

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Meeting Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr D Bytheway	Mrs J Woodroffe
Mr R Brown	Ms A Minton Beddoes
Mr J Morris	Mr B Metcalf
Mr P Powell	Mr M Flanagan
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)	

Shropshire Councillor Lee Chapman and David Evans were present
Members of the Public were present

1. Apologies:

Mr P Jones

2. Members of the Public:

Consideration of a street light at the junction of Roman Road/Bushmoor was again raised the Clerk will ask Eon for a quote.

CIlr L Chapman referred to the consultation currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council called the Big Conservation in relation to services provided by Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Council were looking at Health Care provisions in Shropshire and providing an interface with hospitals and other services.

The Planning Inspectorate had now responded to the proposals made by Shropshire Council in respect of future Employment Land and Housing to the Year 2026 (SAMDev) and had accepted the proposals submitted for Shropshire which included the Craven Arms Area and will impact on the Parish in respect of employment land.

SAMDev will now be formally adopted by Shropshire Council at its Council meeting in December 2015.

CIlr D Evans had attended the opening evening of Craven Arms Fire Service who were looking for part-time daytime firefighters.

3. Declarations of Registrable Interest

Nil

4. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd September 2015 which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes:

The Clerk reported that despite a request by the Parish Council Shropshire Council were unlikely to extend the current gritting programme to include the section of road running from the rail bridge to the A49 Grove Bank but may provide a Grit Bin.

6. Chairman's Communications:

No items to report

7. Planning Items:

No applications

8. Highway Items/Amenity Items:

a) The Clerk was asked to report the unlit streetlight opposite The Gables Wistanstow.

b) Due to the recent high winds it had been necessary to trim several of the branches to the trees running along the church wall Wistanstow.

The Clerk would obtain an updated survey of the trees.

c) Mr P Clarke the Parish Councils Footpaths Officer had helped Shropshire Council clear the majority of the bridleway that runs between Bushmoor and Marshbrook which can now be used by horse riders and bikers. The new hedge cutter had been purchased from Morris Bufton at a cost of £346.80.

Mr P Clarke was thanked by the Parish Council for the voluntary work he undertakes on the bridleway/footpaths that run through the Parish area.

d) The three-year contract for the cutting of the grass etc.at the Closed Cemetery at St Pauls Church Wistanstow had now ended the Clerk will seek quotations for the next three years.

9. Reports from Outside Organisations

a) Mrs J Woodroffe reported on the ROSPA inspection report of the Village Hall Play Area with the main requirement being the replacement of the bark on the ground.

The cost of replacement bark which will require an appropriate safety certificate is approximately £370 which will be met by the Parish Council. The Village Hall Committee be authorised to purchase the bark.

b) Ms A Minton Beddoes reported on the recent meeting of the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee which had been a joint meeting with the local business network. The business group was developing a one-point of reference website.

The meeting received details about the Shrewsbury University which is linked with Chester University currently there are 85 students but it hoped that in the longer term the University would hope to offer four -five hundred places.

10. Financial Items:

a) The Parish Council had bank balances of £16,540.16 and £2,098.22 of Village Hall Endowment

b) The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Shropshire Council – ROSPA Report - £133.50

V Stone – Payroll - £50

Morris Bufton – Strimmer - £346.80

Wistanstow V H – Grant Play Area - £786.42

T Davies – Closed Cemetery - £1,200

C E Williams - Salary – £273.00

Inland Revenue – Tax - £172.00

c) The Parish Council approved a grant of £50 to the Shropshire Hills Mini Musical Festival held at Craven Arms.

11. Next Meeting:

Thursday 14th January 2016, Wednesday 23rd March 2016 and Wednesday 18th May 2016 (Annual Public and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council).

Chairman