

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

### PRESENT

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

#### 1      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absent were received and accepted from M Axman, P Davies and J Fish

2.      **OPEN FORUM** – Member of the public are invited to address the Council.  
There were no members of the public present.

3.      **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004 and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2004.  
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4.      **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)  
There were no matters arising.

5.      **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda  
C Edwards 7f and 11k.

#### 6.      **POLICE MATTERS**

- All who had attended the visit to the control room at Police Head Quarters had enjoyed the experiences and certainly had a greater understanding of why calls had to be prioritised. It was agreed that this should be classed as Councillors training and any one wishing to claim their travelling expenses could do so.
- PC J Coles stated that there was nothing major to report. She stated that as yet the Wisbech St Mary Youth Club had not been set up.

#### 7.      **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

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

The Chairman advised the meeting that the appeal against refusal of the 3 bed detached house close to French Cottage will not be heard until the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005.

- (a) DTLR Ref APP/DO515/C/04/2000088 FDC re appeal against Enforcement Notice Stationing of caravans on land for residential use and use of land for storage of caravans. **Continue to recommend refusal as this development will cause overcrowding to the area at the detriment of the local amenities of the village ie schools etc.**
- (b) F/YR04/4358/F Erection of 2 x 4 bed semi detached houses involving demolition of existing dwelling at Manor Bungalow, 62 Front Road, Murrow. Applicant Mr and Mrs G Stukins and Mr and Mrs J Ashby. Agent English Brothers Limited. **Raised no objections**
- (c) F/YR04/4361/F Erection of a single storey side extension to existing dwelling at The Old Cottage, Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn. Applicant J Thomas. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections.**
- (d) F/YR04/4375/0 erection of a dwelling land west of Roans Devon, Gull Drove, Guyhirn by Mr and Mrs J Channing. Agent Maxey and Son. **Require site visit and refer to members committee and not delegated.**
- (e) F/YR04/4385/0 erection of a dwelling land North of Gull View, Gull Road, Guyhirn by M Russell March. Agent Vawser and Co. **Require site visit and refer to members committee and not delegated.**
- (f) F/YR04/4402/O Erection of a workplace home ABC Meats, Hooks Drove, Murrow by AB Meats. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections.**
- (g) F/YR04/4412/A Display of 3 Internally illuminated fascia signs, 1 non-illuminated entrance panel, 1 internally illuminated projecting sign, 1 non illuminated free standing sing, 2 non illuminated fascia signs and 3 x 1.2 metre high flag poles by J S Holmes, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Agent Hawes Signs. **Flag poles too high and therefore an intrusion on the village scene. Detriment to the area.**

8.      **PLANNING MEETINGS** – Meeting arranged for the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove.

#### 9.      **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Thank you from Thorney Toll Village Hall re Donation for Village Sign. **Noted.**
- (b) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Council for Voluntary Youth Service explaining service and requesting visit to a Parish Council meeting. **Agreed to invite to our next planning meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2005.**
- (c) Thank you from Southea Parochial Church Council re donation of £350 for cemetery grant. **Noted**
- (d) CCC East of England Plan Public Consultation meetings 17.01.05 Peterborough & 27.01.05 Cambridge. **Noted.**
- (e) East of England Region Assembly East of England Plan Public Consultation 8.12.04 to 16.03.05. **Noted**
- (f) CCC Changes to Bus services W & M Travel Guyhirn Murrow Wisbech Cancellation of the Service. **Noted**
- (g) Complaint re Poors Allotment Charity non-allocation of allotment. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to Mr Sharp advising him that all the Poors Allotments are allocated, but will place him on a waiting list.**
- (h) FDC re Police Community Support Officer. **Noted**
- (i) FDC re Bus Service Tenders April 2005. **Noted**
- (j) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority Precept 2005/2006. **Noted**
- (k) CPRE Local Development Framework Course on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at Thomas Eaton School, Wimblington. **Noted.**

- (l) Alexander Forbes advising that they are about to be authorised and regulated by the Financial Service Authority. **Noted.**
- (m) CCC Parish Paths Partnership 2005/2006 Grant Application form. **A site meeting has been arranged.**
- (n) Fenland Council for Voluntary Service Funding Fair at Venture House, Boleness Road, Wisbech on 20.01.05 2.30 to 6.30 pm. **Noted**
- (o) Cambridgeshire Police Authority Consultation with the Business sector and general public. **Noted.**

#### Correspondence in folder for information only

East Cambs & Fenland NHS Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2004  
Whats On January – February 05.

