

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 29th January 2025 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr M Flanagan, Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr J Morris, Mr P Alderson, Mr M White, Mr A Carney, Mrs N Kershaw, Mr P Powell, Mes A Minton Beddoes.

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Nil

Public:

A member of the public attended the meeting concerning planning application.

1. Declarations of Interest:

All members of the Council – Planning application 24/04157/Full

3. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th of September 2025 and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising from the minutes.

5. Chairman's Communications

a) The Clerk referred to the forthcoming Parish and Town Council elections is on the 1st May 2025.

The Parish Council's Annual Public Meeting is on Wednesday, 26th March 2025.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, following the elections is on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

b) The Chairman mentioned complaints about overnight lighting at Wistanstow School bothering neighbours. The Clerk will email the school about this issue.

c) The Clerk reported that following ill health that he intended to reduce his workload and with great reluctance would be standing down as Parish Clerk after the Annual Public Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, subsequent to the elections, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

The Clerk suggested that Mr Clive Leworthy who is Clerk to Bromfield Council would be prepared to take on the role from the 1st of April 2025 if that were acceptable to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed to the appointment of Mr Clive Leworthy who would attend the March Meeting of the Council.

The Local Police to be invited to the Annual Public Meeting.

6. Planning Items:

Planning Application 24/04824/Full – Affordable dwelling east of Bushmoor – Members of the Council declared an interest in this application, however there was no objection to the application.

Planning Application 24/0408/Full – Replacement dwelling and garage – Marshwood Bushmoor – No Objection

Planning Application 25/00076/TCA – Tree Works – Lower House Farm Cheney Longville – No Objection

Planning Application 24/04157/Full – Demolition of bungalow and erection of replacement house – Samia Leamoore Common Wistanstow – No Objection

7. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

a) Mr M White updated the meeting on the proposed improvement works along Bushmoor Road with the scheme where some initial remedial work had been done.

b) Members of the Council to continue to report highway issues such as potholes etc. onto the Shropshire Council Fixmystreet website.

- c) The Clerk had reported the streetlight out adjacent to Peaton Roman Road Wistanstow. The Parish Council agreed that a survey be conducted by Eon of the Parish Councils eleven Streetlights this was for insurance purposes, certification of inventory for annual energy costs and future planning of require maintenance and replacement.
- d) Mrs A Minton Beddoes updated the Parish Council concerning the old railway bridge situated on the Green Road running along the edge of Smeathen Wood which has recently be damaged by a fallen tree and is currently being assessed by Shropshire Council and the footbridge by High House which is currently washed away. The Clerk will ask Shropshire Council for an update.

8. Financial Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had balance of £30,300.59 on the 29th of January 2025. The following payments have been approved.
Wistanstow Village Hall – Annual contribution to palay area - £1,207.24
Smiths of Derby – Maintenance of the Village Clock - £327.60
- b) The Clerk had produced a statement of estimated Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2025/26 and estimated that the balances would be £26,000 on the 31st of March 2025. Following deliberation, the Parish Council resolved to increase the Parish Precept to £13,000 for the fiscal year 2025/26, reflecting a 1.9% increment.

9. Other Items:

No Other Items.

- 10. Next Meeting:** Wednesday 26th March 2025 – (Annual Public Meeting of the Parish Council Electorate Area)
Wednesday 7th May 2025 – (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)