

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 17th January 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes

Public:

Shropshire Councillor Mr David Evans provided an update on Shropshire Council issues:

Annual Budget where savings of over £51million had to be achieved despite an increase in the Council Tax rate of 4.99% the largest item of expenditure was Adult and Social Care.

The updated Shropshire Plan was still with the Planning Inspectorate for approval.

Enforcement Notices had been issued to the owners of the Travellers Rest Affcott.

1. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest

3. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th November 2023 and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising from the minutes.

5. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman raised the speeding of vehicles through the village and the problem of the parking of vehicles along the highway during school drop off times and when larger events are held at the Church. Shropshire Councillor David Evans suggested that bollards could be obtained from the highway's depot in Craven Arms for the policing of planned events.

The Clerk will enquire about the provision of school hazard warning flashing lights and enquire with Shropshire Council what other safeguarding measures could be undertaken to combat speeding through the village.

6. Planning Items:

No planning item to consider.

7. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

a) Mr M White had reported several issues on Fixmystreet Shropshire relating to potholes and surface water.

b) Defibrillators – The Clerk reported that the defibrillator for Stretford should be installed before the end of January 2024.

c) Closed Churchyard – Mr J Woodroffe reported that approval had been obtained from the church authorities for the removal of the two Cherry Trees that additional path chippings needed to be provided along the pathway and that damaged seat needed removed. As these works were within the closed churchyard the cost would be funded by the Parish Council for which provision had been made within the Councils budget.

8. Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced a budget report for the financial year 2024-2025 which showed that the Parish Council will have estimated balances of £24,000 at the 31st March 2024.

The Clerk explained the details of Income and Expenditure in the Budget for 2024-25 with the Parish Council approving a precept of £12,358 for the financial year resulting in a 0% increase in the Parish Council Tax Rate.

9. Other Items:

No other items

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday 27th March 2024