

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th September 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 P Powell, Mr P Jones
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Mr M White and Mr P Clarke

2. Items from members of the Public

No Items

3. Declarations of Interest

Mrs J Woodroffe MBE – Planning application 19/04002/Full

4. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st July 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:

The Chairman made the following statement in recognition of the retirement of Mr R Brown as a Parish Councillor:

“It gives me great pleasure to be able to acknowledge the contribution Bob has made to this Parish over many years. Although I do not have the exact date when Bob became a Parish Councillor, I do know that he has been on Wistanstow Parish Council for at least 45 years.

In that time Bob has missed very few meetings and has made a valuable contribution to the running of the Council with his wide local knowledge: he was also Chairman of the Parish Council from 1991 to 1998.

A glutton for punishment, Bob was not only a Parish Councillor he was also a member of the Parochial Church Council. He served the church for some time as a warden, but he also served for many years as the Tower Captain ensuring the smooth running (and ringing) of the team of bell ringers for Sunday services as well as for weddings and funerals.

In recognition of his long service to the local community the Parish Council is delighted to present to Bob a framed photograph of Wistanstow Church.”

The Parish Council will now advertise the Vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

8. Planning Items:

Planning Application 19/04002/Full – Holy Trinity Church Wistanstow – Removal of late 19th Century Boiler Chimney – No Objection

9. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

a) The Clerk to enquire about the provision of a safety mirror on the A49 at the Cheney Longville Junction due to vehicles coming from the junction and turning towards The Grove not being able to adequately see vehicles travelling from Craven Arms.

b) The Clerk to enquire when road surface improvements are to be undertaken by the Grove junction adjacent to Jewson's.

c) The Clerk reported on the We Don't Buy Crime Project/Smartwater Protecting Villages Project being co-ordinated by the West Mercia Police Commissioner. The Clerk to invite Estelle Stock the We Don't Buy Crime Coordinator to the next meeting of the Parish Council to explain the project.

10. Reports from other Organisations:

The Clerk had provided the Village Hall Committee with a copy of the ROSPA Play Area Inspection Report. Mr J Woodroffe reported that the Village Hall had completed the repairs to the Windows.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received the grant of £2,500 from the Henley Solar Farm Grant Fund.

The Cost of refurbishing the Wistantow Play Area was £18,629 for which grant monies of £16,865 had been received resulting in the Parish Council contributing £1,764

11. Financial Items:

The Parish Council had bank balances of £26,961.21

The Accounts for the Financial Year 2018/19 had been certified by the external auditors PKF Littlejohn with no items to report.

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Mr C E Williams –Disbursement - £340

R White – Photograph - £38

12. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 27th November 2019

Chairman

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