

WISTOW PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Wistow Parish Council took place on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Manor Street, Wistow, Cambs.

11.21.01 Present

Cllr. R Waller (Chair), Cllr. C Leaton, Cllr. J Bradford, Cllr. J Gregory, Cllr. T Harris and Cllr. J Wiltshire.

In Attendance

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

Ten members of the public were present.

11.21.02 Apologies for Absence

11.21.02.01 Cllr. N Simms; and
Cllr. G Bull – HDC

11.21.03 Declarations of Interest

11.21.03.01 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.

11.21.04 Public Participation:

11.21.04.01 Oakland Avenue – proposed affordable housing development

Residents expressed their concern at the letter received from HDC as well as surveys adjacent to their homes to determine if the land was suitable for development. The Clerk reported that HDC had explained that the site was one of 13 identified across the District as potentially suitable for affordable housing, in this case up to 6 houses of between 2 and 4 bedrooms with improved parking for the current residents. In addition questions were raised regarding who would be eligible for the properties and the need to avoid the possible destruction of trees.

If HDC decided to proceed, a formal planning application would be submitted to the HDC Planning Department with public consultation and views sought on the proposals. Cllr. Haines explained because of the conflict of interest any application would also be subject to separate scrutiny by the Council. It was agreed to invite the Housing Strategy and Development Manager to discuss HDC's intention with residents and the Clerk agreed to make the appropriate arrangements.

11.21.04.02 Flooding

Householders who were flooded during the storms of December 2020 expressed concern at the lack of progress in safeguarding against future floods and Mr Pye stated that he was still awaiting a reply to his letter of 1 November. Mr Pye commented on the lack of ownership of the problem between the various public bodies and the consequent lack of public accountability. Mr Pye felt that measures taken by the parish council were helpful but that more strategic control was needed over water courses and flooding. The Floodmobile exhibition in St Ives had been interesting and identified some courses of action. The matter was further discussed under Minute 11.21.07.03 below.

11.21.05 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 26th October 2021

11.21.05.01 The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and **it was resolved unanimously that the minutes be and are approved and be signed by the Chair of the Meeting.**

11.21.06 County and District Councillor reports

11.21.06.01 Cllr. Corney – CCC.

Cllr. Corney commented that CCC had published an updated flood policy running to some 140 pages and added that individuals can apply to a CCC fund to assist with the costs of flood prevention/alleviation.

11.21.06.02 Cllr. Haines.

Cllr. Haines commented that he would be happy to attend a public meeting in Wistow to discuss affordable housing. He introduced Ms. Charlotte Lowe the Conservative candidate for the ward at the May elections as a result of Cllr. Bull's decision not to stand again.

11.21.07 Matters Arising or carried forward from previous meetings

11.21.07.01 Street lighting

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting correct details from Balfour Beatty to allow UKPC to provide the certificate needed to permit reduced charges.

11.21.07.02 2nd Defibrillator

In Cllr. Simms absence there was nothing to report except that Cllr. Waller had added details of the existing defibrillator to the BHF Register.

11.21.07.03 Flooding

Cllr. Wiltshire reported on the work at the bridge to clear some gullies and culverts. The Clerk added that he had reported to CCC Highways that the culvert under the road had been cleared so that CCC could now clear their gully which fed into the culvert and had also requested that the storm gullies in Bridge Street and connecting culverts which fed into the brook be jet washed.

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The Clerk agreed to

- Establish ownership of the gulley outside Mr Telling's field; and
- Establish who at CCC was responsible for flood management

Cllr. Corney offered to contact the Environment Agency to discuss their involvement if Cllr Wiltshire could provide contact details and mentioned that Houghton & Wyton PC had establish a flood forum.

11.21.07.04 Playground equipment repairs

Cllr. Bradford reported that he was still searching for a company to repair the non Wicksteed equipment but that the quote had been accepted under delegated powers. The Clerk agreed to instruct Mr Jackson accordingly.

11.21.07.05 Local Highways Initiative

In Cllr Simms absence there was nothing to report.

11.21.08 Planning

11.21.08.01 Applications

There were not any new applications to consider.

11.21.08.02 Oaklands Avenue

The meeting noted the discussions earlier in the proceedings concerning potential development at Oaklands Avenue for up to 6 homes.

11.21.09 Finance

11.21.09.01 The meeting approved the accounts for payment: 30th November 2021.

Date	Ref No	Payee	Description	Amount £
30/11/2021	71	Balfour Beatty	Qly lighting maintenance	124.30
30/11/2021	72	Mr R Jackson	Grass cutting	200.00
30/11/2021	73	Mr. M Woolhouse	Net salary and expenses	213.79
30/11/2021	74	Mr. M Woolhouse	Zoom reimbursement	14.99
30/11/2021	75	Mr C Bradford	Reimbursement of dog poo bags	42.50
30/11/2021	76	Mr R Jackson	Gulley & culvert clearing	900.00

11.21.09.02 The meeting noted the bank charges for the month **28.70**

11.21.09.04 Bank Reconciliation

The Meeting noted the bank reconciliation for November 2021.

11.21.09.05 Bank Balances

The Meeting noted account balances as at 25th November 2021.

11.21.09.06 Banking

The Clerk reported that the answers to the account opening application had been submitted and a response awaited.

11.21.10 Traffic, Highways & Road Safety.

11.21.10.01 The meeting noted the previously circulated correspondence.

11.21.11 Policing Matters

11.21.11.01 There was nothing to report.

11.21.12 Village Maintenance

11.21.12.01 Cllr. Waller reported that he had been approached by residents seeking space in the bus shelter to put up pictures and agreed to establish the price for a board.

11.21.13 Correspondence and Communications

11.21.13.01 The Meeting noted the previously circulated correspondence.

11.21.14 Verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising from their portfolio responsibilities

11.21.14.01 Litter /Playpark

Cllr. Bradford reported that the dog poo bags had been delivered and the Clerk agreed to instruct Mr. Jackson to undertake the agreed cutting back works.

11.21.14.02 Highways

In addition to previously reported matters Cllr. Waller reported that the junction at the Toll was partially over grown creating a blind spot and the Clerk added that he had contacted Highways to tidy the junction.

11.21.14.03 Website

The Clerk reported that he had joined Wistow Now and Then Facebook Group and would post relevant messages for circulation to the community. In addition had would seek photos to add to the parish council website.

11.21.14.04 Village Hall

The meeting noted the refurbishment to the hall significantly improved the building and facilities.

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11.21.14.05 Trees

HM Platinum Anniversary

The meeting discussed the proposal for tree planting or establishing a beacon to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Anniversary of being monarch and agreed to consider suitable locations.

12.21.15.06 Countryside

Cllr. Waller reported on the idea of wild seeding grass verges within the parish and it was explained that HDC would not cut their verges until ALL flowers had died back each year. The overall view was that the idea was better in concept rather than reality

11.21.15. Monthly Audit

11.21.15.01 Cllr. Bradford volunteered to be Auditor for December /January 2022.

11.21.16 Items for discussion at the next meeting

11.21.16.01 Council Elections May 2022

11.21.6.02 Flooding

11.21.17 Date of next meeting:

11.21.17.01 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.