

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Annual Public and Annual Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Apologies:

Mr R Brown and Mr M White

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

1. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported that this would be his final report as Chairman, last year had been relatively quiet with the Council mainly dealing with routine matters including, Highways, Street Lighting, The Parish Clock, Upkeep of the Close Churchyard and Financial matters.

The Precept had not been increased for the Financial Year 2019/20

The Parish Council received £4,244 from Shropshire Council which was the Parishes portion of the Community Infrastructure which is used for local amenity projects.

The Parish Council had been awarded £10,000 by the National Lottery Awards for All towards the cost of new playground equipment to be installed at Wistanstow Village Hall.

The Village hall is a much admired and special building and a focal point of the community all the members of the Village Hall Committee and Caretaker should be congratulated on their work.

Phil Clarke as the Footpaths Officer maintains the network of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish for the benefit of all users and was thanked for his work.

Mr Vince Davies was thanked for his work on managing the Closed Churchyard.

The Parish Council had obtained an Independent Survey of the Tree bordering the Closed Churchyard which were considered to be of low risk but will need to be inspected on an annual basis.

The Chairman thanked fellow Councillors, the Clerk and Shropshire Councillors for their work on behalf of the Parish Council and local community.

2. Shropshire Council

From Cllr Lee Chapman and Cllr David Evans.

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council Matters referring to the Local Place Plans, the reduction of the Planning Committees from 3 to 2 with there being a South and North Planning Committee from 1st September 2019, restructure of the Highways Team, a Climate Change Task and Finish Group and that Cllr L Chapman was now the Cabinet Portfolio Leader for the Transformation of the Council. Both Councillors than answered questions raised by the Council which mainly related to highway issues particularly the continual road works and road closures on the A49 which impacted on local businesses.

3. Financial report:

The Clerk had produced a statement of Income and expenditure for the financial year 2018/19 which showed balances of £31,082 held by the Parish Council at the 31st March 2019 of which £10,000 related to the Awards for All Grant.

4. Report from Wistanstow Village Hall Committee:

Mrs J Woodroffe reported on the activities and improvements taking place at the Village Hall and the work undertaken on the playground area with the installation of new Play Area Equipment which had now been completed.

5. Members of the Public:

There were concerns about the recent problems with the Water Supply with water pressure often being low in the Parish Area.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

6. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Year

Mr M Flanagan was elected Chairman for the Year

Mr D Bytheway was elected Vice-chairman for the Year

7. Appointment of Representatives for the Year:

Craven Arms and Rural Area Local Joint Committee – Mr M Flanagan

Wistanstow Village Hall Committee – Mr P Powell

Footpaths Officer – Mr P Clarke

8. Declarations of Interest

Nil

9. Minutes

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 21st March 2018 and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

11. Chairman's Communications:

No items to report

12. Planning Items:

Reference: 19/00327/Full - Affcott Lodge Affcott – Erection of two residential/holiday properties and formation of parking areas – The Parish Council objected to the application and would seek the application to be determined by the Planning Committee.

Reference 19/02174/Full – Erection of two storey side extension, single storey side extension with porch – Long Lane Farm – No Objection

13. Highway Items:

The Clerk would pursue highway items referred to in the Public meeting particularly the regular closing of parts of the A49 for road repairs between Craven Arms and Shrewsbury

14. Financial Items:

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

K Adams – Internal Audit Fee - £ 157.50

Came and Co – Annual Insurance - £340.58

V Stone – Admin - £50

SALC – Annual Subscription £306.54

Smiths of Derby – Clock Maintenance - £285.60

Shropshire Turf Contracting Ltd – Turf - £1,920.00

Ray Parry Playground Equipment Ltd – New Playground Equipment - £20,434.80

Inland Revenue – Tax - £68.00

C E Williams – Disbursement - £272.00

The Parish Council approved the Internal Audit Report and the Annual Financial and Governance Statement the details of which are available on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council received a receipt of £4,365 from the Village Hall Committee towards the Playground Equipment.

15. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 31st July 2019, Wednesday 25th September 2019, Wednesday 27th November 2019, Wednesday 22nd January 2020, Wednesday 18th March 2020 and Wednesday 27th May 2020

Chairman