

## **Wistanstow Parish Council**

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### **The Minutes of the Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Mr D Bytheway	Mrs J Woodroffe
Mr J Morris	Ms A Minton Beddoes
Mr R Brown	Mr M Flanagan

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

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

Mr P Jones, Mr B Metcalf, Mr P Clarke

#### **2. Items from members of the Public and Shropshire Council**

No items to report.

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

Personal – Mr D Bytheway – Planning Application 17/00089/FUL

#### **4. Minutes**

Parish Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **5. Matters arising from the Minutes:**

No Items

#### **5. Chairman's Communications:**

No items to report.

#### **6. Planning Items:**

a) Planning Application 17/00089/Ful – Erection of two storeys rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory etc. Curlews Corner Whittingslow – No Objection

b) The Clerk referred to the consultation paper being undertaken by Shropshire Council in relation to an update of SAMDev particularly in respect of Housing Development. A meeting had been arranged for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at the Methodist Hall Craven Arms where a presentation would be made by Planning Officers from Shropshire Council to which the Parish Council could send representatives.

It was agreed the Ms A Minton Beddoes, Mr M Flanagan and Mr J Morris would attend the meeting and report back to the next Parish Council meeting so that a response could be made.

#### **7. Highway Items:**

The Clerk would arrange repair of the street light that was out opposite the Plough Inn.

#### **8. Amenity Items**

The Chairman will advise the Clerk of an appropriate site for a Notice Board at Felhampton who may then have to obtain Highways approval if to be sites on the edge of the roadway.

#### **9. Financial Items:**

a) The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had bank balances of £19809.12.

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

N Power – Street Lighting Energy - £99.56

V Davies – Grass Cutting Closed Cemetery - £808.00

b) The Parish Council considered a grant application from the Wistanstow Village Hall Committee towards the installation of new double glazed windows in the Hall, Cottage and Bungalow, the cost of which is estimated aa £50,000.

In view of the valuable contribution that Village Hall makes to the local community and the voluntary work undertaken by the Committee in maintain and running the hall the Council agreed to make a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of the works which would be payable on commencement of the works.

c) Precept 2017/18 – The Clerk had produced details of the estimated balances at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and estimated details of Income and Expenditure.

In view of the grant made to Wistanstow Village Hall, the need to maintain adequate Reserves and the possibility that the Parish Council may have to contribute more to Local Services it was agreed by the Council to increase the Precept by £2,000 to £10,247 resulting in an increase in the average Council Tax Band D for Wistanstow Parish Council of approximately £6 per year.

**10. Other Items:**

No further items to report.

**11. Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 22nd March 2017, (Annual Public Meeting of the Parish Council), Thursday 18th May 2017(Annual Meeting of the Parish Council following the May 2017 Parish and Town Council Elections)

Chairman