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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 29th November 2016 at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

2016/17-97 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

Mr Leigh, working away, Mr Gregory, family bereavement.

Present: Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter, Mrs Coles, Mrs Janiak-Emery, Ms Leaton, Mr MacInnes, Mrs Tavener, Mr Tew, Mr Waller

Members of the public: Mr Twigden

2016/17-98 To receive Declarations of Interest

2016/17-98a All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall

2016/17-98b Mr MacInnes and Ms Leaton as members of the Village Hall Committee

2016/17-99 Public Participation

To allow 10 minutes for any members of the public and Councillors declaring a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting.

2016/17-100 Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 25th October 2016.

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were approved as a true record and signed.

2016/17-101 Matters for information only

2016/17-101.1 Various Hunts Forum

2016/17-101.2 Various CAPALC and NALC updates- information on donation to church property particularly relevant as it was clear that the Parish Council cannot be involved in the purchase of land for the cemetery.

2016/17-101.3 Changes to bus services including number 30 – publicize to increase awareness

2016.17-101.4 Cambridge Energy Switch

2016/17-101.5 Consultation on Wind Energy Development –put consultation on website to make residents aware. Our area is a suitable location for wind turbines.

2016/17-101.6 Environment Agency on Ouse Washes

2016/17-101.7 CAPALC AGM 15th December 2016 – Mr Carter will attend

2016/17-101.8 Transforming Lives briefing

2016/17-101.9 Community Energy event 30.11.2016

2016/17-102 Policing Matters

2016/17-102.1 Speedwatch Update – Mr MacInnes reported that the team had carried out sessions in Wistow and supported Upwood. There is positive feedback and there has been a reduction in speeding. Bury were taking the kit to a school fair to try and encourage volunteers.

2016/17-102.2 ECops updates (various)

2016/17-102.3 Update on Crime Figures and any other matters – burglaries in Warboys.

2016/17-103 To receive reports from County and District – Mr M Tew, Mr P Bucknell and Mrs J Tavener

2016/17-103.1 Mrs Tavener reported that she had chased up the grass cutting issues with District but had heard nothing further. Trees on Oaklands Avenue/Close and overhanging branches on Harris Lane/The Grove have been cut back.

2016/17-103.2 Mr Tew reported that Devolution had been passed and was going ahead with effect from May 2017. Winter gritting routes had changed and he suggested that we persevere with the possibility of paying to have the hill gritted. District Carers hubs will open on 16th January 2017 between 11.30 and 3.30.

2016/17-103.3 Mr Bucknell informed us of another consultation – Design guide for development which is open until 12th December 2016. Parking charges review has been suspended. Trees are available and wood land planting is being encouraged.

2016/17-104 Finance

a) to approve the Financial Statement and Cashflow for November, the clerk would amend to show expected expenditure with new salary and expected playground expenditure.

b) to approve payment of following amounts

Playground rent	£100.00
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P Coles Salary and Expenses	£259.47
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Further invoices had been received as follows:

Wicksteed, playground inspection	£72.00
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Ray Burton Services. Clearing brambles	£350.00
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The Clerk explained that Mr Burton had been asked to provide a quote to clear the brambles from Bridge Street to the bridge but proceeded with the work without quoting. She had spoken with Mr Burton regarding procedures and Mr Carter would also speak to him.

2016/17-104 c) To discuss the budget and decide on our precept for 2017/18. Mr Carter proposed and Mr MacInnes seconded 5% increase on the precept. It was unanimously agreed. It was resolved to ask for £11550. This will reflect expected expenditure on winter gritting, items highlighted in the safety inspection on the playground and increase in clerk's salary. Funds are already allocated to any necessary streetlight replacement and the MVAS.

2016/17-105 Correspondence

2016/17-105.1 Copy of letter from Mr Bentley, regarding trees, for information only as Mr Bentley is going to apply to get a TPO lifted.

2016/17-105.2 Boundary Review final recommendations

2016/17-106 To consider any Planning Applications received and planning related issues

2016/17-106.1 None

2016/17-106.2 Alterations to listed building, Mr Carter will visit the residents.

2-16/17-106.3 Introduction from planning advisory group, for information only

016/17-107 Highways Report/Traffic Matters

2016/17-107.1 Progress with MVAS purchase, MS Leaton and Mr Leigh, Mr Leigh was not at the meeting but he had met up with Highways and was in contact with the Company to finalise arrangements. He would report back as soon as he had all the figures available.

