

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th November 2019 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr M Flanagan, Mrs J Woodroffe MBE, Mr J Morris, Mr A Carney, Mr P Powell, Mr P Jones, Mr M White
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

Mr D Bytheway and Mr P Clarke

2. Items from members of the Public

Shropshire Councillor Mr David Evans updated the Parish Council on Shropshire Council Items referring to the restructure of the Planning Committees, Flood Water, Drains, Potholes and the cutting down of unsafe trees from the Grove Junction to Craven Arms along the A49.

There was a presentation by Sergeant Ram Aston on "We don't Buy Crime/Smartwater Protected Towns and Villages". The safety scheme involves the Parish Council working in partnership with West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner on the provision of Smartwater Kit to each household within the Parish Council Area. The cost of the kit will be purchased by the Parish Council however 25% of the cost will be subsidised by the Police and Crime Commissioner who will also supply appropriate warning notices to be displayed within the Parish area.

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th September 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 Clerk read a letter received from Mr R Brown thanking the Parish Council for the kind presentation of a framed photograph of the Church in recognition of his services to the Council.

8. Planning Items:

- a) Planning Application 19/05137/FUL – Erection of an affordable dwelling detached double garage and formation of vehicular access – Proposed affordable dwelling NE of the Three Firs Whittingslow – The Clerk was asked to verify the current planning policy in relation to Affordable Dwellings in Open Countryside and following the meeting after consultation with Parish Councillors it was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to the application as it is for an agricultural affordable dwelling.
- b) Planning Application – The erection of a self-build dwelling – Land at Tudor Cottage Leamore Common Wistanstow- The Clerk was asked to verify the current policy in respect of self-build dwelling in Open Countryside and following the meeting after consultation with Parish Councillors it was agreed to submit an objection to the application as the was for a Marketable Dwelling and did not meet current planning policy.
- c) The Clerk explained the current position in relation to the Craven Arms and Rural Area Place Plan explain that this was an evolving plan detailing the aspirations for future development and improvements in the Local Community however most of the items will be long term aspirations due to the lack of financial resources.

9. Highway/Amenity/Footpath Items:

- a) The Clerk had enquired 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. The Clerk had obtained the following response from Highways England, "we only allow mirrors to be installed on non-Highways England land and at a cost to the person requesting the mirror. The mirror would also need to be deemed safe by our planning team. If the Parish Council wish to continue, then please provide the location for the mirror for consideration. This could be on private land with the agreement of the landowner or even land owned by Shropshire council, again with their permission". Mr Peter Jones will approach the landowners where the mirror could be located, and the Clerk would obtain costs of a mirror for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- b) The Clerk to refer to Shropshire Council the condition of the road surface from the Village Hall to the junction of Roman Road Wistanstow.

c) The Parish Council after considering the presentation by Sergeant Ram Aston agreed to partake in the scheme providing free Smartwater Kit to all the properties in Ashford Carbonell Area the cost to the Parish Council would be approximately £2,000.

d) Cllr M White and Cllr A Carney referred to the proposed repairs to Felhampton rail underbridge which crosses over the unnamed lane between Bushmoor and the junction of the A49 which will cause closure of the roadway from the 6th January 2019 to 20th March 2020 causing considerable inconvenience to local residents in Bushmoor these related to local bus service, school bus service, refuse service, gritting of roads in adverse weather conditions. Both parish Councillors will raise the concerns at the drop in event to be held at Wistanstow Village Hall on the 4th December 2019.

10. Reports from other Organisations:

No items to report

11. Financial Items:

The Parish Council had bank balances of £24,701.21

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

V Stone – Admin - £50

C E Williams – Disbursement - £340

Wistanstow PCC – Winding of Clock - £300

Wistanstow Village Hall – Play Area - £820.73

V Davies – Grass Cutting - £650

12. Co-option of Parish Councillor

The following two applications had been received for the vacant position of Parish Councillor Andrea Minton- Beddoes Cheney Longville House Cheney Longville and Jeremy Rickson 2 Manor Cottage Wistanstow.

It was agreed by the Parish Council to appoint Andrea Minton – Beddoes as a Parish Councillor with effect from the next meeting Wednesday 22nd January 2020

12. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Chairman