

## **Wistanstow Parish Council**

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### **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 commencing at 7.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Mr M Flanagan, Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr J Morris, Mr P Alderson, Mr M White, Mr A Carney.

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

#### **Apologies:**

Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes, Mrs N Kershaw, Mr P Powell

Mr D Evans Shropshire Councillor

#### **Public:**

Shropshire Councillor Hilary Luff provided an update on Shropshire Council issues:

The main issue related to the Craven Arms Recycling Centre which is one of five sites in Shropshire being considered for possible closure, however this will be subject to Public Consultation, both Hilary and Daven Evans are opposed to any closure at Craven Arms. Shropshire Council need to achieve £64 million in its Annual Budget this mainly due to the significant growth in the cost of providing Children and Adult Social Care.

Hilary also answered questions raised concerning the use of Sports facilities with reference to the Sports Centre at Shrewsbury and the swimming pools at Ludlow and Church Stretton.

#### **1. Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations of interest

#### **3. Minutes**

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

No matters arising from the minutes.

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

The Chairman referred to a complaint that had been received concerning the parking of vehicles outside the school when dropping and picking up children.

The Clerk had reported the matter to the Schools Transport team who had written to the school to ask them to include some information to parents on the importance of considerate parking for the safety of Children.

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

Planning application 24/009255/Full – Land adjacent to Oak Tree Cottage Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms – Replacement of existing dilapidated domestic garage and change of use of land from agricultural to residential – No Objection

#### **7. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:**

Highways: - The Clerk had received a response from Shropshire Council concerning the reduction of a speed limit within Wistanstow Village to 20mph. A reduction of the speed limit would not be considered as the current highway conditions promote low speeds and therefore a 20mph speed restriction would not offer any improvements to current conditions.

Mr M White reported on the outstanding drainage issues in Bushmoor and had been advised by Shropshire Council that work should be undertaken in the new financial year.

Craven Arms Recycling Centre – The Parish Council would oppose any closure to the Site which was well used and would cause greater harm to the environment due to biodiversity with increased travelling of refuse vehicles and travelling by Businesses and the public to other sites recycling sites and the possible increase in fly tipping which in some areas of South Shropshire is prevalent.

Other Items: The Clerk referred to the Shropshire Good Food Partnership which encourages the use of under used or disused public spaces for the growing of produce.

The Clerk referred to the Health and Wellbeing Survey which was currently being undertaken in the Craven Arms and Rural areas and encouraged residents to complete.

Mr M White referred to the success of the Bushmoor Verge scheme.

#### **8. Financial Items:**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had balance of £24,438.01 this after the payment of the following items since the last meeting and that a full financial statement would be presented to the Annual May 2024 meeting.

Shropshire Council – Street Lighting £292.32

Shropshire Council – Inspection of the play area at Wistanstow Village Hall - £493.92

Smith of Derby – Maintenance of Clock - £327.60

C E Williams – Balance of disbursement and Expenses - £330

**9. Other Items:**

Mr M White has attended the recent meeting of the South Shropshire Local Councils which had considered the following issues Planning Enforcement and the need to recruit more local part-time Firefighters.

Mr M White had also attended the Hospital Transformation presentation.

**10. Next Meeting:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – The Annual Public and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

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