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| **-1418- WISTOW PARISH COUNCIL** | | | | | |
| **THE APPROVED MINUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WISTOW VILLAGE WEBSITE**  [**www.wistowvillage.info**](http://www.wistowvillage.info) **ONCE THE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THEM.** | | | | | |
| A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 29th June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Manor Street, Wistow, Cambs. | | | | | |
| **06.21.01** | | **Present:**  Cllr. R Waller (Chair), Cllr. C Leaton, Cllr. J Gregory and Cllr. J Wiltshire.  **In Attendance**  Mr. M Woolhouse – Clerk to the Council  Cllr. M Haines – HDC  Cllr. S Corney – CCC (from minute 06.20.08)  No members of the public were present. | | | |
| **06.21.02**  **06.21.02.01** | | **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**  Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Simms and Bradford and Cllr. G Bull - HDC. | | | |
| **06.21.03**  **06.21.03.01** | | **Declarations of Interest**  Declarations of Interest were noted for all Parish Councillors as Trustees of the Village Hall. There were no other pecuniary interests to declare in respect of business to be transacted. | | | |
| **06.21.04**  **06.21.04.01** | | **Public Participation:**  There was no participation from the public or any Councillor declaring a prejudicial interest in any matter to be discussed. | | | |
| **06.21.05**  **06.21.05.01**  **06.21.06**  **06.21.06.01**  **-1419-** | | **County and District Councillor reports**  Cllr. M Haines – HDC.  Delays within the planning department were being addressed and it was now fully staffed but noticeable improvements would take about 6 months. Between 50% and 60% of all applications contained errors or omissions which had to be rectified before a decision could be made.  The campaign to increase awareness of scams was noted together with cybercrime and **the Clerk agreed to provide Mr G Smith’s contact details as coordinator of the local Neighbourhood Watch**.  **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 25th May 2021**  The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and **it was resolved unanimously that the minutes be and are approved and that they be** **signed by the Chair of the Meeting.** | | | |
| **06.21.07**  **06.21.07.01** | | **Matters Arising or carried forward from previous meetings**  Street lighting  The Clerk reported that the invoice for the works was now awaited adding that the energy bill may reduce due to the introduction of LED lamps. | | | |
| **06.21.07.02** | | Flooding  Cllr. Wiltshire reported that EA and HDC reports into last December’s flooding were yet to be published. Mr. Harty from Highways had confirmed that the culvert by Anglia Water pumping station and possibly the tunnel under Bridge Street were Parish Council property. The Clerk explained that gulley clearing could not be booked in advance and the works had to be approved by Highways but a request for the work had been submitted. He further confirmed that he had contacted parish councils at risk of flooding and contact details for their leads were awaited. | | | |
| **06.21.07.03** | | 2nd Defibrillator  In Cllr. Simms absence there was nothing to report. | | | |
| **06.21.08**  **06.21.08.01**  **06.21.08.02** | | **Cllr. S Corney**  Cllr. Corney joined the Meeting  The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Corney to the Meeting who explained his local connections and other involvements on Ramsey Town Council and HDC. Cllr. Corney apologised for his late arrival which was the result of a clash of meetings with other parish councils within his ward.  CCC was experiencing the volatility which follows a change of administration after an election with meetings being cancelled and or rescheduled.  Of note to Wistow was the departure of the flooding contact at CCC and Cllr Corney was trying to establish who had taken over the responsibilities. He hoped that the HDC report would become a public document in 6/8 weeks.  The next round of Local Highway Improvements bid would open in September and there was to be a pothole recording weekend in due course. Cllr. Gregory explained that the road to Broughton crossroads needed attention and speed reduction measures were needed to deter traffic approaching the village from Wistow Toll.  In response to a question from Cllr. Gregory, **Cllr Corney agreed to inform him who was the biodiversity lead on HDC and CCC.** | | | |