2016/17-107.2 Any outstanding highways issues. Mr Tew reported that the hill was on the schedule for resurfacing and it would probably be in the Spring.

2016/17-107.3 Gritting the hill and report on condition of grit bins. Mr Leigh and Mr Carter had inspected the grit bins and they were ready to use. Mr Carter would check the Toll.

2016/17-107.4 Tour of Cambridgeshire – now not changing route due to costs.

2016/17-108 Maintenance Issues

2016/17-108.1 Playground – update on works and grant application, Mr Carter and Mr MacInnes.

As a result of the annual inspection Mr MacInnes and Mr Carter were revisiting the grant application to include the slide. They will identify urgent and non urgent jobs with a view to instructing someone to carry out the urgent jobs, the rest to be done over the winter.

2016/17-108.2 Playground inspection carried out on Wednesday, 16th November. The report had been circulated and was being dealt with, see above. Playground rota/risk assessment forms were still outstanding for September from Mr Gregory , November, Ms Leaton had brought them with her and December Mr Carter

2016/17-108.3 CGM had quoted for a 1 year and 3 year contract. Substantial savings were available would be held for the period of the contract. There had been no real issues this year and it was therefore resolved the grant CGM a three year contract.

2016/17-108.4 Playground hedge and allotment hedge cuts, the allotment would be left this year, Mr Burton would be instructed to cut the playground hedge prior to the end of February when the nesting season starts in order to avoid growth of the brambles.

2016/17-108.5 Grass cutting and overhanging trees on The Grove and Oaklands Avenue, these had now been dealt with.

2016/17-109 Administration Matters

2016/17-109.1 Feedback from 4 Parishes meeting, and input from and to neighbouring parishes. The message from the meeting was all about sharing knowledge. The last meeting was a strong start to working together and it has been suggested that a member of each Parish Council attends the other Parishes' meetings.

2016/17-109.2 Streetlighting, problems in obtaining response from BB, ongoing problems in Manor Street. The Clerk asked whether it was worth contacting our MP as the service from Balfour Beatty's admin team is so poor. Mr Carter asked Mr Tew to obtain a copy of the contract and if he was unable to, then we could consider requesting it under the Freedom of Information act.

2016/17-109.3 Training, dates confirmed as 7th, 14th and 21st February, we have 2 guests from other Councils. The Clerk asked for guidance on cost sharing and it was agreed to split the costs pro rata.

2016/17-109.4 Parish Council Conference 18th November 2016. Mr Tew reported that it had been an interesting meeting and that clustering featured.

2016/17-110 Working Parties Feedback and Updates

a- Litter Mr MacInnes Mrs Tavener had brought a supply of bags for the playground. There had been some flytipping on the Raveley Road but it had been cleared.

b- Countryside Mr Gregory, a foot bridge is broken on the footpath to Broughton. Mr Carter will identify which one and the Clerk will email the Broughton Clerk.

c- Village Hall, Mr MacInnes/Ms Leaton a meeting will need to be held shortly to identify the needs of the village and to decide on the way forward.

2016/17-111 Items for the Wistow Warbler and Wistow Web site.

To inform Mrs Williams and Dr Farrar of relevant articles, the clerk had forwarded information from this month's meeting and would also pass on the consultation on wind energy and the change to the number 30 bus.

2016/17-111.1 Review of website –one quote had been received but did not offer ongoing support, the company recommended by a resident had not shown any interest in quoting, Mr Carter proposed and Mr MacInnes seconded accepting Dr Farrar's quote and moving things forward without further delay. This was agreed and the Clerk would contact Dr Farrar accordingly.

2016/17-112 Monthly audit

Mr MacInnes is our auditor for November, and Mr Carter volunteered for January

2016/17-113 Matters for future consideration

2016/17-113.1 PCC to come back to us re clearing graveyard, Mr Carter was going to see the Vicar.

2016/17-113.2 Community Plan

2016/17-113.3 Public access defibrillator

2016/17-114 Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 31st January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

FINANCE REPORT

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Income in November, nil

Balance as at 29th November 2016

Current account £11,168.65

Deposit account £15798.11