

Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2010 at Wistanstow Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr J Morgan (Chairman)

Mr R Brown Mr D Bytheway

Mrs J Woodroffe Mr A W Millhouse

Mr S Minton-Beddoes Mr H Goodwin

Mr P Jones

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Members of the public were present

Shropshire Councillor: Mr J Gibson

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr B Metcalf and Shropshire Councillor Mr D Evans

2. Members of the Public/County Councillor:

No Items from the members of the public

3. Personal/Prejudicial Interest

Personal – Mr R Brown – Planning application 10/00565/Full and Grass Cutting Closed Church Yard Wistanstow Church

Personal – Mr J Morgan – Planning application 10/00415/LBC

Personal – Mr D Bytheway – Planning application 10/00735/TPO

Personal – Mrs J Woodroffe – Grass Cutting Closed Church Yard Wistanstow Church

Personal and Prejudicial – Mr R Brown – Parish Clock Wistanstow

Personal and prejudicial – Mrs J Woodroffe – Parish Clock Wistanstow

4. Minutes

Parish Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 10th February 2010, which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes:

The Clerk reported that Rail Track had still not repaired the dangerous access to the railway through a gap in the hedge by Roman Road Junction with the A489 had been assured that the work was in hand. Shropshire Councillor Mr J A Gibson will take this matter up because of the dangerous access to the railway.

6. Chairman's Communications:

No items to report

7. Planning Items:

a) Planning application 10/00375/TPO – Various works to Oak Trees subject to Tree Preservation Order Inglewood Marshbrook – No Objection

b) Planning application 10/00565/Full – Erection of extension and alterations to dwellings and garage – Longacre Roman Road Wistanstow – No Objection

c) Planning application 10/00415/LBC – Alterations/Repairs and replacement of timbers and panels to the front of the cottage and gable end wall upper of Grade II Listed Building – April Cottage Strefford – No Objection

d) The Parish Council discussed the Final Core Strategy Plan produced by Shropshire Council the Strategy sets out the strategic planning policy for the whole of Shropshire including a spatial vision

and objectives. It also sets out a development strategy, which identifies the level of development expected to take place within Shropshire up until 2026 and a number of Core Policies, which help to achieve the vision the major development is focussed in the main market towns of Shropshire. The Parish Council agreed to make representations about the proposed tax on the redevelopment of Redundant Farm Barns/Buildings. The Strategy should be encouraging redevelopment of Redundant Barns/Buildings in Rural Areas the imposition of a tax was a retrograde move and the policy should be altered.

8. Highway Items:

- a) The pothole had been filled at Strefford Ford Strefford
- b) The Clerk to report the concern about the bridleway/footpath (Green Lane) Cheney Longville to Wistanstow with the surface falling into the Stream.
- c) The request for the provision of the extension of double white lines on the A49 by the Bushmoor Junction had been passed to the Highway Agency this matter was also taken up by Mr J A Gibson and Mr D Bytheway at the A49 Road Safety Group.

9. Financial Items:

- a) The Parish Councils bank balance is estimated to be £6,728 at the 31st March 2010.
- b) The following accounts were approved for payment:
C E Williams – Salary and Expenses -£382.53
- c) The Parish Council agreed to meet the cost of repairs to the Parish Clock Wistanstow at a cost of £542, the clerk was also asked to obtain costs of an annual maintenance contract which will be considered at the next meeting.

10. Report from outside Organisations:

- a) Mr A Millhouse reported that the next the meeting of the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 11th March 2010 at the Community Centre Craven Arms.
- b) Mrs J Woodroffe reported that the village hall was awaiting the outcome of grant applications from Advantage West Midlands and for an additional grant of £2,000 from the Craven Arms Rural Local Joint Committee.
- c) Mr D Bytheway reported on the A49 Road Safety Group which was attended by the Highway Agency, Amey and the Police at which there was a discussion about the Grove Bridge and Bushmoor Junction. It was reported that there had been considerable frost damage to the highways.

11. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations:

The Parish Council adopted the Standing Orders produced by the National Association of Local Councils and the Financial Regulations.

12. Grass Cutting Closed Churchyard Wistanstow – Confidential Item

The Parish Council considered the estimates received for the Cutting of the Grass etc. in the Closed Churchyard Wistanstow and agreed to award the work to T Davies for a period of three years subject to the work being carried out satisfactory.

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the 7th April 2010

Chairman