

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

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

1. Apologies:

Mr P Jones and Mr P Clarke

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes to the meeting as the Co-opted Parish Councillor.

2. Items from members of the Public

No members of the public present.

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th November 2019 and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

6. Chairman's Communications

a) Police and Crime Commissioner –The Police and Crime Commissioner had agreed the 25% contribution towards the cost of the Smartwater kit which will be distributed free to each household within the Parish Area under the We Don't Buy Crime- Protected Village Project Smartwater Scheme.

The process of distribution will be discussed at the next meeting with consideration being given to a public event being held at the village hall.

b) The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Wistanstow C E Primary School on their intention to federate with Brockton C E primary School and Church Preen Primary School with effect from 1st April 2020

8. Planning Items:

a) The Parish Council had received a request for potential confirmation of local connection for proposed affordable dwelling planning application from Kelly and Andrew Jones 1 Manor Farm Cottage Wistanstow – The Parish Council confirmed the local connection.

b) Cllr M White referred to the publication of the updated Place Plan for Craven Arms and Surrounding Area and would like to see more detailed reference in the document to Wistanstow Local Plan issues. The Clerk reported that this was a (live) document and additional submissions could be made to Shropshire Council for addition, however it should be noted that for many items this was almost a wish list with actions very dependent on finance resources being available. Cllr M White will provide more details to the Clerk on the addition/amendments that he would wish to be included in the document.

9. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

a) Cllr A Carney reported on the repairs to Felhampton Rail Underbridge and the impact of the road closure to Local Residents particularly with the diversion of the bus route and the lack of appropriate gritting of the roadway during icy conditions making it difficult for vehicle users on the steep incline of the diverted route. Shropshire Council had indicated that there would be no additional gritting of the roadway because of existing policies. The Clerk would raise the matter with Shropshire Councillors Mr L Chapman and Cllr D Evans as the Parish Council were disappointed with responses from Shropshire Council and Network Rail.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr A Carney and Cllr M White for taking up the issue with the relevant parties on behalf of the local community and who would continue to monitor the situation.

b) The Clerk to refer to Phil Clarke the footpaths officer the problem of flooding due to blocked ditches on the bridleway near to the Marshbrook Business Park.

c) The Clerk reported that there had been a concern by a local resident about the condition of the trees along Wistanstow Church particularly during high winds and the falling of debris on to adjacent houses. The Clerk reported that the trees are inspected regularly and will again be inspected this year.

10. Reports from other Organisations:

No items to report

11. Financial Items:

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

C E Williams – Disbursement - £340

The Parish Council considered the precept requirement for the Financial Year 2020/21 for which the Clerk had produced a detailed estimate of Income and Expenditure. It was agreed to make a precept of £12,390 for the financial year 2020/21 which would result in a 0% increase in the Parish Council Tax.

12. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 18th March 2020

Chairman

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