

## **Wistanstow Parish Council**

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### **The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Mr J Morgan (Chairman)

Mr S Minton Beddoes      Mr R Brown

Mr D Bytheway              Mrs J Woodroffe

Mr A W Millhouse          Mr B Metcalf

Mr P Jones                  Mr H Goodwin

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Members of the public were present

Shropshire Councillors Mr D Evans and Mr J A Gibson

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

Nil

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

#### **2. Parish Chairman's Annual Report:**

The Chairman welcomed members to the Annual Meeting of the Parish

This past year has seen the second year of the implementation of Shropshire Council with the continuation of the Craven Arms and Rural Area Local Joint Committee as the main public forum for local issues affecting Craven Arms and neighbouring Rural Areas.

The Core Strategy Policy and now been adopted by the Shropshire Council which has replaced many of the existing South Shropshire District Council Local Plan Policies there has also been changes to the Planning Process and the introduction of charges for planning advice.

Shropshire Council has made significant budget cuts due to the reduction in government grant which will have an impact on services delivered locally.

Although the Parish Council has reduced the number of meetings for the year, mainly due to there now being only one principal authority to deal with since the introduction of the unitary system it has continued to consider local issues relating to highways, footpaths, planning and other amenity items.

I wish to thank Members of the Council and the Clerk for their help over the past year

I would like to thank Alan Millhouse for attending the Local Joint Committee meetings, David Bytheway for attending the A49 road Safety Group which has been discontinued and Brain Metcalf for attending the South Shropshire association of Parish and Town Council and to Janet Woodroffe for her work on the Village Hall Committee.

Special Congratulations should go to all the Village Hall Committee for their work in raising funds to have enabled the improvements to annex to the Village Hall which is a credit to all.

#### **3. Financial Report:**

The Clerk had produced a statement showing the Income and Expenditure details for the Financial Year 2010/2011 and a balance of £7845.81 at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

#### **4. Items from Shropshire Council and Members of the Public:**

Shropshire Councillors Mr D Evans and Mr J A Gibson gave an update on the following items:

- a) The changes to the planning process which has seen with a reduction in the number of Planning Committees and an increase in delegation of planning application decisions to officers. If the Parish Council objects to a planning application this will be referred to the Chairman of Planning and the local members to determine if the matter should be referred to an area Planning Committee.
- b) The future of local schools and the need for schools to work as a federation sharing various resources to save costs this has seen the retention of Onibury and Lydbury North Schools.
- c) Concern was expressed by the Parish Council at the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy with the charge being £4,000 per plot in an urban area and £8,000 per plot for a rural area the difference apparently due to the higher infrastructure costs incurred in rural developments.

d) David Bytheway referred to a query raised by a member of the public in relation to the consolation press on the Bus Strategy and the process undertaken. The Clerk reminded members that Shropshire Council had held road shows in various areas of the county including Ludlow and Craven Arms and that the use of databases to coordinate responses was a means of categorising the many comments made.

A request was made from a member of the public for the provision of a village hall directional sign on the corner of Greene Close and the spraying and clearing of weeds on the footpath at the entrance to Green Close. The Clerk suggested that these items could be met from the Highways and maintenance Grant.

## **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **5. Personal/Prejudicial Interest**

Nil

### **6. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:**

Mr J Morgan was elected Chairman for the Year

Mr S Minton Beddoes was elected Vice-Chairman for the Year.

### **7. Appointment of Representatives to outside Organisations:**

Wistanstow Village Hall Committee – Mrs J Woodroffe

Craven Arms and Rural Joint Committee – will be discussed at the next meeting

Footpaths Officer – Mr D Bytheway

SSAPTC – Mr B Metcalf

### **8. Minutes**

Parish Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011, which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

No Items

### **10. Chairman's Communications:**

No Items

### **11. Planning Items:**

The Parish Council were informed about planning application 11/01878/AGR – Erection of agricultural building for storage of hay and straw – Meadow Cottage Hamperley

The Parish Council noted the summary of views that that had been produced by Shropshire Council in relation to the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan which had been formulated from the Parish Plan, submissions to consultations by the Parish Council and Local Joint Committee Responses.

### **12. Highway Items:**

The was concern raised at the amount of time that Severn Trent Water Authority had taken in undertaking the works at the junction by Manor Farm Wistanstow. Mrs J Woodroffe had contacted Severn Trent and was assured that the work would be undertaken shortly.

### **13. Financial Items:**

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:-

Npower – street lighting - £103.48

Eon – street light repairs - £98.13

Aon – annual insurance - £481.82

### **14. Report from outside Organisations:**

No items to report

### **15. Next Meeting:**

Meetings for the year - 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 31st August 2011, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012