FDC Statement of Accounts 2003/04  
Clerks and Councils Direct January 05

#### 10. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Fredora, Tholomas Drove, Wisbech St Mary. **We did not need the services of the District Auditor as the property is being auctioned with a reserve of £80,000. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Maxey and Sons advising him that the property is to be sold at auction with the pond with the reserve he has suggested of £80,000.**
- (b) .CCC re Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvement Schemes advising our requests are 6 and 7 on the list. **This has been noted. It is expected that the top 6 schemes will be implemented depending on finalised budgets for 2005/2006. The cost to the Parish Council will be £1.00 per electorate. The cost of the**
- (c) Street Light outside 7 Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn. **As yet no response to clerk's letter authorising the installation of the streetlight.**
- (d) Correspondence from C Wardill renting Middle Pit, Murrow. **Agreed to rent land at a rent of £10.00 per annum.**
- (e) Highway matters in Murrow. **All items were noted. It was agreed that the Chairman obtain quotes for seats in Wisbech St Mary and Murrow.**
  - 1. Cyclist, walkers and mobile wheelchairs have problems on roads at present
  - 2. Need more litter bins about village
  - 3. Lack of bus shelters.
  - 4. Drain in Back Road badly polluted (worse near Pigeons corner)
  - 5. Footpaths need some attention. Pidgeon corner has been done what about rest of village.
  - 6. Village is in need of benches/seats none at present.
  - 7. More streetlights.
  - 8. Tree near Alison Lodge need cutting Back
  - 9. War memorial needs attention painting and general tidy up.
  - 10. Could rails outside village hall be extended to take in part of near dwelling (Percy's old shop and bungalow).
- (f) **Highways reports from Councillors on problems**
  - It was agreed that the clerk obtains quotes for streetlights in Mouth Lane, Guyhirn and Hooks Drove, Murrow.
  - Murrow Bank between Guyhirn and Murrow side of road is dropping away and needs building up 6/8 inches.
  - AWA manhole covers too low in Station Road and Bevis Lane.
  - Refuge van has broken curb and pavement in Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn.

#### 11. FINANCE

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date – Balance of account £30171.87.
  - (b) Second Instalment concurrent functions grant 2004/2005 £2220.00.
  - (c) Completion of 2003/2004 Audit process. **Noted and Notice of Conclusion of Audit displayed in the villages.**
- Approved payment of outstanding accounts:**
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| (d) Society of Local Council Clerks Membership Renewal | £82.00  |
| (e) Guyhirn Village Hall Council Meetings              | £36.00  |
| (f) Guyhirn Village Hall Steering Groups               | £12.00  |
| (g) Clerks and Councils Direct subscription            | £30.00  |
| (h) CALC Accounts Workshop for clerk                   | £30.00  |
| (i) Moore Stephens Audit fee                           | £293.75 |
| (j) Hire of Hall                                       | £15.00  |
- Approved requests for grants:**
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| (k) Victim Support             | £300.00 |
| (l) Guyhirn Cemetery Committee | £350.00 |
| (m) Citizens Advice Bureau     | £350.00 |

#### 12. PARISH PROPERTY & ALLOTMENTS

- (a) Developments in respect of the Bus Shelter in Murrow. **The Chairman and Mrs Thrower had visited Mr and Mrs Bolton advising them that they could contact the Highways department re the removal of the Bus Shelter.**
- (b) Discussion re refurbishment and maintenance of Parish Property. **The clerk advised the meeting that she had written to the Insurance Company to obtain a confirmation that the Parish Council were covered if they had maintenance work carried out by a casual worker.**
- (c) The new Notice Boards have been erected with the exception of the one at Wisbech St Mary, which was to be placed outside the school.

(d) The Parish Path Partnership grant application forms have been received and a site visit with Mrs D Thrower and Mr C Edwards arranged for the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

13. **GUYHIRN POND** – As yet there has been no progress.  
The clerk was requested to contact Simon Bonney of the Environment Agency requesting a site visit to the Wisbech St Mary pond for advice on the flowering duckweed.

14. **PARISH PLANS**

A Murrow steering group meeting had taken place on the 11<sup>th</sup> January and at that meeting Mr Hampton had set up a Parish Wide Plan meeting on Thorney Toll Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30 pm. Mr J Parrin and Mr C Edwards agreed to represent the Parish Council.

The meeting was advised that the Crime and Disorder Group were holding a Distraction Burglary day on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005. If any one was interested to contact Debbie on 01354 606592.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005

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

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2005 (Planning meeting)

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

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005 (Planning meeting)

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005

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