

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr D Bytheway
Mrs J Woodroffe
Mr J Morris
Mr A Carney
Mr M Flanagan

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Mr R Brown, Mr P Jones, Mr P Powell

2. Items from members of the Public and Shropshire Council

Shropshire Councillor David Evans attended the meeting to provide an update of Shropshire Council matters and referred to the value of the Local Community Team, the withdrawal of the Environmental Grant to Parish and Town Councils and the purchase of the Riverside Shopping Centre in Shrewsbury from Capital Receipts.

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 29th November 2017 and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

6. Chairman's Communications:

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Local Community the Chairman congratulated Mrs J Woodroffe on being awarded the MBE in the Christmas Honours List.

7. Planning Items:

- a) 18/00331/DHS – Discharge of conditions 3 (external brickwork) and 4 (Archaeology) associated with planning application 17/02716/FUL – Hazeldene Wistanstow – No Objection
- b) 17/06117/FUL – Creation of 1 holiday let (phase 1 unit 1 of 5) and erection of 2 dwellings for owner's accommodation/tourist use – Object to the application site overcrowded, contrary to Planning Policy development in the Open Countryside, the matter should be referred to the Planning Committee for determination.
- c) Diversion of Footpath 51 - The Parish Council considered the diversion of Footpath 51 and have no objection to the proposed diversion and believes that it will be much more beneficial and safer for users of the path

8. Highway Items:

Concern was expressed at the blocked drains along the A49 this should be referred to the Highways England for attention.

The sign to Bushmoor was missing at the Junction with the A49 this to be reported to the Shropshire Council Highways.

The Clerk had reported to Eon for repair the Streetlight that was out on the approach to Wistanstow Village Hall.

9. Reports from other Organisations:

Mrs J Woodroffe reported that the Village Hall had commenced works on the windows.

10. Financial Items:

The Parish Council considered the Budget Report for the Financial Year 2018/19 which had been produced by the Clerk. It was anticipated that the Parish Council would have balances of approximately £11,000 at the 31st March 2018 which includes the Reserve Provisions for Future Election Costs, Church Wall Repairs, Street Lighting, Recreation Grants.

In the financial year 2018/19 the Council has been informed that it would no longer receive Environment Grant from Shropshire Council, this having been used to help finance amenity work within the Parish.

There will also be additional cost for the introduction of the new Data Protection Regulations May 2018 which will be applicable to all Parish and Town Councils.

After consideration of the report it was agreed by the Parish Council to increase the precept by £2,000 to £12,247 for the financial year 2018/19 which on the average Band D Property would result in an increase of £6.02 on the Parish Council element of the Council Tax Bill.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 21st March 2018

Chairman