

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 30th November 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

No apologies

2. Items from members of the Public:

No member so the Public

Mr P Powell referred to planning application

3. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest.

4. Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th September 2022 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matter Arising from the Minutes:

Mrs A Minton Beddoes reported on her visit to the Foodbank in Craven Arms who were grateful for the grant of £500. Due to the increase in demand the Foodbank were not only dealing with people who had been referred from the Local Surgery, Local Housing Associations and Social Workers/Support officers.

Andrea had set up a food collection point in Cheney Longville and encouraged other areas of the parish to consider a similar facility.

Notices will be placed on the Parish Council Notice Boards advertising the foodbank collection points and requesting donations.

The Chair thanked Andrea for the work that she had undertaken in promoting the Foodbank facilities and setting up a collection point in Cheney Longville.

6. Chair's Items:

No items for the meeting.

7. Amenity /Highway Items:

a) The Clerk reported that sites for the proposed defibrillators had been agreed for Strefford Bushmoor and Woolston and that he would now be placing an order for the three defibrillators at a cost of £1,300 per defibrillator excluding VAT

b) The Clerk reported that the Manhole Cover on the corner of Roman Road/Bushmoor Junction had been repaired.

c) The Clerk would report the streetlight that was out near the entrance to the Village Hall Wistanstow.

d) Mike White reported on the delay to the drainage repairs on Bushmoor Road due to the need for a Road Closure to be advertised but he would continue to pursue completion of the works with Shropshire Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

e) Mrs S Minton Beddoes reported on the improvements to the footpath along the Onny Trail which was appreciated by walkers using the footpath.

8. Planning Items:

Planning Application 22/04494/FUL 17 Leamoor Common, Wistanstow

Proposal: Change of use of domestic outbuilding to beauty salon – No Objection by the Parish Council

Planning Application 22/04510/FUL Erection of extension and alterations to existing bungalow including the creation of first floor accommodation - Marsh Bungalow Marshbrook – The Parish

Council noted that that there were several objections to the application due to the proposed size and height although the Parish Council noted that there was minimum increase in the footfall of the proposed extension – The Council submit an observation that although there was no objection to an extension and alterations there was concern about the impact that the proposal would have on nearby properties.

9. Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced a Statement of Income and Expenditure to the 29th November 2022 and a list of payments made since 1st April 2022.

The Parish Council approved the following payments since the last Meeting:

C E Williams – Disbursement - £800
Wynnstay – New Bench Stretford - £384
G Gould – Repairs Notice Boards - £78
Shropshire Council – Street Lighting - £151.38
Wistanstow PCC – Clock - £350
St Andrews Food Bank – Grant - £500
Wistanstow Under Fives - £750 – Grant
V Davis – Grass Cutting Closed Church Yard - £800
Wistanstow Village Hall – Play Area Grant - £1,025

The Clerk had produced a Budget for 2023/24 giving details of Income and Expenditure and anticipated balances at the 31st March 2023.

The Clerk reported that the Street Lighting Energy Costs will increase from £600 a year to approximately £1,200 a year.

The National Association of Parish Councils had approved an increase in the hourly rate for Local Government employees of £1 per hour which will result in the Clerk being paid £12.53 per hour that annual cost being £2,640 from 1st April 2022, the Parish Council agreed this.

In view of the Cost-of-Living crisis the Parish Council agreed that the precept would be £12,450 which will result in a 0% increase in the Parish Council Tax Rate.

10. Other Items:

The Parish Council noted the consultation being undertaken on the Parliamentary Boundary for South Shropshire and the commencement of consultation of future changes to the Shropshire Council Ward Boundaries.

The Clerk was asked to enquire about the current enforcement action being taken on the former hotel at Affcott.

10. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

Chairperson