

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 28th February 2005 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

B Payne (Chairman) M Axman P Davies C Edwards J Fish T Fowler C Fryett J Parrin

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absent were received and accepted from K Bagg, P Barnes and D Thrower.

At this point of the meeting a discussion took place in respect of the clerk requesting the reason for absence and that this should be recorded in the minutes. It was proposed by J Parrin, seconded by C Fryett and agreed unanimously that the reason for absence should not be recorded in the minutes.

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

There were no members of the public present.

26. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated the 18th January 2005 and 7th February 2005.

The meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

27. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

The Chairman advised the meeting that after the visit by Mr R Hussey to the meeting of the 7th February, the promised details for an advertisement to be placed in the Parish Magazine asking for helpers for the Youth Club was not received. Mr Parrin stated that he understood that the Youth Club would be starting within the next two weeks.

28. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

Mr C Edwards 30a and 30e.

29. POLICE MATTERS

The Community Beat Officer was not at the meeting, but she had contacted the Chairman and stated that the Parish had been quiet apart from an assault in Wisbech St Mary and that the builders in Station Yard were leaving the road in a dangerous condition and had been asked to clear it up on a daily basis.

30. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- The clerk outlined details of planning applications determined by the Council from the 12.01.05 to 16.02.05.
- The clerk advised the meeting of replies from M Moss MP and Fenland District Council re Planning Inspectorate delays in hearing appeals.
- (a) F/YR05/0091/F Erection of a single storey rear extension to form 1 bed annex and detached double to garage to existing dwelling at Ander House, Hooks Drove, Murrow. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections.**
- (b) F/YR05/0147/F Erection of 4 x 4 bed detached houses with attached garages (amended dwelling types to Plots 6,7,27 and 28 Former Station Yard Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Agent David Trundle design Services. **Raised no objections.**
- (c) F/YR05/0149/F Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling Chasford, High road Wisbech st Mary. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections.**
- (d) F/YR05/0148/F Erection of a 4 bed detached house with integral garage Plot 2 The Acorns Front Road, fronting Back Road, Murrow. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections.**
- (e) F/YR05/0133/0 Erection of dwelling by M Russell on land North of Gull View, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Agent Vawser and Co. **Raised no objections.**

31. PLANNING MEETINGS - Meeting arranged for the 21st March 2005 at 7.30 pm

32. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) CCC Fenland Links Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder – Like to meet the Parish Council and explain how Fenland Links can support the Parish Council. **Clerk to arrange to attend a Planning meeting.**
- (b) Norfolk Rural Community Council Survey by V Howling Fens Leader+ Project Officer **Clerk to complete survey.**
- (c) CALC Courses Charity Trustees & The Law 04.06.05 **Noted**
- (d) FDC Register of Electors 2004/2005 **Noted.**
- (e) Thank you letter for donation of £300 from Care Network. **Noted**
- (f) Letter of thanks from Victim support. **Noted.**
- (g) Letter from First Transforming Travel in reply to our letter requesting diverting Service X1 through Wisbech St Mary and Guyhirn. **Clerk to write stating that if this is case why to they do a detour through the villages in Norfolk ie West Walton etc.**
- (h) Reply from FDC re our letter to the Planning Inspectorate on the length of time appeals are taking to be heard. **Noted**
- (i) CALC East of England Plan Consultation. **Clerk to write and support CALC's recommendations.**
- (j) Letter from J R G Sharp re Poors Allotment Charity. **Noted.**
- (k) Letter from H Ludlow a resident of Bunkers Hill re the 40 mph speed restrictions. **Noted. Clerk to write letter of thanks.**

- (l) Thank you letter from Guyhirn Cemetery Committee for the grant of £350.00. **Noted**
- (m) Destiny U K Limited advertising in Parish Magazines.
- (n) Thank you letter from Fenland Citizens Advice Bureau for the grant of £350.00. **Noted.**
- (o) Periodic Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire **Noted.**
- (p) Notice of application for a new licence Imperial Bento, Thorney Toll. **Noted.**
- (q) Cambridgeshire Acre Affordable Housing Local Lettings Policy. **Clerk to write stating that this is a Policy we have been suggesting to Fenland District Council for many years.**
- (r) CALC re free conference on quality Initiative 8th March 2005 at The Burgess Hall, St Ives at 3.00 pm. **Noted, but no one available to attend.**
- (s) Standards Board – A Code for the future booklet. **Noted.**
- (t) FDC re Official Launch of Customer First Monday 21st February 2005. **Noted.**
- (u) CCC re Improving Countryside Access. **Noted**
- (v) Cambridgeshire Acre re Calor Village of the Year Entries must be received by Monday, 23rd May 2005. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only was noted.

The Bulletin January 2005

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Fenland Community Newsletter Feb 2005

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Vibrant Local Leadership & Why Neighbourhoods Matter.

33. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) £10 cheque received from C Wardill re rent 11 Middle Pit, Murrow. **Noted**
- (b) CCC letter re Street Light in Chapelfield Road. **Noted**
- (c) Street Lighting visit at Guyhirn and Murrow. **Noted**
- (d) FDC re Positioning of Street Light in Hooks Drove, Murrow **Noted.**
- (e) CCC re Highway Issues from Parish Council meeting on the 18th January 2005. **Noted. The clerk to write stating that some of the verge between Guyhirn and Murrow has been done but not the worse stretch between the house in Guyhirn and Splash Drove.**
- (f) Fredora, Tholomas drove, Wisbech St Mary - Letter from Maxey advising auction day 5th April 2005. **The Chairman advised the meeting that the Solicitors had advised that in order to protect the Council we take out a Defective Title Indemnity Policy at a cost of approximately £200 as the title is less than perfect. A Covenant will also be put in place to stop the pond being infilled at any time. A reserve has been placed of £80,000.**
- (g) Keys to notice boards received from Fenland Links. **It was agreed to accept ownership of the new notice boards and a list of key holders was sent to Fenland Links. It was agreed to purchase an additional notice board for Murrow to be sited at the shop at a cost £798.00. Mr Parrin agreed to site the notice board at Wisbech St Mary at the corner of Church Road and Churchfields.**
 - Highways reports from Councillors on problems.
 - The meeting was advised that Mr Atkins from Highways is to meet with Thorney Toll Residents Association.
 - (a) Road edges in need of repair between Front Road and Seadyke.
 - (b) Street Light in Pidgeons Corner still not been repaired.
 - (c) Footpath in need of repair near new bungalow development at Front Road, Murrow.
 - (d) Concrete bottleneck in Back Road, Murrow needs to be removed.
 - (e) Open ditch needs to be cleaned out between Village Hall and bungalow at the top of St Mary's Close, Wisbech St Mary. Clerk to contact Steve Morris at the Drainage Board at Thorney.
 - (f) The Drain in The Jetty (Church Road and Little Jetty adjacent to Popley Stores) in need of repair.
 - (g) New Street Light in Lindens Close adjacent to 16A.

34. **FINANCE**

- (a) Budgetary control report of year to date distributed at the meeting showing a balance of £30771.12.
- (b) Precept for 2005/2006 £3543.00 plus additional maximum grant of £700.00. **Councillor Payne, Parrin and Edwards had met with M Taylor from the Finance Department of Fenland District Council to discuss the inadequate current Functions as we have three villages and 2 hamlets. It had been agreed that this be put to the members next year to try and increase our Concurrent Functions to reflect this fact.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(c) Clerk's Salary	£1125.00 Agreed
(d) Clerk's Travelling to courses	£84.00 Agreed
(e) Postage	£26.53 Agreed
(f) Hire of Hall for 07.02.05 & 28.02.05	£30.00 Agreed
(g) Crowson & Ward paper	£32.90 Agreed
(h) CCC re Street Light High Road Wisbech St Mary	£522.34 Agreed

To approve payment of requests for grants

(i) Murrow Pre School	£350.00 Agreed (137 spending)
(j) Murrow Playing Field	£3000.00 Agreed

35. **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

It was agreed to undertake the risk assessment on the 6th April 2005. 9.00 am Wisbech St Mary, 10.00 Tholomas Drove, 11.00 at Murrow and approximately 12.00 at Thorney Toll.

36. **PARISH PLANS**

- Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he had met with Mr B Poulter from Acre re the Parish Plans and stated that it was very difficult as Wisbech St Mary consisted of three villages and 2 hamlets.
- As Parish Council we have received the Guyhirn Plan but we have yet to receive the plans from Wisbech St Mary and Murrow. Mrs Thrower the Murrow representative and J Scott and H White the Wisbech St Mary representatives were at a meeting to enable them to formulate their village plans thus enabling us to move forward with a Parish Plan.

37. **VILLAGE PONDS**

- (a) To receive update in respect of Guyhirn Pond. **In view of the fact that no progress is being made it was agreed to put up posters and to include a voting slip in the Parish Magazine to establish whether parishioners wished the Guyhirn Pond to be filled in and made into a seating area or to leave it as a Pond. The Chairman agreed to meet with Guyhirn representatives to prepare these documents.**
- (b) Discussion to take place in respect of Guyhirn River Bank. **It was agreed that the clerk contact Inspector Simon Edens advising of the Motor Cycles riding on the River Bank and to contact the Environment Agency concerning the eroding bank.**
- (c) To receive update in respect of site visit of S Bonnery re Wisbech St Mary Pond re flowering duckweed. **The chairman advised the meeting a biologist from the Environment Agency had visited the Wisbech St Mary village pond and that the flowing duck weed was of no danger and that it would disappear as quickly as it came.**

38. **PARISH PROPERTY & ALLOTMENTS**

- (a) Developments in respect of the Bus Shelter in Murrow. **As yet the Bus Shelter has not been demolished. Some concerns had been voiced due to the fact that the School Children use the bus shelter, but we cannot go back on a decision already made in respect of allowing the residents of adjacent bungalow to contact the Highways Department and have this shelter demolished.**
- (b) Discussion re refurbishment and maintenance of Parish Property. **As no reply had been received from the Insurance Company it was agreed that the clerk writes to the Managing Director requesting an urgent reply to enable us to establish whether they are covered under our Insurance Policy.**
- (c) Parish Path Partnership grants application and up date re site visit with Mrs D Thrower and Mr C Edwards. **This application had been submitted and we await the outcome.**

39. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Discussion of General Right of Access January 2005.

- It was agreed that the clerk places this on the next agenda and send a copy of the information received to the Councillors with the agenda.

40. **PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Head Teacher of Guyhirn School to confirm that Sheila Allan can represent Parish Council on their Governing Body.

41. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 11th April 2005

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

Tuesday, 3rd May 2005 (Planning meeting)

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

Monday, 13th June 2005 (Planning meeting)

Monday, 4th July 2005

Monday, 15th August 2005

Monday, 5th September 2005 (Planning meeting)

Monday, 26th September 2005

Monday, 17th October 2005 (Planning meeting)

Monday, 7th November 2005

Monday, 28th November 2005

Monday, 12th December 2005

Monday, 23rd January 2006

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.