| **06.21.09**  **06.21.09.01**  **-1420-** | | **Planning**  **Appl. 21/01103/FUL - Variation of consent to include more amenity land for certain properties**  The Meeting considered the application by Rose Homes to vary the consent for Bance Court by introducing additional garden space for some of the properties.  The Chairman reported that Mrs Bance had offered additional land for the existing cemetery and he had contacted the Vicar of St John, because the cemetery was a Church responsibility. He also confirmed that this additional land was additional to the land covered by the variation. **It was agreed to accept the variation.** | | | |
| **06.21.10.01** | | The meeting approved the accounts for payment: 29th June 2021. | | | |
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| **Date** | | **Ref No** | **Payee** | **Description** | **Amount £** |
| **29/06/2021** | | 42 | Mr. M Woolhouse | Net salary and expenses | **292.78** |
| **29/06/2021** | | 43 | Mr. R Jackson | Grass cutting | **1400.00** |
| **29/06/2021** | | 44 | CAPALC | Training | **75.00** |
| **29/06/2021** | | 45 | HMRC | PAYE re Mr M Woolhouse | **184.60** |
| **29/06/2021** | | 46 | Environment Agency | Annual fee | **14.99** |
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| The Meeting considered the Mr. Jackson’s invoice, which included £3,375 to supply and erect a new shed for the village hall. It was agreed to pay Mr. Jackson £1400 as invoiced for the grass cutting and the Clerk was requested to discuss the funding and payment of the shed with Mr. Macinnnes. | | | | | |
| **06.21.10.02** | The meeting noted bank charges for the month | | | | **15.00** |
| **06.21.10.03** | Income and Expenditure Account  The Meeting noted the income and expenditure account for June 2021. | | | | |
| **06.21.10.04** | Bank Reconciliation  The Meeting noted the bank reconciliation for June 2021. | | | | |
| **06.21.10.05** | Bank Balances  The Meeting noted account balances as at 23rd June2021. | | | | |
| **06.21.10.06** | MetroBank  The Meeting considered the continuing issues with the operation of MetroBank’s on line facility and requested that the Clerk investigates alternative providers and in particular canvass Mr. M Tew’s opinions of Unity Bank. | | | | |
| **06.21.11**  **06.21.11.01** | **Traffic, Highways & Road Safety.**  The meeting noted the previously circulated correspondence and the highways issues dealt with above. | | | | |
| **06.21.12**  **06.21.12.01** | **Policing Matters**  There was nothing to report this month. | | | | |
| **06.21.13**  **06.21.13.01**  **-1421-** | **Village Maintenance**  Cllr Leaton reported that the clean up had taken place and the level of rubbish was less than anticipated. | | | | |
| **06.21.13**  **06.21.13.0** | **Correspondence and Communications**  The Meeting noted the previously circulated correspondence.  The meeting noted that the request from Mr. Turner that some trees and hedges be cut back from the pavement by the respective occupiers had already been dealt with.  The meeting discussed the proposal from County Broadband to install fibre to the premises in the village and whilst noting the mixed reviews on Trustpilot felt that the Council should not intervene in a commercial enterprise. Cllr. Haines observed that most of the other councils in the proposed network area were also remaining neutral.  The Clerk explained that CHESS was an initiative by Cambs ACRE to assist with problems of energy costs for residents and a number of contact volunteers were sought. **The Clerk agreed to post the request on social media.** | | | | |

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| **06.21.14** | **Verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising from their portfolio** **responsibilities** |
| **06.21.14.01** | **Litter /Playpark**  It was agreed that the outside of the hedge on Oaklands Avenue be trimmed in August. In response to a question from Cllr. Leaton, the Clerk explained that the order had been submitted to Wicksteed for maintenance activities but there would also further costs for the maintenance of non Wicksteed equipment. |
| **06.21.14.02** | **Trees/Grass**  Mr. Jackson was due to commence work on the limes on the green. |
| **06.21.15.**  **06.21.15.01**  **06.21.16**  **06.21.16.01** | **Monthly Audit**  Cllr. Wiltshire volunteered to be Auditor for June 2021.  **Items for discussion at the next meeting**  No items were raised for discussion. |
| **06.21.17**  **06.21.17.01** | **Dates of next meeting:**  It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 27th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. |