

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of Wistanstow Parish and Minutes of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd March 2017 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Mr B Metcalf and Mr P Clarke

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

1. Chairman's Annual Report:

The Chairman Mr D Bytheway gave a summary report of the work that had been undertaken by the Parish Council during the last year and highlighted the issues that had been considered during the years and paid tribute to the work undertaken by the Wistanstow Village Hall Committee.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk and fellow Councillors for the contribution that they made to the Council on behalf of the Local Community and to David Evans and Lee Chapman Shropshire Councillors.

The Chairman reported that this was the last meeting of the current four-year term of the Parish Council with Parish and Town Council elections being held on the 4th May 2017, Andria Minton-Beddoes and B Metcalf would not be seeking re-election to the Council.

The Chairman read out a detailed report from the Parish Councils Footpaths Officer Mr P Clarke of repairs and maintenance work that had been undertaken on the network of footpaths running through the Parish. The meeting recorded their thanks for the work undertaken by the Footpaths Officer and to Mr D Bytheway as Chairman of the Parish Council.

2. Financial Report:

The Clerk had produced a statement of income and Expenditure for the financial year 2016-17 and reported that at the 31st March 2017 the Parish Council had Reserve Balances of £16,397

3. Report from Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor Lee Chapman attended the meeting and referred to the partial review of SAMDev between 2016 and 2036 which was considering the provision of additional rural housing. Shropshire Council were looking to reduce the number of Planning Committees as part of future budget cuts and will be reviewing the future of the Environmental and Highway Maintenance Grant with the contract with Ringway ending next financial year.

The Shropshire Council Precept will be increased by 3.9% for the financial year 2017/18 with an increase in the Adult Social Care budget.

4. Members of the Public:

No items raised by the members of the public

Parish Council Meeting

1. Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Minutes

Parish Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 25th January 2017 which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

4. Planning Items:

The Parish Council considered the proposed response to the online consultation survey in respect of SAMDev which had been produced by Mr M Flanagan following a meeting and discussion with parish councillors.

The Parish Council agreed to the responses which will now be submitted by Mr M Flanagan to the Shropshire Council.

7. Highway Items:

Concern was expressed about the condition of the bridge on the A49 by the Grove Junction this matter had been taken up by Shropshire Councillor Mr D Evans

8. Financial Items:

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Bromfield Sand and Gravel – supplies for maintenance of footpath Closed Church Yard - £152.16

Crucial Crew – Grant - £130.00

Eon – repairs to street light - £171.62

Smiths and Derby – Maintenance of Clock - £224.00

C E Williams – Disbursement - £658.34

V Stone – Payroll - £50.00

V Davies – Amenity Work - £485.00

C E Williams – Website Development - £800 (funded by grant from central government)

9. Other Items:

No further items to report.

10. Next Meeting:

Wednesday Thursday 18th May 2017 commencing 7.00pm (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council following the May 2017 Parish and Town Council Elections)

Chairman