

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 29th March 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr M Flanagan (Chair) Mrs A Minton Beddoes (Vice Chair) Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr J Morris, Mr A Carney, Mr P Alderson, Mr M White, and Mr P Powell.
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Mr P Jones and Mr D Evans Shropshire Council

2. Items from members of the Public:

No member so the Public

3. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest.

4. Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th February 2023 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

5. Matter Arising from the Minutes:

No Matter arising.

6. Chair's Items:

The Chair raised the closure of the Plough Inn Wistanstow and whether consideration should be given to the property being listed as a Community Asset.

The Clerk clarified after the meeting that: the 2012 legislation makes provision for the local community to have the opportunity to bid for a listed asset should the owners decide to offer it for sale during the listing period. The owner does not have to accept any bid made by the community, only to consider it. A successful listing does not provide any other community benefits.

7. Amenity /Highway Items:

a) The Clerk reported that the defibrillators had been installed at Bushmoor and Woolston at a cost of £ 3,669.30.

b) Coronation Celebrations – The Parish Council approved a grant of £450 towards the Coronation event to the Village Hall Committee.

c) The Clerk was asked to write to Highways Agency about the overgrown verges bordering the footpath running from the Grove to the entrance of Craven Arms.

8. Planning Items:

a) Concern was again raised about the appearance and condition of the Travellers Rest, Affcott, which is subject to enforcement action the Clerk would ask Shropshire Council David Evans to pursue.

b) Planning Application - 23/00520 - Newington Farm , Shrewsbury Road, Craven Arms
Proposal: Erection of a livestock lairage building, manure store, formation of vehicular access and internal access roads and infrastructure.

The Parish Council had held a site meeting to discuss the application and although supportive of the suggested development there were major concerns about the proposed access of the A49. The Parish Council agreed to submit the following observation to Shropshire Council – the Council has major concerns about the access from the A49 and awaits the outcome of the deliberations by the applicant with Highways England who have stated that the current application cannot be granted and should be deferred for three months.

c) The Parish confirmed the strong local connection criteria for consideration of affordable housing development which will be subject to a planning application of Mrs. B Williams Pillocks Green Cwn Head.

9. Financial Items:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had produced a statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2022-23 which showed the Council had balances of £25,635 following confirmation of the payment of the invoices listed below:

Eon	171.62	Street Lighting
Inland Revenue	100.54	Tax
C E Williams	660.00	Disbursement
Med Group	3,669.60	Defibrillators
Smith of Derby	327.60	Clock
Shropshire Council	532.80	Play area Inspection
Eon	153.70	Street Lighting
Shropshire Council	151.38	Street Lighting
Wistanstow Village Hall Committee	450.00	grant
Wistanstow Village Hall Committee	450.00	Play Area

10. Other Items:

No Items to report.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 24th May 2023 this will be the Annual Public and Annual Meeting of the Council.

Chairperson