Wistanstow Parish Council

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The Minutes Meeting of Wistanstow Parish Council held on Monday 25th July 2016 at Wistanstow Village Hall Annex Room commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Mr D Bytheway Mrs J Woodroffe Mr R Brown Mr J Morris

Mr P Powell Ms A Minton Beddoes

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Mr P Clarke Footpaths Officer and One Member of the public were present

1. Apologies:

Shropshire Councillor David Evans and Lee Chapman Mr B Metcalf, Mr P Jones Mr M Flanagan

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Minutes

Parish Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on the 18th May 2016 which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

5. Chairman's Communications:

a) The Clerk gave an update on the proposals by Shropshire Council for partnership working in respect the future delivery of local services such as libraries and leisure facilities which has now been delayed until April 2018

The Clerk reported that the proposals were unlikely to impact on the Parish Council as the main services related to services that were provided in the Market Towns.

It has been suggested that Parish Councils may be asked to give a contribution to the running of these services if taken on by the neighbouring Town Councils, however many Parish Council were opposed to this as it was felt that residents from the parishes using those services were helping the economy of those towns.

b) The Parish Council are invited to an informal meeting with Developers, Shropshire Council and Craven Arms Town to consider funding bids for improved access on the junction of Long Lane/Newington Farm Craven Arms due to the implication of the recently approved SAMDev for Employment Land and the relocation of the abattoir Craven Arms Community Centre on Tuesday 6th September 2016 commencing 7.00pm.

6. Planning Items:

Planning application 16/01963/Ful replacement of existing caravan with timber chalet, for continued use as annex to dwelling – Bank Farm Horderley Wistanstow

Wistanstow Parish Council objects to the application because the proposed development although described as a chalet is still marketable housing development.

Wistanstow Parish area is classed as countryside and only affordable housing on exception sites would be considered. Although classed as an annex to the farmhouse it would be a separate dwelling.

7. Highway Items:

The Chairman reported that a mirror had been installed at the junction of Crosspipes to improve the visibility of road users to oncoming traffic.

8. Amenity Items

a) The Parish Council was pleased to note that the improvements to the Closed Churchyard footpath had now been completed Mr V Davis was thanked for the work he had undertaken.

The Parish Council approved the estimate from Mr V Davis of £175 for the replacement of the gate to the rear entrance of the Churchyard.

b) Mr P Clarke reported on the improvements to the footpaths in the parish area which included a replacement bridge at Gates Lane and the strimming of the footpath between Bushmoor and Marshbrook.

9. Financial Items:

The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment: Bromfield Sand and Gravel – Gravel - £152.16
V Davis – Church Yard Footpath and Grass Cutting - £630
C E Williams – Disbursement - £445.00

10. Next Meeting:

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

