

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Annual Public and Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday 17th March 2021 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr M Flanagan, Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr P Powell, Mr J Morris, Mr M White, Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes, Mr A Carney, Mr P Jones
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)
Mr D Evans – Shropshire Councillor

Apologies:

Mr D Bytheway

Annual Public Meeting:

1. Chairman's Report:

Mr M Flanagan gave his Annual Report in what has been an unusual and difficult year with meetings having to be held by zoom, however the Parish Council had responded to issue affecting the parish which related to the Coronavirus epidemic, planning, highways and amenity issues.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their work on behalf of the local community with special mention to Mr D Bytheway who would not be seeking re-election in the Parish and Town Council elections to be held on the 6th May 2021.

2. Financial Report:

The Clerk had produced a detailed report of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2020/21 with estimated balance at the 31st March 2021 being £26,171.

3. Village Hall Report:

Mr P Powell and Mrs J Woodroffe reported on the Village Hall which due to the Coronavirus Epidemic had been closed for most of the year. Grants had been received from the Government to help maintain the hall during the closure period. Query raised about the play area remaining closed.

4. Footpath Officer Report:

A detailed report had been received Mr P Clarke on the work he had undertaken as footpaths officer for the Parish Council a copy of which had been forwarded to all Councillors.

The Parish Council were fortunate to have such a dedicated footpaths officer and was thanked for all the voluntary work that he undertakes on the footpaths in the Parish Area making them accessible to all users.

5. Shropshire Councillor Mr D Evans:

Councillor D Evans reported on Shropshire Council issue referring to the Coronavirus Epidemic, Place Plans, Flooding, Issues, Planning Issues and Highway Issues.

Cllr Evans particularly referred to the number of potholes, the roadway to Cheney Longville on which work was still outstanding and enforcement issues at the Travellers Lodge Affcott.

Parish Council Meeting

1. Apologies:

Mr D Bytheway

2. Items from members of the Public

No members of the public attended the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4. Minutes

The Parish Council **approved the minutes** of the meeting held on the 13th January 2021 **and were approved.**

5. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

6. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman reported that he had received complaints about the speeding of delivery vehicles through the village of Wistanstow. It was agreed that on the agenda for the next meeting Speed Limits throughout the whole of the Parish Area should be considered.

7. Planning Items:

The Clerk referred to the Planning application at Mowbray Lodge Marshbrook for a proposed agricultural building where concerns have been raised about the size and height of the building – however as this was classed as permitted development the Parish Council were not asked for comment. The Clerk would forward to each councillor a copy of the application.

8. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes referred to the Green Lane which runs from Wistanstow – Cheney Longville which is used by 4x4 vehicles and the footpath had become totally eroded and dangerous. The Clerk would refer to Shropshire Council for comment.

9. Financial Items:

There were no accounts for payment.

10. Other Items:

Mr M White referred to the application that he had made to the Shropshire Hills ANOB Conservation Fund for restoration of the verges in part of Bushmoor and wished to seek a contribution of £250 from the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to consider this at the May Meeting of the Parish Council when the outcome of the grant application to ANOB would be known.

Mr M White reported on the recent meeting of the South Shropshire Parish and Town Councils meeting which had considered Boundary Review, Election Procedures and Climate Change.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19th May 2021 commencing 7.00pm this will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council following the four yearly elections to be held on the 6th May 2021.

Chairman