

Wistanstow Parish Council

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**The Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall , Green Room 7pm
Wednesday 30th July 2025**

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and they may address the Council to raise any issues in the public session at the start of each meeting. 15 mins is allowed for this session.

MINUTES

**Present ; Andrew Carney (Chair) Andrea Minton Beddoes , Mike White , Paul Alderson , Janet Woodroffe MBE , John Morris , Owen Jones (co-opted)
Clive Leworthy Clerk
Josh Dickin Ward Cllr**

1. Welcome - Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone and noted the recent passing of David Bytheway who had served on the PC for a number of years. The Chair asked that everyone stand for a minutes silence to remember David.

2. Apologies – Nicky Kershaw Phil Powell.

3. Declaration of Interests; Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate. (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) NONE

4. Minutes – To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2025 & The minutes of Planning Meeting Held on Tuesday 10th June 2025. Approved with spelling errors noted.

5. Matters Arising that are not included on the Agenda NONE

6. Co-Options – To consider any co-options for vacancy Owen Jones of Wistanstow had come forward to be considered for co-option

the Chair thanked him for coming forward. Owen said he was keen to join the Council and contribute to village life.

Proposed ; Andrea Minton-Beddoes 2nd Janet Woodroffe – CARRIED
Owen then signed the acceptance of office and joined the Council.

7. Reports -

(a) Chair – Report Attached from recent Shropshire Together Conference.

(b) Clerk – Update Euro Quality Lambs The Clerk had recently attended a meeting with Rizvan Khalid MD EQL who had requested to attend the next PC meeting to discuss abattoir plans and in particular look at speed reduction on the A49 entering Craven Arms. The PC approved his attendance and Clerk would invite.

(c) Unitary Cllr – Cllr Josh Dickin (report attached)

8. Planning Items

25/02675/OHL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Uprate approx 570m of an existing 2 wire 11,000 volt wood pole overhead lines to 3 wires 11,000 volts to upgrade the supplies to surrounding properties at Leamoor Common and surrounding farms and businesses. The maximum pole height proposed is 11.5m with a tolerance of 60m. See plans 1609133/P6 LOCATION: Leamoor Common, Wistanstow, Shropshire, , . OS REFERENCE: 343589 - 286691 APPLICANT: Mr Robert Birt Applicant: Mr Robert Birt (Freedom Land And Estate Management On Behalf Of National Grid Electricity Distribution (West Midlands) Plc, Foundry Lane, Hale Bank, Widnes, WA8 8TZ)

Council SUPPORT this application.

9. Highway /Amenity /Footpath Items

Greenthumb to take over spraying of church yard.

£99 per spray, which will be undertaken 4x times per year

Council approved the new contractor but requested a review of the number of sprays required .

Green Lane bridge – It was reported by Andrea Minton-Beddoes that SC had not yet undertaken repairs.

10. Financial Items ;

a. Clerks Salary £233.47

b. HMRC PAYE £58.20

c. Accounts to Date -Circulated

d. Bank Balance £36,425.66 (21/07/25)

APPROVED

11. Street Light Conversion ; To consider the conversion of all street lights to LED Lanterns.

Eon £7751.36 + VAT

Highline Electrical £4453.20 (including VAT)

Proposed ; John Morris 2nd Andrea Minton-Beddoes APPROVED.

That Highline Electrical be instructed to carry out this conversion which would provide substantial energy savings for the PC , reduced maintenance costs and environmental benefits.

12. Neighbourhood Plans ; Government has withdrawn funding for neighbourhood plans . SALC & Others are campaigning to have this reversed. Require support from PC.

Council requested that the Clerk submit a letter supporting SALC campaign.

13. Shropshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) implementation

For Discussion and to Nominate a Cllr as cluster coordinator/point of contact to engage via upcoming events

Cllr Mike White was nominated and accepted the role as Co-Ordinator for the PC and would report to Council on activity.

Meeting Dates for 2025/26

Wednesday 17th September – Date Changed to Tuesday 16th.

Wednesday 19th November

Wednesday 21st January 2026

Wednesday 18th March

Wednesday 20th May.

All 7pm.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Clive Leworthy

Clerk to the Council.