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| **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 31st August 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Manor Street, Wistow, Cambs. | | | | |
| **08.21.01** | **Present:**  Cllr. R Waller (Chair), Cllr. C Leaton, Cllr. J Bradford, Cllr. J Gregory, Cllr. N Simms and Cllr. J Wiltshire.  **In Attendance**  Mr. M Woolhouse – Clerk to the Council  Cllr. G Bull – HDC  Cllr. M Haines – HDC  Cllr. S Corney - CCC  Two members of the public were present. | | | |
| **08.21.02**  **08.21.02.01** | **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**  All members of the council being present there were no apologies for absence. | | | |
| **08.21.03**  **08.21.03.01** | **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. | | | |
| **08.21.04**  **08.21.04.01** | **Public Participation:**  There was no participation from the public. | | | |
| **08.21.05**  **08.21.05.01**  **08.21.06**  **08.21.06.01**  **-1428-**  **08.21.06.02**  **08.21.06.03** | **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 27th July 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.**  **County and District Councillor reports**  Cllr. M Haines – HDC.  Speeding  Cllr. Haines reported that since its introduction Pidley’s Speed information Display (SID) had resulted in a reduction of 26% in the number of speeding vehicles.  Flooding  Cllr. Haines stated that he attended the meeting with Civic and Urban regarding flooding and U&C proposed to provide a digger to clean the ditches in Broughton. Unfortunately the Environment Agency representative did not attend, with a consequence that the County Council representative faced some hostile questioning and the meeting otherwise produced few decisions.  Cllr. Bull – HDC  Envar  Cllr. Bull reported on the planning application by Envar to install a high temperature incinerator, with an 80 foot chimney, near Woodhurst to dispose of low grade medical waste. Heat generated from the incinerator would be used for organic processing of compost at the site.  The Clerk reported that a member of the public had posted on Facebook earlier in the day asking if the parish council intended to oppose the application. The Chairman commented that Wistow had not been consulted by the planning authority and Wistow was some distance from Woodhurst the site but felt that there were no grounds to oppose the application.  Cllr. Corney – CCC  Envar  Cllr. Corney explained that CCC were involved as highways and planning authority and that the original intention for a traffic signal controlled junction to the site had been changed to be a staggered cross roads. So far as he was aware the technology operated at very high temperature resulting in little or no dust or other particles reaching the atmosphere.  Flooding  Cllr. Wilshire asked about the culvert adjacent to the bridge and CCC’s intention to clear it. Cllr. Corney explained that he became aware that the meeting with U&C had been held only after it had occurred but CCC Highways was awaiting Wistow to clear the ditch adjacent to the pumping station before proceeding. His conversations with CCC officers confirmed that ownership of the various affected lands eg ditches were uncertain with previous transfers predating compulsory land registration.  Local Highways Initiatives  Cllr. Corney reminded the meeting that the deadline to submit LHI applications had been extended to 30 September. | | | |
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| **08.21.07**  **08.21.07.01** | **Matters Arising or carried forward from previous meetings**  Street lighting  The Clerk reported that he approached ESPOS the buying agent, regarding charges for lighting following the change to LED lights. | | | |
| **08.21.07.02** | 2nd Defibrillator  Cllr. Simms reported that payment was needed prior to supply and it was agreed to pay the pro forma invoice. | | | |
| **08.21.07.03** | Flooding  It was agreed to ask Mr Jackson for a price to clear the ditch adjacent to the pumping station and the Chair would exercise his delegated powers. | | | |
| **08.21.07.04** | Playground equipment repairs  Cllr. Bradford reported that Wicksteed was repairing its equipment tomorrow (1st September) but that he was still searching for a supplier to repair the non Wicksteed equipment. | | | |
| **08.21.08**  **08.21.08.01** | **Planning**  Applications  Save for the Envar issue discussed previously, there were no new applications to consider. | | | |
| **08.21.09**  **08.21.09.01** | Finance  The meeting approved the accounts for payment: 31st August 2021. | | | |
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| **Date** | **Ref No** | **Payee** | **Description** | **Amount £** |
| **31/08/2021** | 49 | Mr. M Woolhouse | Net salary and expenses | **260.00** |
| **31/08/2021** | 50 | Mr. R Jackson | Grass tree and hedge cutting | **700.00** |
