

Wistanstow Parish Council

Clerk C E Williams 2 Jockeyfields Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1PU (01584 874661)

Email: cewilliams1@btinternet.com website: www.wistanstowpc.org.uk

The Minutes of the Annual Public and Annual Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th May 2016 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr D Bytheway	Mrs J Woodroffe
Mr R Brown	Mr M Flanagan
Mr J Morris	Mr B Metcalf
Mr P Powell	Ms A Minton Beddoes
Mr P Jones	

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Four Members of the public were present

1. Apologies:

Shropshire Councillor David Evans
Mr P Clarke – Footpaths Officer

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

1. Annual Report of the Chairman:

Cllr D Bytheway reported on the activities undertaken by the Parish Council during the year dealing with planning issues, highway, street-lighting upkeep of the churchyard etc.

The Parish Council has a new website www.wistanstowpc.org.uk which contains additional financial information and a planning tracker, the previous site has been discontinued due to the withdrawal of website facilities by Shropshire Council.

Fibre Optic Broadband has arrived in the village as part of the Connecting Shropshire Programme.

A major planning item was the publication and adoption of the SAMDev proposals identifying land for the development of Housing and Employment which impacts on the parish area bordering Craven Arms with approval for an abattoir and subsidiary meat processing enterprises on 20 acres of land at Newington east of the A49 together with a further 6 acres to the west for other commercial purposes

It should be noted that the Parish Council made strong objections about the proposal the proposal for the inclusion of the 20 acres of Newington development which were rejected by Shropshire Council and the Planning Inspectorate.

Phil Clarke is the Parish Councils Footpath Officer and has ensured that improvements have been made to the various footpaths and bridleways in the Parish particularly along the Marshbrook to Bushmoor bridleway.

The Chairman thanked Shropshire Councillors David Evans and Lee Chapman for attending meetings of the Parish Council and updating on Shropshire Council matters.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance at meetings and to fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their assistance during the year.

2. Financial Report:

The Clerk had provided details of Income and Expenditure for the Year and details of the balances held at the 31st March 2016 which was £12,221.01 and a balance of £2,089.22 Wistanstow Village Hall Trust.

The accounts had been audited by Mr K Adams the Councils internal auditor who had no items to report.

3. Annual report of Shropshire Councillor Mr L Chapman:

Councillor Lee Chapman reported on the continued difficult financial difficulties faced by Shropshire Council where there is a projected shortfall of £61m by 2018/19.

Shropshire Council wants to work with Town and Parish Councils and other local partners such a community groups, the voluntary and community sector to develop new service delivery models and funding streams for local services and assets such as the Library, Museum and Library Services in the Market Towns such as Church Stretton and Craven Arms.

If these local services are not taken over locally they could be discontinued by April 2017, it may be that neighbouring Parish Councils may be asked by the Town Council for an annual contribution in helping to maintain and deliver the services.

Cllr Andrea Minton Beddoes requested that Shropshire Council should provide data by postcode of usage by Wistanstow Parishioners of the leisure services and libraries that are subject to closure.

Councillor Lee Chapman was asked about investment in the new IT facilities being procured by Shropshire Council at a projected cost of £45m and explained that the news systems should provide future efficiencies with joined up services.

4. Members of the Public:

Two members of the public attended the meeting in respect of an affordable housing application to be considered by the Parish Council.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

5. Election of Chairman

Cllr D Bytheway was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

6. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Ms A Minton Beddoes was re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Year.

7. Appointment of Representatives to outside Organisations:

Wistanstow Village Hall Committee – Mrs J Woodroffe
Craven Arms and Rural Joint Committee – Mr M Flanagan
Footpaths Officer – Mr P Clarke

8. Declarations of Interest

Personal and Prejudicial – Mr D Bytheway – Planning Application 16/01481/Ful

9. Minutes

Parish Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 23rd March 2016 which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

11. Chairman's Communications:

In view of the suggested proposals by Shropshire Council for partnership working in respect the future delivery of local services it may be necessary for there to be some joint meetings with both Church Stretton Town Council and Craven Arms Town Council to consider the implications.

12. Planning Items:

Planning applications 16/01481/Ful – Erection of an affordable Dwelling and detached three bay garage- NE of Meadow Cottage Cwm Head Church Stretton – No Objection (Cllr D Bytheway left the meeting for this item)

13. Highway Items:

There was concern about the condition of parts of the A49 which runs through the parish area.

14. Amenity Items

a) It was noted that the work had been undertaken on the Wistanstow Church Path which borders the Closed Cemetery with the laying and rolling of new gravel providing a much improved surface. The cost of the work including labour and materials amounted to £535.44.

It was agreed by the Parish Council to improve an additional area of footpath around the perimeter of the church the cost of materials amounting to £156.

b) Mrs J Woodroffe reported that the Village Hall Committee were organising a tea party to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday, the Parish Council agreed to donate £50 towards the event.

Mrs J Woodroffe were still looking to replace the windows and were obtaining quotations for the work.

15. Financial Items:

a) The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Bromfield Sand and Gravel – Gravel - £235.44

SALC – Subscription - £302.10

K Adams – Internal Audit Fee - £115.50

Broker Network Ltd – Annual Insurance - £276.4

Smiths of Derby – Maintenance of Memorial Clock - £217

Wistanstow PCC – Annual Grant winding of the Memorial Clock - £280

V Davies – Church Footpath Works - £300

Wistanstow Village Hall – Donation - £50

b) The Parish Council approved the Annual Finance Statement and Governance Statement to be forwarded to the Councils External Auditors

The internal auditor Mr K Adams had audited the accounts for the financial year 2015/16.

16. Next Meeting:

Wednesday 29th June 2016, Wednesday 28th September 2016, Wednesday 23rd November 2016, Wednesday 25th January 2017, Wednesday 22nd March 2017, Thursday 18th May 2017

Chairman

DRAFT