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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday, 30th September 2014 at 7.30 pm, with Mr Carter in the Chair.

2014/15-95 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2014/15-95.1 Apologies had been received from Mr Bucknell and Mrs Curtis
PRESENT: Mr Carter, Mrs Coles, Dr Farrar, Mr Hodson, Mr Leigh, Mr MacInnes, Ms Robinson, and Mr Tew. Mrs Gorman was present as a member of the public.

2014/15-96 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2014/15-96.1 Mr MacInnes wished to declare an interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

2014/15-96.2 All Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall

2014/15-97 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2014/15-97.1 Mrs Gorman was present as an observer and did not wish to speak on this occasion.

**2014/15-98 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING ON 26th August 2014**

2014/15-98.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved with the following amendments, page numbering was corrected and bank balances shown were on 29th August, not July.

2014/15-99 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Items 1 to 6 listed on the agenda were noted with no further comments

2014/15-100 POLICING MATTERS

2014/15-100.1 Mr MacInnes reported that one speedwatch session had been carried out, 5 drivers had been caught speeding. New guidance had been issued for speedwatch volunteers and anonymity was being threatened. Letters were not being sent out due to administration problems. The coordinators were sending a letter outlining their concerns.

2014/15-100.2 Ramsey were having some problems with cars being scratched and other vandalism.

2014/15-101 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

2014/15-101.1 Mr Tew reported that the Clinical Commission would be choosing their preferred provider for care of the elderly, to take over in 2015, on 1st October. He also spoke about Timebanking and the benefits of a combined scheme with other local parishes.

2014/15-102 FINANCE

a) to approve the financial statement and cashflow prediction for 2014/15

2014/15-102.1 This had been circulated to Councillors present prior to the meeting and was unanimously agreed.

b) to approve payment of outstanding amounts :

Parrot Print – Warbler	£45.00
Zen Internet	£69.44
Cambridge Water, cemetery standpipe	£19.31
CAPALC – training	£200.00
Douglas Tonks, quarterly salary	£792.78
Came & Co, Insurance	£779.55

The amounts above were approved and cheques signed with the exception of CAPALC where the invoice was still awaited.

c) The change of signatures had now been confirmed on the Barclays account

d) A proposed budget had been circulated for 2015/16 and initial discussions took place to set the precept for next year. This will be given further thought and a decision made at the next meeting

2014/15-103 CORRESPONDENCE

2014/15-103.1 It was agreed to donate £50 to CAB

2014/15-103.4 The response to the flyer had been poor, Dr Farrar would ask those whose email he has if he can set them up for the email update. Mr Hodson would be setting up the Facebook page.

2014/15-103.5 Not everyone is receiving the Informer, but it was agreed to send in the meeting dates.

2014/15-103.6 It was agreed to respond favourable to Mr Reeves regarding a combined Timebanking scheme. Mr Tew explained that an hour is equal, no matter what task is carried out. There were concerns about quality and security but it was explained that the administrator would have overall responsibility.

2014/15-103.7 No one was available for the Flood Forum on 19th November. Mr Tew explained that Kings Ripton had experienced problems with the overflow from Alconbury and asked if Wistow had been affected. It had not.

2014/15-103.8 Information had been received from HDC regarding the listing of the barn at Rooks Grove Farm Barn.

2014/15-104 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2014/15-104.1 None received.

2014/15-105 HIGHWAY WARDEN'S REPORT

2014/15-105.1 Still waiting for information from National Grid..

2014/15-105.2 It had been confirmed that The Grove had been adopted.

2014/15-105.3 White lines opposite the Pub and at the Toll would be assessed.

2014/15-105.4 The Highway Warden Scheme no longer exists and it was suggested that Mr Leigh contact Mr Middleton from Highways to walk round the village and discuss any issues. He would also raise pollarding on Mill Road.

