

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

### PRESENT

B Payne (Chairman)      K Bagg                  C Edwards              J Fish    T Fowler                  C Fryett                  J Parrin    D Thrower

#### 52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absent were received and accepted from M Axman, P Davies and C Bellamy.

#### 53. OPEN FORUM – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council.

There were no members of the public or press present.

#### 54. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005 and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005.

Minutes were approved and signed.

#### 55. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

It was felt that the notice board ordered for Murrow may be too big to be sited outside the Village Store and it may be that an additional site may have to be found.

#### 56. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

Mr C Edwards declared a prejudicial interest on items 58 d,e and f and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

#### 57. POLICE MATTERS

- The Community Beat Officer was not present, but the chairman outlined details of recorded crime from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004 and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2005. The majority of the problems had arisen in Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary and Murrow was very quiet.
- The Chairman advised the meeting that P C Coles will shortly have completed 30 years in the police, but it was understood that she was continuing.
- A speed check was requested through Front Road and Back Road, Murrow.

#### 58. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

##### List of planning applications determined by the Council.

- (a) F/YR05/0310/F erection of single storey rear extension to existing dwelling Cherrydown House Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary by Mr and Mrs D Warby **Raised no objections.**
- (b) F/YR05/0307/F erection of a 3 bed detached bungalow land west of Roans Devon, Gull Drove, Guyhirn by J sprigs and R Watson. Agent David Broker design Services. **Raised no objections.**
- (c) F/YR05/0302/F Installation of a dust extractor unit with associated ducting North Brink Limited, Murrow Lane, Murrow. **Raised no objections.**
- (d) F/YR05/0299/F Change of use of barn to 3 bed dwelling and erection of a detached garage/workshop Barn South West of Windy Ridge, New Drove, Wisbech St Mary by M Spencer. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections.**
- (e) F/YR05/0301/F Siting of log park home for display purpose at 347 Leverington Common, Leverington. Applicant Barretts Leisure (R Hardiment). Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections.**
- (f) F/YR05/00333/F erection of 2 x 2 bed semi detached bungalows & 2 x 2 bed semi detached houses with associated parking at Brooklands, 21 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Application Mr Hitchcock, Parson Drove. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections.**
- (g) F/YR05/0341/F Erection of a 2 storey side extension involving demolition of single storey utility to existing dwelling at 40 Station Drive, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs Troughton. Agent Harold Sellors. **Raised no objections.**

#### 59. PLANNING MEETINGS - Meeting arranged for the Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2005. Representatives of Fenland Links Neighbourhood Management Pathfinders to attend.

#### 60. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Excel Bus Company re X1 service through Wisbech St Mary and Guyhirn. **Noted**
- (b) Fenland District Council re Telephone Hotline for Councillors and clerks. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes stated that Councillors had been asking for this for some year, but that this should be a free telephone number.**
- (c) Thank you for donation of £100 from Guyhirn Friendship club. **Noted**
- (d) Fenland District Council proposed Street Naming of properties on Old Railway Inn Riverbank Close. **Noted.**
- (e) Fenland Links (Pathfinders) Health Inequalities Workshop for Adults & Older People 13.04.05. **Noted**
- (f) NALC Guide to Good employment Practice in Local Councils including Model Contract of Employment & Job Description & National Agreement on Salaries & Conditions of service. **Noted.**
- (g) CALC Playground Inspections etc course on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2005. **Noted**
- (h) CALC The Quality Parish Council Scheme. **Noted**
- (i) Bus Service Change of operators. **Noted**
- (j) Fenland Links Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder Board. **Mr J Parrin agreed to represent the Council.**
- (k) Defra Quality Parishes and Parish Planning. **Noted.**

#### Correspondence in folder for information only

Clerks & Councils Direct 2005 March 2005  
The Clerk February 2005

Whats On March/April 2005  
CDRom from DEFRA re broadband to rural communities.

61. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) CCC re street lighting in Mouth Lane Junction and Hooks Drove. **Noted.**
- (b) Theft of the Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn Street Light. **It was agreed that an Insurance Claim should be completed for the two street lights in Guyhirn.**
- Highways reports from Councillors on problems.
    1. Roadside subsiding between Plash Drove and Murrow leading to Bank.
    2. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary rear of Fish shop needs curbing as roadside breaking away.
    3. Fen Cottage, Back Road, Murrow curb encroaching on road.
    4. Highfield, Back Road, Murrow garden encroaching on road.
    5. Street Light in Plash Drove near David Buttrights box open.
    6. High Road, Guyhirn near old post officer road breaking up and in need of resurfacing.
    7. Adult shop at Thorney Toll has placed a notice on the wall and customers are going to the next-door house and not the garage. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Planning Department, as we have not received any requests for planning permission.
    8. The meeting was advised that Mr N Band is now back in this area and Mr Edwards has arranged to meet to undertake a Parish inspection.
    9. Road Accident at Bellamys Bridge and PC Coles had undertaken a report about this junctions. It was agreed that the clerk writes supporting this report requesting better signing coming from Wisbech and clearer road markings.

62. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. **The clerk stated that a balance of approximately £25455.35 will be carried forward in the next financial year 2005/2006. A spreadsheet outlining Income and Expenditure for 2004/2005 was distributed at the meeting together with details of the Budget for 2005/2006. After a discussion it was agreed to spend a further £15,000 on grants from the carry forward, together with the cost of the ten seats £4630.**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

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| (b) Hire of Hall 21.03.05 and 11.04.05   | £30.00  | <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (c) CCC re Lamp Column Murrow Bank   | £868.58 | <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (d) CCC re upgrade light Murrow Bank   | £339.91 | <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (e) CCC Ivy Lodge Farm supply and install lamp   | £784.93 | <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (f) CALC affiliation fees  | £508.89 | <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (g) CALC Local Council Review £12 per subscription for four or over posted to individual addresses or one central address. | £144.00 | <b>Agreed for twelve copies to Individual addresses.</b> |
| (h) BT Broadband setting up fee  | £24.99  | <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (i) Cambridgeshire Acre Membership   | £25.00  | <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (j) D & P Rowell Hedge cutting   | £250.00 | <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (k) Creative Solutions Notice Board for Murrow   | £937.65 | <b>Agreed to pay as soon as board</b>                    |

received.

**To approve payment of requests for grants**

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| (l) Fenland Volunteer Centre | £100.00 | <b>Agreed</b> |
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63. **PARISH PLANS** – To receive update.

No progress has yet been made but a meeting had been arranged for later this week at Thorney Toll Village Hall.

64. **VILLAGE PONDS** - To receive update in respect of Guyhirn Pond.

The wording for a questionnaire has been agreed. It was originally agreed that this would be distributed throughout Guyhirn with the Voices Magazine, but they had declined to help, as they were concerned that there may be problems if any residents did not receive this questionnaire. It was agreed that the clerk print 400 copies and that the Councillors from Guyhirn will distribute them. It was agreed that the closing date will be Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2005 and that they can be either returned by post to the clerk or placed in a ballot box at Guyhirn School. Mr C Edwards agreed to obtain a ballot box from Fenland District Council and deliver the box to the clerk for counting. The results of this ballot will be announced at the Parish Assembly at Murrow on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005.

64. **PARISH PROPERTY & ALLOTMENTS**

- (a) Discussion re refurbishment and maintenance of Parish Property. **The clerk has still not received any reply from the Insurance Company, but will write again.**
- (b) Notice Boards update. **The notice board for Murrow has been ordered, but not yet received, but it may be necessary to find an alternative site.**
- (c) Review of Allotment Rents. **It was agreed to make no increase in Allotment rents.**
- (d) Sale of Fredora. **The chairman advised the meeting that this property had been sold for £86,000.**

- (e) Risk Assessment. **A Risk assessment had been undertaken and no major problems had been found other than those listed below.**
- 1. It had been found that two streetlights at the Pidgeons Corner in Murrow were leaning dangerously.**
  - 2. Guyhirn village sign in need of repair.**
  - 3. Light broken at the junction of Mouth Lane and Black drove adjacent to Bus Shelter.**
  - 4. Broken light shade opposite Nene close, High Road, Guyhirn.**

**It was agreed that the clerk writes to the appropriate authority to rectify these problems.**

**It was agreed that a further assessment be undertaken in six months time.**

66. **VILLAGE SEATS**

- After discussions it was agreed to purchase 10 seats at a cost of £4630 plus VAT. It has been decided so far that these will be sited as follows:-1 Wisbech St Mary, 1 Tholomas Drove, 2 Murrow, 2 Thorney Toll and 2 Guyhirn.
- It was agreed that we should think about further projects for the Parish including the moving of the Guyhirn War Memorial.

67. **REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY**

The clerk left the meeting whilst a discussion took place. It was agreed that the clerks salary be increased to £6,000 per annum. This increase had been awarded to reflect the increased workload and the fact that the Council now meets every three weeks. The Councillors conveyed their thanks to the clerk for all her hard work.

68. **CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE**

A discussion re the splitting of this committee into five different Committees and whether the Parish Council should be represented.

The five committees will be as follows:-

- Drug & Alcohol Strategy Action Group **Mr K Bagg agreed to represent the Council.**
- Prior and other Prolific Offender Strategy Action Group. **Mr C Edwards agreed to represent the Council.**
- Violent Crime and Anti Social Behaviour Strategy Action Group. **Mr J Parrin agreed to represent the Council.**
- Domestic Violence Forum **It was agreed that the Council would not be represented.**
- Waterlees Ward. **It was agreed that the Council would not be represented.**

69. **ITEMS FOR AGENDA**

It was agreed to place the following on the agenda for Annual General Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005.

1. 106 funding of £35,000 for Murrow.
2. County Council land adjacent to the Guyhirn Playing Field.

69. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005 at Murrow Village Hall.

70. **MEETINGS DATES FOR 2005/2006**

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2005 (Planning meeting)

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005-Annual Assembly at Murrow Village Hall 7.00 pm followed by the Annual General

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2005 (Planning meeting)

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2005

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005 (Planning meeting)

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005 (Planning meeting)

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.