

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 20th July 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr M Flanagan, Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr J Morris, Mr A Carney, Mr P Alderson, Mr P Jones and Mr P Powell.

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Mr M White and Mrs A Minton Beddoes

2. Items from members of the Public:

No items from members of the Public

3. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest.

4. Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th May 2022 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matter Arising from the Minutes:

a) Mrs J Woodroffe was thanked by the Parish Council for the work that she had undertaken in obtaining the Church Faculty approval and organising for the removal of the four fir trees in the Closed Cemetery of the churchyard grounds. The cost of the works amounted to £1,950 which was payable by the Parish Council.

b) Mr P Jones reported that the notice board had been repaired at Cheney Longville and that he would arrange for the notice board to be repaired at Bushmoor.

6. Chair's Items:

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils which he had attended with an interesting talk having been given by Janet Cobb from Edgton Parish Meeting on the restoring of Shropshire Verges and Church Yards to encourage wildlife growth.

7. Amenity /Highway Items:

a) The Parish Council agreed to the installation of a defibrillator at Woolston, subject to written confirmation of the owner of the property where it is to be installed giving permission.

The Clerk is awaiting details of where the defibrillators can be installed at Strefford and Bushmoor before the order for the equipment can be made.

b) The Parish Council agreed to the removal of the payphone at Cheney Longville which is currently out for public consultation and the subsequent adoption of the telephone box for the installation of a defibrillator.

c) Climate Change – The Clerk reported that a Mr A Jolley a Craven Arms Town Councillor who lives at Strefford is producing a draft report for the Town Council on the possible implications which could then be shared with Wistanstow Parish Council.

d) The Clerk encouraged Parish Councillors to report on the Shropshire Council Website any highway issues such as blocked drains, potholes etc. using the facility Fix My Street, which enables a recording of all items and a means of monitoring any outstanding issues. <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

e) Mr J Morris raised concern about the speeding of vehicles at the Grove junction which regularly exceed the 40mph speed limit. The Clerk would write to Highway England concerning the provision of speed hazard warning indicators and to the police requesting speed monitoring.

f) The Clerk report the faulty manhole cover on the verge by Roman Fold Wistanstow.

8. Planning Items:

It was noted that Shropshire Council had given approval for the provision of the footway bridge at across the railway at Newington despite objections from the Parish Council. Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes had represented the Parish Council at the Shropshire Council Planning Meeting.

It was noted that the Public Inquiry into the Shropshire Council Local Plan which included a recommendation for the inclusion of Wistanstow as a Cluster Hub for limited marketable housing was currently being undertaken.

9. Financial Items:

The Parish Council approved the following payments:

V Davis – Grass Cutting Closed Cemetery - £640

Ace Trees – Removal of Fir Trees Closed Cemetery - £1,950

Shropshire Council – Election Costs 2021 - £100

Shropshire Council – Street Lighting Energy - £ 151.38

Information Commissioner – Date Protection fee - £40

Following payment of the accounts the Parish Council balances will be £37,712.59.

10. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 28th September 2022.

Chairperson