

## **Wistanstow Parish Council**

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### **The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.30pm**

#### **Present:**

Mr J Morgan (Chairman)

Mr D Bytheway

Mr R Brown

Mr S Minton-Beddoes

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Mrs J Woodroffe

Mr A W Millhouse

Members of the public were present  
Shropshire Councillors Mr D Evans

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

Mr H Goodwin, Mr P Jones, Mr B Metcalf and Shropshire Councillor Mr J A Gibson

#### **2. Items from Members of the Public and Shropshire Councillor:**

The applicants for a planning application to enable the construction of an Affordable House at land adjacent Spring Bank Bushmoor attended the meeting to explain their reasons for the application and to show the appropriate plans.

The Parish Council had not yet received the detailed planning application, however when received the Chairman will arrange an appropriate site meeting for Parish Councillor to discuss and submit appropriate observations.

#### **3. Personal/Prejudicial Interest**

Nil

#### **4. Minutes**

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Nil

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

The Clerk reported that the Localism Act had now been enacted by Parliament which will make changes to the Code of Conduct, personal/prejudicial interests and planning procedures however the full detail and impact on Parish and Town Councils was not expected until April 2012.

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

a) Planning application 11/05198/Ful – Enclosure of central open front of existing stable block to include access door and roller shutter door – The Parish Council had No Objection to the application.

b) The Chairman and Mr S Minton-Beddoes had attended a workshop at Craven Arms arranged by Shropshire Council to explain the purpose of the Local Place Plans and their relationship to planning and the Community Infrastructure levy which will be part of the new Localism Act which will identify 2011.

The next stage is the publication of the SAMDev Policy Document which will identify sites for development of Housing and Industry in Local Areas.

Reference was made to the Parish Plan and the need to update the Action Plan with its relevance to the Local Place Plan produced by Shropshire Council it was suggested that consideration should be given to Green Energy initiatives.

It was noted that many of the items included in the Parish Plan had been undertaken it was agreed to ask for a representative of the Wistanstow School Governors to provide an update on school matters at the May Annual meeting.

### **8. Highway Items:**

a) The Parish Council had received the following response from the Highways Agency in respect of the Bushmoor/A49 Junction which had been circulated to Parish Councillors.

“Amey on behalf of the Highways Agency undertakes an annual review of Accidents over a 5 year period and analysis for the period from January 2006 to December 2010 is nearing completion. The subsequent report both assesses the accident rate for a section of route with the national average and identifies cluster sites where there are a significant number of accidents within a 300 metre length.

The above analysis indicates that the section of the A49 that includes the Bushmoor junction does have a higher than average accident rate but the junction itself does not feature as a cluster site. Future studies will tend to concentrate on cluster sites but depending on the availability of funding may consider those sections with a higher than average accident rate.”

The Parish Council will continue to press for the extension of the Double lines in this area to prevent the overtaking of vehicles near the Bushmoor/A49 Junction.

b) The Clerk informed the meeting that although the Parish Councils query concerning the operation of the Speed Hazard warning sign had been acknowledged a detailed response was still awaited.

### **9. Financial Items:**

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

Craven Security – Grass Cutting Wistanstow Church - £1,020.00

Npower – Street Lighting - £71.36

V & W Electrics – Street Lighting Repairs - £110.83

C E Williams - Salary - £280.00

Inland Revenue – Tax - £70.00

b) The Parish Council had bank balances of £9,672.68

c) Precept 2012/13 – The Clerk had produced a statement of Estimated Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2012/13 and anticipated the Council will have bank balances of £8,000 at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. After considering the details the Parish Council agreed that the precept should remain at £6,334 for the financial year 2012/13.

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

a) The Parish Council recorded its appreciation of the work undertaken by the village hall committee in the improvements carried out to the road surface by the annex rooms.

b) Mr D Bytheway reported on the Craven Arms Local Joint Committee that had been held at Wistanstow Village Hall which had received a presentation from the Local Police inspector who would be concentrating on Ant social Behaviour and from Mr J Berriman a Shropshire Council about Housing, Planning and Sustainability.

### **11. Queens Diamond Jubilee:**

A Public meeting had been held and a volunteer organisation committee formed to consider appropriate activities in the village which would hopefully be self funding.

### **12. Next Meeting:**

Next Meetings 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012

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