked PCSO Jill for attending.

2011/12-143 RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2011/12-143.1 Mr Lucas reminded us of the small grant that is available for Olympic related events and of the new Minor Highways Improvement grant which replaces the previous minor improvements grant. He reported that all authorities are beginning to think about their precept, including the police authority as the government are offering a one-off grant of 2.5% to those who do not increase their precept. This however, could cause problems the following year as a much larger increase would be necessary to compensate for the grant. He also reported that the forthcoming change in the way the police force is run would impact on their precept request.

2011/12-143.2 Mr Bucknell reported the Huntingdon District Council are still discussing their approach, a 2.5% increase would equate to an average of 20p per week. The Olympic Torch is coming to Huntingdon and St Ives. There will be free car parking in Council car parks to encourage festive shoppers, from 5th December 2011. CCTV has been saved but fewer cameras will be operated.

2011/12-143.3 Mr Ward reported that Waitrose in Huntingdon will be moving to a new site, St Neots' cinema will be going ahead and that there are plans for A14 improvements. The government will bear the cost for some of the improvements but they are looking at private industry and the possibility of tolls for funding.

The Rotary Christmas Float will be in Wistow on 10th December.

2011/12-144 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement

2011/12-144.1 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

2011/12-144.2 The payments listed were formally approved and the cheques duly signed,

Mrs P Coles November Salary and expenses	£281.18
Payment to Douglas Tonks for quarterly salary	£734.32
Saltbin for Oaklands Avenue	£114.00
Remainder of Barkston bill for benches	£708.60
Andy Davis hedge cutting etc	£285.00

c) to review cash flow and resolve anticipated issues –

Payment from the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust had been received in the sum of £590.50

2011/12-145 CORRESPONDENCE

2011/12-145.1 Information regarding the water main renewal was on the website and notice board.

2011/12-145.2 No donation to CAB would be made

2011/12-145.3 Ms Robinson would follow up on the flood risk asset inspection by HDC

2011/12-145.4 The Clerk had been in touch with the footpaths people who were looking at improving the access to FP1 when funds allowed. In the meantime she and Mr Carter would look at removing the glass from the drain.

2011/12-145.5 The Clerk had received an answer regarding drainage problems in Kingston Way. Work would be undertaken to flush the drain through and leaflets delivered to residents regarding how to deal with waste.

2011/12-145.6 Mr Williams Highway Warden training had been cancelled, the Clerk would contact Clare Robson to find out if another session was to be organised.

2011/12-146 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2011/12-146.1 None received.

2011/12-147 TO DISCUSS MR LANE'S PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY ENERGY IN WISTOW.

2011/12-147.1 The Government have now cut the amount of payback for feeding back into the grid, facilities are limited in Wistow for solar panels or wind turbines and it was felt that the investment would be too big with subsidies for building not available. The idea of a collective was more attractive but it was felt that a proper, costed proposal needs to be put together for consideration. ***The Clerk was asked to email Mr Lane to suggest that he prepare some more information.***

2011/12-148 LOCALISM ACT AND ATTENDANCE AT CPALC MEETING

2011/12-148.1 Four members of the Parish Council wished to attend the meeting on 17th January 2012, Hunts Localism Forum, the Clerk would inform CPALC.

2011/12-149 CPALC AGM, SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011

2011/12-149-1 The Clerk would confirm the time of the meeting at Bluntisham Village Hall and Mr Carter would attend.

2011/12-150 CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF THE DECISION TO REMOVE ALL SUBSIDISED BUS FUNDING

2011/12-150.1 It was confirmed that the number 30 route is not affected.

2011/13-150.2 The franchising pilots are in Cambridge.

2011/12-151 PLAYGROUND LEASE

2011/12-151.1 It was agreed that Ms Robinson and the Clerk would look at registering the lease themselves but that if necessary a solicitor could be instructed at no more than £100 plus the land registry fee, to be confirmed at £50.

2011/12-151/2 It was further agreed that a licence would be granted for a year to the properties with gates onto the playground. These were prepared and would be issued.

2011/12-152 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

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

The Clerk was instructed to chase Highways in respect of the brambles and hawthorn hedges on the junction with the B1040 at Wistow Toll.

b) Litter – Ms Robinson/Mrs Booth – Ms Robinson is keeping in touch with HDC regarding the flytipping issue and it is hoped that a prosecution will result.

c) Countryside – Mr Carter/Dr Farrar Mr Carter had attended the Definitive Map Seminar and within that a seminar on historical research. As a result of the information he was given he will be looking at our permissive paths and rights of way, and is thinking of producing a photographic record to secure our path network.

d) Village Hall – Mrs Booth

Following the meeting on 17th November Mrs Booth had a number of questions regarding the Jubilee event as the Village Hall Committee were concerned that the Jubilee celebrations could impact on their fund raising. It was agreed that it was important to celebrate the Jubilee and that cooperation between the PC and VHC would be sought. Mr Lucas reminded us that there were grants available for Olympics related celebrations.

e) Maintenance Issues – Clerk

Quotes had been received for the following work:

Install new benches £195 – seems high, obtain two more quotes

Secure fence around recycling area £195 – this is still under discussion as to whether it is necessary, if it is then a solid fence might be more appropriate.

The playground inspection report would be chased.

Grass cutting will continue as per the contract.

2011/12-153

a) Grants – Mr Bucknell/Mrs Booth Information had been received on the new Local Minor Highways Improvements grant. This replaces the old style of minor improvements grant.

b) Wistow Bridge – Mr Leigh/Mr Williams The sign is due to be removed during December.

c) Allotments – A revised quote had been received to cut the first part of the allotment hedge to include the ditch and verge up to where CCC take over. This is £150 and was accepted. No quote had been received for the second part of the hedge from the cut in to the drain.

d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar/Mr Bucknell/Ms Robinson. An item had been submitted to Mr and Mrs Williams for insertion in the Warbler.

2011/12-154 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2011/12-154.1 Nothing to report

2011/12-155 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2011/12-155.1 Mr Leigh is our auditor for this month and Ms Robinson for next.

2011/12-156 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2011/12-156.1 Projects for 2012/13

2011/12-157 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2011/12-157.1 Tuesday 10th January 2012

We will meet for Christmas drinks on Tuesday, 20th December at 8pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Paid

Clerk's Salary			
32.5 hours @ £8.344	271.18		
Computer Usage	10.00	£281.18	not
Payment to Douglas Tonks for quarterly salary		£734.32	29/11/11
Saltbin for Oaklands Avenue		£114.00	29/11/11
Remainder of Barkston bill for benches		£708.60	29/11/11
Andy Davis hedge cutting etc		£285.00	29/11/11
TOTAL		£1841.92	

Income for November £590.50 - grant

Balances of Account as at 29th November 2011

Current Account £2423.81 Deposit account £10,011.35

Cambridge Building Society £10,000