

## **Wistanstow Parish Council**

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### **The Minutes of the Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm**

#### **Present:**

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

#### **1. Apologies:**

Mr P Powell

#### **2. Items from members of the Public**

Mr P Clarke gave an update on the works that had been undertaken on the various footpaths running through the Parish.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

#### **4. Minutes**

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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) The Clerk reported that due to poor health Mr R Brown had submitted his resignation as a Parish Councillor which was accepted by the Parish Council and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

b) Mrs J Woodroffe referred to the proposed donation of a memorial bench to be placed in the Closed Cemetery. The PCC had no objection to the provision of the bench however the proposed colour and design of the suggested bench was not suitable, and the PCC had requested a further design. This action was agreed by the Parish Council

c) The Clerk referred to the Ann Ball and Others Charity of which Mr Stuart Minton Beddoes was the remaining Trustee and after many years of service wished to resign as the Trustees and requested that the Parish Council appoint new Trustees for the administration of the Charity. Mrs J Woodroffe had acted as the liaison with the Charity Commission for the Charity.

The Charity has a parcel of land called "Poor's Land" for which it receives an annual rent of £500 from a local farmer and bank balances of £5,805. The purpose of the Charity is for an annual distribution to the Poor of the Parish of Wistanstow

The Parish Council thanked Mr Minton Beddoes for the work he had undertaken, and it was agreed that The Clerk to the Parish Council would become the secretary to the Charity and Mr P Jones, Mr A Carney, Mrs J Woodroffe and Mr M Flanagan would become the Trustees.

The first meeting of the new board of Trustees will be held prior to the next Parish Council meeting at 6.30pm when consideration will be given to changes to the purpose of the Charity and the registration of the parcel of land with the Land Registry.

#### **8. Planning Items:**

a) The Clerk reported that the Craven Arms and Rural Area Action Plan had been updated to reflect the amendments that Mr M White had proposed in respect of the Wistanstow Parish Action Plan

b) Planning Application 19/03347/Full and 19/03353/LBC – The Dower House Cheney Longville Craven Arms – Conversion and extension of existing barn/former stables to provide additional ancillary to main dwelling – No Objection.

#### **9. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:**

The Clerk reported that due to organisation changes that had been made by Shropshire Council to the Highways Department it would be necessary to submit any repairs required such as blocked drains, pot holes either by email or through the Shropshire Council Website so that an appropriate job number was allocated by Customer Services this could then be used to track any progress on outstanding jobs.

**10. Reports from other Organisations:**

Mrs J Woodroffe reported that work had been completed on the play area with all the new play equipment installed. The Village Hall Committee planned to undertake the remaining work to the windows at the village hall.

**11. Financial Items:**

The Parish Council had bank balances of £22,989.21

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

V Davies – Grass Cutting Closed Cemetery - £520

Data Commissioner – Registration Fee - £40

Mr C E Williams –Disbursement - £408

**12. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Chairman

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