2014/15-106 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2014/15-106.1 Mr Elmore had quoted to apply preservative to the 'new' equipment at the Playground and would be asked to proceed. Mr Carter and Mr MacInnes would meet at 10 am on the following Saturday to repair planks on the aerial runway. It was agreed to ask Mr Burton to cut the playground hedge, trim the allotment hedge and supply topsoil into the eroded areas in front of the goal nets. He could proceed if his quote was no more than £500 for all three jobs. Mr Hodson and Mr MacInnes would seed the topsoil once delivered. Mr Bish and Mr Harding had requested larger 'No Dogs' signs at the playground but it was decided that these would be no more of a deterrent.

2014/15-106.2 Mr Hodson's reports for August and September were outstanding, Mr Carter is on the rota for October.

2014/15-106.3 Ms Robinson had approached a number of companies to quote for the grass cutting contract for 2015/16 and beyond. It was agreed to instruct R J Warren for one year, with the option to continue subject to satisfaction.

2014/15-106.4 Nothing had been received by the Clerk to invite orders for trees. Dr Farrar would look into this and attempt to place an order for hedging to fill out the allotment hedge. No cost should be incurred.

2014/15-106.5 No further news on the removal of PC1. There are other issues with streetlights being permanently on. The Clerk is trying to get these fixed.

Mr Carter left the meeting at 8.20 due to a family emergency.

2014/15-107 ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

2014/15-107.1 It was agreed to renew our insurance as contracted with Came & Co at a cost of £779.55.

2014/15-107.2 It was agreed to book New Clerk's Training for Ms Robinson in November at a cost of £200. It was also agreed to budget £350 for Councillor training next year and to purchase a laptop for the Clerk's use at a cost of £350 from PC Ok in Ramsey.

2014/15-107.3 It was agreed to invoice allotment holders with no further increase.

2014/15-108 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN WORKING PARTIES FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

a) Litter – Mr MacInnes, tyres on the Broughton Road, in Broughton Parish

b) Countryside – Mr Hodson, - All fields were now cultivated and footpaths reinstated, field edges had also been cut. The slug pellet problem had been caused by an overspill which has been removed, it was located 12m into the field.

Mr Hodson would attend the CST Networking meeting on Wednesday 29th October CST Gully Cleaning programme had been published. Verges and hedges are untidy and it was discussed whose responsibility these were. Mr Leigh would add this to his list of items to be discussed with Mr Middleton from Highways.

c) Village Hall, Mr MacInnes, Cricket on 20th September had been successful but not so well supported. There had been a meeting of the Building Committee but neither Mr Carter or Mr Bucknell were present to report back.

d) Parish Plan Review – Dr Farrar, Mr Bucknell, Mr Carter – after much discussion it was agreed that this had come to the end of the road. Any Parish Plan review should be community lead and there had been no input from the community despite many attempts to engage. The review would be shelved until an appropriate time in the future..

2014/15-109 ITEMS FOR WISTOW WARBLER AND WEB SITE

2014/15-109.1 In order to offer support to Mr and Mrs Williams in continuing to produce the Warbler, the Clerk would email them to ask what, if any, help could be provided by the Parish Council. Dr Farrar would explore the possibility of a central information point for the Website and Warbler which may reduce the amount of formatting required.

2014/15-110 MONTHLY AUDIT – NOMINEE FOR NEXT MEETING

2014/15-110.1 Mr Leigh was our Auditor for September, Mr Carter for October..

2014/15-111 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

2014/15-111.1 Extension to Graveyard - It was agreed that this should be tackled and that Mr Carter should write to Mrs Bance, and deliver the letter, explaining the position of the Parochial Church Council, where that leaves the Parish Council, and determine whether she is open to assisting with some land and at what cost.

2014/15-112 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2014/15-112.1 Tuesday, 28th October 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Finance report:

Outgoings –

Parrot Print – Warbler	£ 45.00
Zen Internet	£ 69.44
Cambridge Water, cemetery standpipe	£ 19.31
CAPALC – training	£200.00
Douglas Tonks, quarterly salary	£792.78
Came & Co, Insurance	£779.55

Income for September - Precept £5250 and Interest 67p

Balances of Account as at 29th September 2014

Current Account £10430.45 Deposit account £5022.16

Cambridge Building Society £10,514.29