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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 29th July 2021 at 7.30pm at Northern Cottage, Church Street, Wistow, Cambs.

07.21.01 Present:

Cllr. R Waller (Chair), Cllr. C Leaton, Cllr. J Bradford, Cllr N Simms and Cllr. J Wiltshire.

In Attendance

Mr. M Woolhouse – Clerk to the Council
Cllr. M Haines – HDC

One member of the public was present.

07.21.02 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

07.21.02.01 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Gregory, Cllr. G Bull – HDC and Cllr Corney - CCC.

07.21.03 Declarations of Interest

07.21.03.01 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.

07.21.04 Public Participation:

07.21.04.01 There was participation from the public in respect of flooding but not otherwise nor from any Councillor declaring a prejudicial interest in any matter to be discussed.

07.21.04.02 Flooding

Ms Robinson explained that she had contacted the Environment Agency, CCC and Highways seeking answers to the causes of the flooding at Christmas but apart from a holding response from CCC had heard nothing since. The Chairman introduced Cllr. Wiltshire who explained that from his involvement one possible cause could be water flowing down from the former RAF Alconbury site with the result that Alconbury village flooded, as did Kings Ripton, Broughton Wistow and Bury. On Christmas Eve, 50mm of rain fell in the village, half of a typical December's rain.

He produced the map produced by CCC setting out flooding responsibilities and noted that CCC had had responsibilities but no powers to enforce them. Further, he understood that a meeting was arranged with Urban and Civic, developers at Alconbury to discuss the ways in which rain water was contained on the site and subsequently disposed and he had requested an invitation.

Cllr Wilshire then considered the disposal of rain water and noted that CCC was responsible for the culvert under Bridge Street, adjacent to the bridge, and it was very likely that Wistow owned and was responsible for the ditch near the Anglian Water pumping station up to Bury Brook. The Environment Agency was responsible for Bury Brook between Kings Ripton and Bury but had not inspected or dredged the brook for many years.

Cllr. Haines commented that Cllr. Corney had confirmed the meeting with Urban and Civic would take place and that the HDC report into the December floods had been added to the HDC website.

Ms Robinson asked what further steps could she take and was informed that there were limited options but to maintain pressure on CCC and HDC.

Ms Robinson left the meeting

07.21.05 **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 29th June 2021**

07.21.05.01 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.**

07.21.06 **County and District Councillor reports**

07.21.06.01 Cllr. M Haines – HDC.

Cllr. Haines reported that he had nothing to add in addition to the discussion regarding flooding and which was relevant to Wistow but on behalf of Cllr. Corney reiterated that the meeting with Urban and Civic had been confirmed.

07.21.07 **Matters Arising or carried forward from previous meetings**

07.21.07.01 Street lighting

The Clerk reported that the invoice was still outstanding for the works introducing LED lamps.

07.21.07.02 2nd Defibrillator

Cllr. Simms reported that he would chase the supplier for a pro forma invoice.

07.21.08 **Planning**

07.21.08.01 Applications

Save for consultation on Neighbourhood Plans not relevant to Wistow there were no new applications to consider.

07.21.08.02 Bance Court

The Meeting noted changes to the nearly finished development including the removal of affordable housing and the introduction of larger garden areas for the plots.

07.21.09.01 The meeting approved the accounts for payment: 27th July 2021.

Date	Ref No	Payee	Description	Amount £
27/07/2021	47	Mr. M Woolhouse	Net salary and expenses	231.59
27/07/2021	48	Mr. R Jackson	Grass tree and hedge cutting	1300.00

The Clerk explained that the invoices from Mr. Jackson received after the Agenda had been issued included three routine cuts as well as £200 approved in relation to the playground hedge trim and £50 approved for tree pruning on the village green.

07.21.09.02 The meeting noted bank charges for the month **15.00**

07.21.09.03 Income and Expenditure Account

The Meeting noted the income and expenditure account for July 2021.

07.21.09.04 Bank Reconciliation

The Meeting noted the bank reconciliation for July 2021.

07.21.09.05 Bank Balances

The Meeting noted account balances as at 23rd July 2021.

07.21.09.06 Banking

The Clerk reported that local parish councils favoured Unity or Co-op Banks and agreed to bring a firm proposal to the next meeting. Bury Council used Unity Bank.

07.21.09.07 Churchyard grass cutting

It was agreed to invoice the PCC, £500.00 the same as last year plus water charges.

07.21.10 Traffic, Highways & Road Safety.

07.21.10.01 The meeting noted the previously circulated correspondence and the highways issues dealt with below.

07.21.10.02 Local Highways Initiative

Cllr. Simms referred to correspondence from CCC, circulated by the Clerk, inviting bids for local projects and felt that a scheme could control vehicle speeds on the approaches to the village, such as introduced in Pidley and Cllr. Haines commented that CCC will introduce schemes of which they approve and not necessarily ones that villages seek. The Clerk agreed to contact Kings Ripton Council to obtain details of the speed sensors introduced there.

07.21.10.03 Parking in Harris Lane

Cllr. Simms referred to problems of parking in Harris Lane and was informed that adversely affected residents should contact Cambs. Police because parking issues were not within the parish council's scope.

07.21.11 **Policing Matters**

07.21.11.01 There was nothing to report this month.

07.21.11.02 Noise pollution

Cllr. Leaton mentioned a recent conversation regarding noise emanating from a house and asked which body had enforcement obligations and it was explained that noise pollution was the responsibility of HDC.

07.21.12 **Village Maintenance**

06.21.12.01 Harris Lane

Cllr Simms noted the likely fly tipping adjacent to the bungalow which was undergoing refurbishment. It was noted that fly tipping enforcement was a HDC issue.

07.21.13 **Correspondence and Communications**

07.21.13.01 The Meeting noted the previously circulated correspondence.

07.21.13.02 Code of Conduct

The Clerk referred to the draft Code issued by the Local Government Association. Because the Code was subject to changes through the Parliamentary approval process it was agreed to revisit the issue when the legislation was settled and the Chairman added that the current code was posted on the website.

07.21.14 **Verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising from their portfolio responsibilities**

07.21.14.01 Litter /Playpark

Cllr Bradford reported that he was waiting to obtain quotes for non Wicksteed apparatus. Cllr Leaton agreed to arrange the zip wire tightening. Cllr Leaton agreed to comment via Facebook on dog fouling in the playground.

07.21.14.02 Village Hall

It was noted that the refurbishment works were proceeding with a team of volunteers leading the work. Regarding any contribution to the costs of the refurbishment including the new shed, Cllr Waller stated he would discuss the matter with Mr. Hurford, of the Village Hall Committee and identify their needs before proposing a sum to the Council.

07.21.15. Monthly Audit

07.21.15.01 Cllr. Simms volunteered to be Auditor for August 2021.

07.21.16 Co-option

07.21.16.01 Vacancy

The meeting considered the vacancy on the council and Mr. Harris's expressed interest to be considered for the role but he had to wait until he had been resident in the village for 12 months before becoming eligible. The Clerk agreed to contact Mr. Harris, establish his interest and discuss what was involved

07.21.17 Items for discussion at the next meeting

07.21.17.01 No items were raised for discussion.

07.21.18 Date of next meeting:

07.21.18.01 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 31st August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Cllr. Leaton tendered her apologies in advance.