| **31/08/2021** | 51 | Mr. M Woolhouse | Zoom and Avast software | **39.38** |
| **31/08/2021** | 52 | Mr. C Bradford | Doo fouling bags etc. | **53.00** |
| **31/08/2021** | 53 | Defib World | defibrillator | **1290.99** |
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| **08.21.09.02** | The meeting noted bank charges for the month | | | **15.00** |
| **08.21.09.03** | Income and Expenditure Account  The Meeting noted the income and expenditure account for August 2021. | | | |
| **08.21.09.04** | Bank Reconciliation  The Meeting noted the bank reconciliation for August 2021. | | | |
| **-1430-**  **08.21.09.05** | Bank Balances  The Meeting noted account balances as at 27th August 2021. | | | |
| **08.21.09.06** | Banking  The Clerk reported that he had reviewed possible options for banking and had spoken to the Chair of Bury PC who was very pleased with Unity Bank. In addition Upwood and Kings Ripton councils banked with Unity. He also explained the approval ratings of banks and how Unity did not feature but Metro was in the top three. His recommendation was to migrate the Council’s banking from Metro to Unity **and the meeting agreed unanimously to open current and savings accounts with Unity Trust Bank plc in the form set out below**. | | | |
| **08.21.10**  **08.21.10.01**  **08.21.10.02**  **08.21.10.03** | **Traffic, Highways & Road Safety.**  The meeting noted the previously circulated correspondence and the highways issues dealt with below.  Speeding  Cllr. Simms reported that he had been in contact with Mr. McCandless, the consultant who had advised Kings Ripton and who suggested using a data logger for a few days to provide an indication of the scale of the problem and if thought viable to submit grant applications to purchase, commission and operate a Speed Indicator Display (SID). It was noted that not all SIDs were accepted by the police as accurate for evidence and proof of speeding incidents. **The meeting unanimously resolved to proceed on the basis set out above** with a view to being able to submit a Local Highway Initiative application before 30 September**.**  Winter Gritting  The Clerk agreed to publicise the request for volunteer gritters on Facebook. | | | |
| **08.21.11**  **08.21.11.01**  **08.21.11.02** | **Policing Matters**  Save for the following there was nothing to report this month.  Playground  Cllr. Leaton explained a recent issue where a member of the public, unhappy with the ban on motorised vehicles in the playground, threatened her to the extent that the police were involved. After a discussion between the police and the individual matters were calmed. **The Council resolved that motorised vehicles should be banned and agreed to place prominent notices at the entrance to the playground in accordance with national guidance and regulations setting out the prohibition on motor vehicles and dogs.** | | | |
| **08.21.12**  **08.21.12.01**  **-1431-** | **Village Maintenance**  Litter  Cllr Leaton reported that litter was strewn around the village and wondered if a further litter pick would be beneficial. | | | |
| **08.21.13**  **08.21.13.01** | **Correspondence and Communications**  The Meeting noted the previously circulated correspondence. | | | |

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| **08.21.14** | **Verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising from their portfolio** **responsibilities** |
| **08.21.14.01** | Litter /Playpark  As mentioned earlier Cllr Bradford reported that he was to meet the Wicksteed engineer on 1st September to undertake repairs to the Wicksteed apparatus. The meeting noted that the zip wire had been re-tensioned. |
| **08.21.14.02**  **08.21.14.03** | Village Hall  Cllr Bradford enquired regarding a contribution to the refurbishment works. Cllr Waller responded that he had discussed the matter with the Village Hall treasurer and would bring a firm proposal to the Council once the final cost was calculated. The meeting considered that the refurbishment was proceeding well and the improvement to the hall being much appreciated.  Website/filing  The Clerk reported that a number of historic volumes of Council minutes would be archived with CCC on Thursday and confirmed that they would be accessible thereafter. |
| **08.21.15.**  **08.21.15.01**  **08.21.16**  **08.21.16.01**  **08.21.17**  **08.21.17.01** | **Monthly Audit**  Cllr. Gregory volunteered to be Auditor for September 2021.  **Co-option**  The meeting considered Mr. Harris’s expressed interest in the role and his presence at the meeting. **It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. Harris as a councillor until elections were next held.**    **Items for discussion at the next meeting**  No items were raised for discussion. |
| **08.21.18**  **08.21.18.01** | **Date of next meeting:**  It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. |