

## **Wistanstow Parish Council**

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### **The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Wistanstow Village Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 commencing at 7.00pm**

#### **Present:**

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

Two Members of the public were present.

Following the Parish Council Elections held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Parish Councillors.

#### **1. Apologies:**

Mr M White

#### **2. Items from members of the Public**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

#### **4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the year:**

Mr M Flanagan was elected Chairman and Mrs Andrea Minton Beddoes was elected Vic-Chair for the ensuing year.

#### **5. Co-option of Parish Councillors:**

Following the election of Parish Councillors, the Parish Council had two vacancies to which the Parish Council could now co-opt.

The Parish Council agreed to Co-opt Mr P Jones and Mr P Powell to the vacancies who both signed the Declaration of Office as Parish Councillors.

#### **6. Appointment of Representatives to other organisations:**

Wistanstow Village Hall Committee – Mr P Powell

South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils – The Chair and Vice- Chair.

#### **8. Minutes**

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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

Consideration for a grant towards the verges project at Bushmoor was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **7. Chairman's Communications**

The Chairman referred to recent planning applications which concerned Affordable Housing and Marketable Housing. The Clerk explained that the current policy for housing outside of the Wistanstow Village envelope was for Affordable Housing development only and there would have to be a change to that policy which is an item that could be considered in the future review of the adopted Core Strategy by Shropshire Council.

#### **7. Planning Items:**

Concern was expressed at the developments taking place at the Travellers Rest Affcott – The Clerk reported that this had been referred to the Shropshire Council Planning Enforcement Officer by Shropshire Councillor Mr D Evans.

Planning Application 21/01832/Ful – High House Horderley – Use of land for siting of log cabin for holiday let – Parish Council unable to comment due to insufficient information with the application.

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

Members expressed continued concerns about the amount of potholes and issues with surface water the Clerk requested that any highway issues should be reported on the online facility available on Shropshire Council website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

**9. Financial Items:**

The Clerk reported that at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the Parish Council had balances of £26,171 and that the accounts for the financial year 2020-21 had been independently audited with no items of concern raised.

The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance and Financial Return for the financial year 2020-21 and the appropriate Certification of Exemption for the requirement of an external audit.

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment which will be paid via the Council online banking system:

C E Williams – £200 – Disbursement this is now paid by monthly Standing Order

Smiths of Derby - £302.40 – Maintenance of Clock

N Power - £138.58 – Street Lighting Energy

**10. Other Items:**

No items from Parish Councillors

**11. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 this being a revised date commencing 7.00pm

Chairman

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