

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 27th March 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr M Flanagan, Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr J Morris, Mr P Alderson, Mr M White, Mr A Carney.
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes

Public:

Mr P Clarke the Parish Councils Footpaths Officer attended the meeting and gave a report on the footpath work that had been undertaken which included repairs to styles, replacement styles, new gates and work on the footbridges. The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Phil for the voluntary work he undertakes on the footpaths throughout the Parish Area.

If a Councillor wishes to report a footpath item, they can email Phil at pclarke677@btinternet.com

Mr M White reported and explained the crowdfunding campaign to help, publicise and signpost the restoration of verges etc. in the parish area parts of Church Stretton and Hope Bowdler and asked the Parish Council to consider giving a pledge to the crowdfunding scheme.

The restoration scheme works in partnership with Shropshire Council Highways Department so that roadside verges can be appreciated by volunteers, residents and visitors to the area in the improvement in the local biodiversity of native wildlife flowers and plants and in the habitat for smaller mammals, birds and insects

1. Declarations of Interest:

Mr M White – Crowdfunding grant request (Prejudicial interest and left the meeting when the request was considered)

3. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th June 2024 and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising from the minutes.

5. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman reported on the recent reports by the Chair and Treasure on the future of the Smithy and the need for additional funding streams, increased usage and additional volunteers to run the shop.

The Parish Council valued the importance of the shop to the local community and will discuss further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

6. Planning Items:

No Planning applications to consider.

7. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

Highways: - The Clerk reported on further complaints regarding the parking of vehicles by some parents while picking up and dropping children at the school which had been reported to the Head Teacher, Shropshire Council and the local police for monitoring.

Craven Arms Recycling Centre – The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had agreed that the Craven Arms Recycling Centre will not close, however there will be changes to opening times and days and also the implementation of a booking system.

Mr M White reported that the proposed improvement works along Bushmoor Road should be completed by the end of the Summer.

8. Financial Items:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had balance of £34,035.43 this following payment of the accounts listed below

V Davies – Grass Cutting Closed Church Yard

C E Williams - Disbursement - £390

The Parish Council considered the request for a grant towards the Crowdfunding Verge Restoration and agreed to make no grant towards this scheme.

9. Other Items:

No Other Items.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday 25th September 2024