

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 24th November 2021 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr M Flanagan, Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr J Morris, Mr M White, Mr A Carney, Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes, Mr P Jones and Mr P Powell
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

No Members of the public were present.

1. Apologies:

Mr P Alderson

2. Items from members of the Public

No Members of the Public were present

3. Declarations of Interest

All members declared a personal interest in respect of planning application 21/04789/Full and 21/04790/LBC – a Parish Councillor submitted the application, and it was agreed to make no representation to avoid any conflict of interests.

4. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th September 2021 which were signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising.

6. Chairman's Communications

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the South Shropshire Area Committee of Parish and Town Councils will be held on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.00pm this will be held by Zoom with the guest speaker being the Leader of Shropshire Council, Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes would represent the Parish Council at the meeting.

7. Planning Items:

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:

Planning application 21/05324/Ful – the erection of a single storey extension – 1 Woolston Farm Barns Woolston – No Objection

Planning application 21/04433/TCA – Tree Works Strefford Lodge Strefford – No Objection

Planning application 21/04611/OUT – Erection of dwelling and garage - East of St Wystan Wistanstow – The Clerk reported that this application had now been withdrawn.

Planning application – Change of use of land for siting of 3 glamping pods, installation of septic tank and creation of parking area – Rosedene Horderley – The Parish Council made the following representation - The Parish Council are fully supportive of the need for some Farming Diversification. The Parish Council having previously supported an application for 5 camping pods on the site (this having now been reduced to 3 in the current application) are aware that this was refused by the Planning Authority in that the development would detrimentally affect the essential open character of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and therefore contrary to policy.

If the policy were to be overcome with a less conspicuous feature in this location which may be achieved with appropriate landscaping the Parish Council would support this, therefore the Parish Council are at this time only making a representation to see if a solution can be agreed between the applicant and planning officers.

8. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

a) **Bushmoor:** It is anticipated that the proposed surface water works at Bushmoor will be included as a Capital Project Scheme in the budget year 2022/23 by Shropshire Council however there was

concern about the surface water that drains on the highway particularly with the dangers of freezing over causing a highway hazard.

The Clerk would follow up the request made by Cllr A Carney for the provision of a grit bin on this stretch of highway which is used as the local bus route.

b) **Trees:** Cllr J Woodroffe referred to the trimming of the trees by the Closed Church Cemetery which needs to be undertaken the Clerk would pursue.

c) **Footbridge:** Cllr Andrea Minton Beddoes referred to the consultation meeting with Shropshire Councillor David Evans and British Rail about the provision of a new modern design footway bridge at Newington Craven Arms at which they both questioned the need and expense of the footway bridge the design of which was not appropriate for the area.

d) **Defibrillators:** The Parish Council agreed to the provision of a defibrillator at Cheney Longville, Bushmoor and Stretford provided appropriate sites for the defibrillators could be located.

Unless notified to the Clerk for the placing of an order for a defibrillator site would be agreed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

9. Financial Items:

The Clerk reported that at the 24th November 2021 the Parish Council would have balances of £32,248 following approval of the following accounts.

V Davies – Closed Churchyard grass cutting - £820

Wistanstow Village Hall – Play area contribution - £875.31

10. Other Items:

The Clerk reported that the street lighting energy contract had been negotiated with Shropshire Council with effect from the 1st December 2021 following termination by Npower who no longer provided the service.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 19th January 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Chairperson