

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 30th March 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr M Flanagan, Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr J Morris, Mr M White, Mr A Carney, Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes, Mr P Alderson, Mr P Jones and Mr P Powell.
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Members of the public were present.

1. Apologies:

Nil

2. Items from members of the Public

No items from members of the Public

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March 2022 which were signed by the Chair.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Mr J Woodroffe reported that a faculty application had been submitted to the Diocese for approval for the removal of the fir trees adjacent to the boundary wall of the church this will be subject to 30 days public notice.

6. Chairman's Communications

The Parish Council had been asked to nominate two people to attend the Shropshire Lieutenantcy Garden Party at Orelton Hall on Wednesday 8th June 2022.

The Chair had attended a zoom meeting of the Chairs of Shropshire Parish and Town Councils which had received a presentation from the Local Crime Commissioner.

7. Planning Items:

No new applications for the Parish Council to consider.

8. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

a) **Footbridge:** Cllr Andrea Minton Beddoes referred to the recent zoom meeting with representatives from Network Rail and Craven Arms Town Council about the provision of a new modern design footway bridge at Newington Craven Arms. Craven Arms Town Council had discussed the issue and were not supportive of the provision of the proposed bridge. The Clerk reported that the proposal was subject to "Permitted Development" and that any comments made to Shropshire Council can only relate to whether the bridge construction could 'reasonably be carried out elsewhere on the land' and whether the design and appearance of it would 'injure the amenity of the neighbourhood.' The current crossing has been closed since 2017 and was subject to closure until 2023 with an alternative crossing in place to the south of the footpath from Long Lane over the level crossing at Newington to join a Bridleway which links FP 50 to the east side of the A49. Network Rail had promised to forward a graphical illustration of the footbridge overlooking the actual footway crossing and the Risk Assessments on alternative footpath diversions. An additional meeting of the Parish Council will be arranged to discuss this item.

b) **Defibrillators:** Mrs A Minton Beddoes reported that the defibrillator in Cheney Longville should be in the existing BT Telephone Box if this is possible, particularly as the phone box is not used. The Clerk will contact Shropshire Council and BT to discuss.

A site had been agreed with Mr J Morgan for the installation of a defibrillator at Stretford the Clerk will make necessary arrangements

c) **Footpath Modification:** The Parish Council had agreed following a site meeting to not support the addition of the proposed footpath which runs along an existing Unclassified Road running from Bushmoor to Woolston.

There was a discussion concerning the use of the unclassified county roads by motorised recreational vehicles which does present issues, the Government with the Glover Landscape Review were undertaking a current review were members of the Council or public could submit comments.

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscapes-review/consultation/intro/>

d) **Highways:** A representative of Shropshire Council had visited Bushmoor to look at the surface water issue and it is anticipated that some drainage work will be undertaken during 2023/24.

9. Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an estimated Income and Expenditure statement for the financial year 2022/23 with estimated balances at the 31st March 2022 of £29977.

The Parish Council approved the following payments:

Smiths of Derby - £321 – maintenance of clock

C E Williams - £200 – expenses

V Stone - £50 – payroll

10. Other Items:

The Clerk had produced a protocol for public participation in Meetings which was approved by the Parish Council

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 18th May 2022 commencing at 7.00pm this will be the Annual Public and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Chairperson