

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 15th August 2005 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

Councillors:- C Edwards (Chairman) K Bagg P Barnes P Davies J Fish T Fowler
C Fryett J Parrin B Payne D Thrower
District Councillors:- C Bellamy
Visitors & Public:- J Humphrey J Keegan J Scott.

OPEN FORUM – Member of the public are invited to address the Council.

The revised Parish Plan and Action Plan were approved and it was agreed that it should be printed for distribution within the Parish. It was unanimously agreed that this was an excellent plan and the meeting thanked all those who had been involved in its preparation especially J Scott and J Keegan.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absent were received and accepted from PC J Coles.

126. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 4th July 2005
Were approved and signed.
127. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
There were no matters arising.
128. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda.
C Edwards declared a prejudicial interest on item 130o and left the meeting at the appropriate time.
129. **POLICE MATTERS**
The Community Beat Officer was not present at the meeting and no Police matters were discussed.
130. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
List of planning applications determined by the Planning Department.
- i. Copy of a letter sent to FDC by Peter Humphrey Associates re Street Naming of a proposed residential development off Church Road, Wisbech St Mary . Proposed name Peckover Crescent. **It was proposed by J Parrin, seconded by B Payne and agreed unanimously that Peckover Crescent was acceptable.**
 - ii. APP/DO515/C/05/2002249 FDC re Appeal against Enforcement Notice Ponderosa Farm, Garden Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Letter dated 2.08.05 21 days from this date to make any comments to the Planning Inspectorate. **It was agreed that the clerk writes stating as before that we continue to recommend refusal as it is outside the development area, on agricultural land. There is already too many traveller sites within the Parish and therefore would be detriment to the area and causing overcrowding to the village amenities such as schools.**
 - iii. Peter Humphrey Associates Limited Residential development, Sayers Field, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary details of plans & site layout in support of the Planning Application. **It was agreed that plans and site layout were acceptable and it was hoped that this would be accepted by the Planning Department keeping the two bed properties.**
 - iv. FDC F/YR05/0639/F Change of use of store to 2 bed dwelling at Neneside High Road, Guyhirn. APPLICATION WITHDRAW. **Noted.**
- Items a to m were not discussed at this meeting due to FDC timescale the plans were looked at on the 20th July 2005 by C Edwards, J Fish, T Fowler, C Fryett, J Parrin and D Thrower.**
- (a) F/YR05/0701/F Erection of single storey rear extension and conservatory to existing dwelling Kenilworth High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs D E Smalley. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (b) F/YR05/0710/F Erection of part single storey, part 2 storey rear extension to existing dwelling Langdale, High road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs J Wilson. Agent KL Elener Architectural Design. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (c) F/YR05/0639/F Change of use of store to 2 bed dwelling Store at Neneside High Road, Guyhirn. AMENDED FEESTRATION AND PARKING/TURNING ARRANGEMENTS. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (d) F/YR05/0626/F Erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling and erection of 2.4 metre high wall Inlays Farm, Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr and Mrs N King. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (e) F/YR05/0723/F Erection of a 4 bed detached bungalow and detached single garage land north of The Orchards, fronting Back Road, Murrow, Wisbech. Applicant Mr and Mrs P McKeon. Agent N Carter. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (f) F/YR05/00721/RM Erection of a 3 bed detached house with attached single garage land North of the Cottage, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant P H Jones. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (g) F/YR05/0749/0 erection of a 4 bed house and garage land south of G B Mushrooms, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant K M Bagg. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**

- (h) F/YR05/0753/0 Temporary accommodation (Mobile home) for a period of 3 years. Rawlings Yard, New Drove, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs T Brown. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (i) F/YR05/0763/O Residential Development (0.096 ha) land south of The Orchards, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant S Rose. Agent Maxey and Son. **Raised no objections, as this is infill as there is 1 house north of the application with 2 further with planning consents and therefore, it is not in open countryside.**
- (j) F/YR05/0650/0 Erection of a dwelling Land North of The Old Police House, Church Road, Fronting Mayfair Gardens, Wisbech St Mary. Amended site area and information on land ownership. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (k) F/YR05/0773/F erection of a 3 bed detached bungalow land south west of Roans Devon, Gull Drove, Guyhirn. Applicant J Spriggs and R Watson. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (l) F/YR05/0778/RM erection of a 2 bed detached bungalow land north of Maycroft, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant N Hatton. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (m) F/YR05/0783/F Conversion of garage to 1 bed annexe Alason Lodge 113 front Road, Murrow. Applicant Mr and Mrs Hopper. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (n) F/YR05/0879/0 Erection of a dwelling land West of Camelot Back road, Murrow. Applicant B Thrower. Agent Vawser and Co. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (o) F/YR05/0590/F Use of land for touring & static caravans, caravan rallies & caravan storage, erection of toilet/shower block & conversion of existing building to form reception with ancillary provisions at The Orchards Fruit Farm, Gull Road, Guyhirn. FURTHER & AMENDED INFORMATION RECEIVED INCLUDING MATTERS RELTING TO LANDSCAPING, ACCESS 7 INTERNAL ROAD LAYOUT. **Raised no objections, as long as the static caravans do not exceed 15 as originally stated.**
- (p) F/YR05/0868/F Erection of a detached double garage The Old Post Office, High road, Guyhirn applicant IW & G L Sloan. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (q) F/YR05/0867/F Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Applicant Mr & Mrs S C Beakhouse. Agent David Broker design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (r) F/YR05/0814/O Erection of a workplace home land West of D Tibbs Windows, Long Drove, Murrow. Applicant P Tibbs. Agent M Dalsar. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**

131. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Thank you letter from S Layton re Website grant. **Noted.**
- (b) Environment Agency River Nene Catchment Flood Management Plan. **Mr C Fryett agreed to look at this and complete the questionnaire included in the Plan.**
- (c) Fenland District Council Best value Performance Plan 2005/2006. **Noted.**
- (d) Cambridgeshire ACRE Local Network Fund for Children and Young People. **Noted.**
- (e) CCC Changes to Mobile library routes. **Noted. Mr Payne agreed to place these changes in the Parish magazine.**
- (f) Notice of resignation by Martin Axman – Have advised Fenland District Council. **Noted. Clerk to contact FDC.**
- (g) Cambridgeshire ACRE notice of AGM on the 8th September 2005 at 9.00 am at The Burgess Hall, St Ives. **Noted.**
- (h) Thank you letter from Wisbech St Mary Youth Club. **Noted.**
- (i) Fenland District Council Untidy land South of Almar Front Road, Murrow not in condition to warrant action. **Noted.**
- (j) Fenland District Council re Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 launch of new dog Warden service. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk obtain Dog Waste Bins for each village.**
- (k) Changes to Local Bus Services. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk obtain posters from FACT to enable the parishioners who need transport to be more informed of this service.**
- (l) Transfer of Licensee The Oriental Garden Restaurant, Guyhirn Wisbech. **Noted.**
- (m) Acknowledgement of Order Neptune Outdoor Furniture Limited for 10 seats. **Noted.**
- (n) Cambridgeshire County Council Heavy Commercial Vehicle Route Manager together with leaflet. **The clerk to obtain more leaflets**
- (o) CCC acknowledgement of Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements. **Noted.**
- (p) CALC Annual General Meeting on Saturday 15th October 2005. **The clerk to book 2 places for the clerk and Mr Parrin. Mr Payne has already booked a place. It was agreed that the clerk writes to CALC agreeing to host a Fenland District Association meeting.**
- (q) CALC Risk Assessment An Introduction Saturday 1st October 2005 cost £30.00. **Clerk agreed to attend this course.**
- (r) FDC Members Matters Publication.
- (s) FDC Standards Committee details of cases. **Mr Payne stated that the Standards Committee are sending out details of cases and the outcome so as Councillors are kept informed.**
- (t) Peterborough City Council re Wryde croft Wind Farm Section 106. **Noted.**
- (u) Cambridgeshire ACRE Village of the Year Awards 2005 & AGM on the 8.09.05. **Noted.**
- (v) Frasers re Discharge of water to Wisbech St Mary Village Pond. Deed of Easement for signature by the Chairman & Vice Chairman. **The Deed of Easement was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.**
- (w) Local Works Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bills. **It was agreed to support this initiative.**

132. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- Highway reports from Councillors on problems.
- 1. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that on the 18th/19th July a heavy vehicle took off two branches of the tree at the junction of Church Road and High Road. The children going to school had to work on the road. This was reported to Ringways and within 15 minutes the tree had been cleared away.
- 2. Cants Drove has been repaired, but is now in a worse state than it was before.
- 3. Linden Close, Thorney Toll curbs broken. This problem has been reported on several occasions.
- 4. Pavement along the A47 at Thorney Toll near post box is covered in dirt and rubbish splashed up by the traffic.
- 5. Street Light in Linden Close erected 8 weeks ago still not connected to the electricity.
- 6. Surface of the pavement needs repair – Front Road, Murrow from Manor Cottage towards the Village Hall.
- 7. Back Road, Murrow residents encroaching onto road Willow Trees have now been planted on the Highway and will eventually completely block the Highway.
- 8. Bike discarded into Fenland District Council field at Selwyn Corner.
- 9. Trees planted on the roadside next to Manor House, Front Road, Murrow have still not been removed.
- 10. Roundabout at Guyhirn in need of tidying up as it is coved in weeds.
- 11. Murrow Bank subsiding from Plash drove to Pentelow Corner.
- 12. Mouth Lane, Guyhirn light erected but not yet connected to the electricity.
- 13. Footpath in Waverley Close and Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn in urgent need of repair.
- 14. Bellamy Bridge sign has been stolen yet again.

133. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

- After a discussion it was agreed to pay the Public Liability Insurance for Mr B Wuttke to enable him to maintain Parish Property. The cost of this insurance was £198.75.
- The work has been carried out on the Murrow War Memorial at a cost of £613.02. It was agreed that Mr Parrin contact Mr B Wuttke to obtain a quotation for work to be carried out on the bus shelters. This work is a matter of urgency.
- It was agreed that Mr Edwards meet with a local resident who had previously agreed to provide the funds for a new Guyhirn Village Sign.

134. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. Balance of account to date £110521.76.
- (b) Direct Debit of £30 re BT for Clerks E Mail. **Agreed.**
- (c) Barclays Treasury deposit interest statement of £333.94. **Noted.**
- (d) Letters from FDC setting out Loan details. **It was agreed that the clerk contact Fenland District Council to find out what the loans were agreed for.**
- (e) Completion of Annual Audit 31.03.05 at a cost of £293.75. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (f) Alexander Forbes Fidelity Insurance | £606.38 | Agreed |
| (g) B Wuttke Public Liability Insurance | £198.75 | Agreed |
| (h) B Wuttke re maintenance of Murrow War Memorial | £613.02 | Agreed |
| (i) Hire of Hall 20.07.05 & 15.08.05 | £30.00 | Agreed |
| (j) Moore Stephens external audit | £293.75 | Agreed |
| (k) Clerks salary (July) | £379.66 | Agreed |
| (l) Councils share of NI for April, May, June | £36.09 | Agreed |
| (m) Clerks tax & NI and Councils share of NI for July | £132.37 | Agreed |

To approve payment of requests for grants

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| (g) Fenland Adventure | £400.00. (137 spending) | Agreed. |
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135. **PARISH PLANS** – To receive update.

J Scott and J Keegan had outlined progress of the Parish Plan and Action Plan in the Open Forum. It was reiterated that they had done an excellent job. It was agreed that the Parish Council should show their appreciation in some way to all the parishioners who had help in this process. It was proposed by B Payne, seconded by J Fish and agreed unanimously that we hold a buffet super at the end of September.

136. **106 FUNDING OF £35,000 FOR MURROW**

Letter from N Brown of the Fenland District Council states that the 106 funding had been secured but would not be received until the site in question had been developed. This was not what we had previously been advised and in fact there seems to be conflicting information being received from Fenland District Council. After a discussion it was agreed that C Edwards, B Payne and D Thrower meet with the Financial Director M Taylor to discuss this 106 funding. It was agreed that the clerk set up this meeting.

137. **COUNTY COUNCIL LAND ADJACENT TO THE GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Mr Edwards stated that he had spoken to Cambridgeshire County Council concerning the land owned by them in Guyhirn adjacent to the Playing Field. This land has been allocated for housing with some sports and recreation. The Fenland

District Council will let the Playing Field have the driveway to the Playing Field but no additional land. Fenland District Council has stated that they will not give permission for a Community Centre to be built on the Playing Field. Mr Edwards agreed to continue to keep the Parish Council informed of any progress in this respect.

138. **GUYHIRN VILLAGE POND** – Discussions re sale of the Pond and further correspondence from Parishioners. After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk contact Maxeys to obtain a valuation of the Pond. It was also agreed that the clerk contacts David Ball of Frasers to find out whether in fact the pond could be filled in and if this could go ahead to contact the Cambridgeshire County Council Environment Agency to see if they can foresee any problems.

139 **GUYHIRN CHURCH**

Discussions as to what is to happen to it and the war memorial.

As yet the Ely Diocesan have not decided what will happen to the Church, but have made arrangements for it to be tidied up for the time being. As far as the war memorial is concerned this will have to be moved and it had been suggested that a possible site could be near the Chapel of Ease. If the Fenland District Council would release a small plot of land funds are available from the Wegg family to landscape the area and to clean the memorial. Mr Payne stated that a faculty has been applied for the memorial to be moved and handed over to the Parish Council. There is a War Memorial in the church from 1952 and a Faculty has been applied for to enable this to be moved to Wisbech St Mary Church.

140. **THOLOMAS DROVE COMMUNITY PROJECT.**

Update in respect of progress.

It was agreed that the community could dig a pond. It was suggested that the residents involved in this project should contact Sue Boulter of Fenland District Council

141. **MEETING WITH POLICE AND HIGHWAYS ON THE 20.07.05**

It was agreed that the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvement Bids should remain as they are and the clerk to resubmit them to Fenland District Council.

A discussion took place in respect of speed limits at Bunkers Hill. At the meeting of the 20th July it was made clear that the Police would not support the change of speed limit and it was suggested that perhaps the best way forward was for extra road signs at Bunkers Hill and Tholomas Drove. These would have to be funded by the Parish Council and it was agreed that this is something that could be considered at a future date.

At this point of the meeting Mr Parrin stated that he had attended a meeting at Murrow Village Hall with Fenland Links Management Board and there had been a disturbance, as the youths of the village would like a skateboard park. A youth had stated that he was happy to represent the young people of Murrow at an official meeting. Mr Parrin suggested that we should consider inviting him to a Parish Council meeting together with representatives of the Wisbech St Mary Youth Club as how were we to know what they wanted in the community if we did not ask them.

142. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –5th September 2005

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

Monday, 26th September 2005

Monday, 17th October 2005

Monday, 7th November 2005

Monday, 28th November 2005

Monday, 12th December 2005

Monday, 23rd January 2006