

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 4th July 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	D Thrower			
Visitors & Public:-	J Keegan	J Scott				

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

No members of the public were present

PRESENTATION BY PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE

J Scott and J Keegan advised the meeting that Fenland Leader Plus had agreed a grant of £2980 and that they had received a cheque for £1500. They presented to the meeting a new page for the Parish Plan, which consisted of the history of the villages and hamlets. It was agreed that there should four different launch dates for the three villages and Thorney Toll. Up dated Parish Plan was distributed providing details of how different targets should be reached.

110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absent were received and accepted from M Axman, B Payne and J Tuck.

111. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated the 23rd May 2005 and 13th June 2005.

Were approved and signed.

112. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

There were no matters arising.

113. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda.

C Edwards declared a prejudicial interest on items 115 c d f g and left the meeting at the appropriate time. Mr J Parrin vice chairman presided over the meeting in his absence.

J Parrin declared a prejudicial interest on item 118 d and e and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

P Barnes declared a prejudicial interest on item 120 and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

T Fowler declared a prejudicial interest on item 118m and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

114. POLICE MATTERS

The Community Beat Officer was not present at the meeting but the Chairman read out a crime report.

Mr Davies advised the meeting that there was a speed check in Guyhirn at 7.30 am on the 04.07.05.

115. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

List of planning applications determined by the Planning Department.

- Planning Inspectorate re appeal by the Robert Partnership site at Mill road, Murrow – Appeal dismissed. **Noted.**
- Planning Inspectorate re appeal land to the south east of Gore Villas, Mill Road, Murrow – Appeal dismissed. **Noted.**
- (a) F/YR05/0626/F Erection of conservatory to rear of existing dwelling Parnell House, Thorney Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr Pell. Agent B Shemeld. **Raised no objections as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (b) F/YR05/0623/F Erection of a 5 bed detached house with attached double garage (substitution of house type approved under planning permission F/YR05/014/F Plot 38 Former Station Yard, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Richard Knight Homes Limited. Agent David Trundley Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (c) F/YR05/0656/F conversion of barn and erection of single storey side and 2 storey rear extension to form 3 bed dwelling with integral double garage Barn South West of Bevis Hall, North Brink, Wisbech. Applicant Mr Rigby. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (d) F/YR05/0650/O Erection of a dwelling land North of The Old Police House, Church road, fronting May fair Gardens, Wisbech St Mary. Application Mr and Mrs G Stearne. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (e) F/YR05/0639/F Change of use of store to 2 bed dwelling Store at Neneside, High Road, Guyhirn . Applicant J Foster-Bentham. Agent Vawser and co. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (f) F/YR05/0634/F erection of 7 houses comprising 4 x 3 bed semi detached with integral single garage and 3 x 3 bed terraced (substitution of dwelling types approved under planning permission F/YR04/3982/F) plots 5 to 11 land West of Chapel Avenue Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Kempston Homes. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (g) F/YR05/0669/RM erection of 2 x 4 bed semi detached houses with integral single garages land North East of village Hall, High road, Guyhirn. Applicant R Cheesman. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (h) F/YR05/0681/F erection of a 4 bed detached house with integral garage land north west of Nene House, High Road, fronting Nene Close, Guyhirn. Applicant G Newberry & B Penniston. Agent Jeffrey J Emms. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**

116. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) A Stannard concerning traffic through Guyhirn and reducing speed limit to 30mph. **Acknowledge receipt and will write after the meeting with Highways and Police on the 20th July 2005**
- (b) FDC reply concerning the Telephone Hotline. **Noted.**
- (c) Enterprise Fenland re Community Work shop – Wisbech 14th July 6pm to 8pm Venture House. **Noted.**
- (d) Ruth Swetnam researcher based at the centre for Ecology & Hydrology at Monks Wood help with research re farming. **Noted.**
- (e) DEFRA clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. **Noted.**
- (f) Wisbech Action against crime and Disorder Task Group meeting on the 26th July at 6.00 pm at Wisbech Fire Station. **Noted.**
- (g) CC re Bids for Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements. **Agreed to complete for footpath at Station Road, Wisbech St Mary and footpath at Bunkers Hill.**
- (h) Cambridgeshire ACRE re affordable housing association property rent charges. **Noted. Suggested that invite them to a Poores Allotment Meeting.**
- (i) Moore Stephens acknowledgement of the 2005 Annual Return for audit. **Noted.**
- (j) Fenland Mencap acknowledgement of donation of £300. **Noted.**
- (k) CALC meeting 21.07.05 start time 8.00pm. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only.

Harvest May/June 2005

The Bulletin May 2005

CCC Countryside events.

117. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Reply from CCC Highways re issues passed to them from the meeting on the 11.04.05. **Noted.**
- (b) Letter from J Morley re Highway matters in Murrow Drain in Back Road, Murrow, large kerb stones in road at Fern Cottage, Back Road Murrow. **Noted. Mr Edwards agreed to set up meeting with Parson Drove Parish Council and the Highways Department.**
- (c) CCC re Traffic Issues, Wisbech St Mary. **Noted.**
- (d) FDC re Unauthorised Adverts New Toll Service Station. **Noted**
- **Highway reports from Councillors on problems.**
 - 1. Bad road surface at Murrow Bank Plash Drove to Pentelow Corner.
 - 2. Light in Hooks Drove still not replaced.
 - 3. Kerbs in Lindens Close, Thorney Toll need attention.
 - 4. Tree and Hedges need cutting back Ratt Row, Bunkers Hill.
 - 5. Nettles across footpath High Road, Guyhirn at Selwyn Corner.

118. **FINANCE**

- (a) The clerk distributed a budget control report of year to date showing the balance of accounts £116,210.97.
- (b) RBS Auditing Solutions final version of Internal Audit Report 2004/2005.
- (c) Barclays Interest statement £310.07.
- (d) Wisbech St Mary Social & Community re village seats. **It was agreed that one of the village seats be situated on the playing field.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (e) RBS Auditing Solutions | £188.00 | Agreed |
| (f) Crowson and Ward envelopes | £8.81 | Agreed |
| (g) CCC re FPC1 Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn Street Light | £705.54 | Agreed |
| (h) Hire of Hall 13.06.05 | £15.00 | Agreed |
| (i) Postage | £32.55 | Agreed |
| (j) Clerks Salary | £1500.00 | Agreed |
| (k) Clerks Travel to courses at St Ives | £84.00 | Agreed |

To approve payment of requests for grants

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| (l) Wisbech St Mary Social Club grant for village hall improvements | £2000.00 | Agreed |
| Wisbech St Mary Social Club Grant for disabled access | £500.00 | Agreed |
| (m) Guyhirn Village Hall request for financial help to replace existing boiler system | £2000.00 | Agreed |
| (n) Wisbech St Mary PCC re upkeep of churchyard | £350.00 | Agreed |
| (o) S Layton grant towards Wisbech St Mary Parish website | £100.00 | Agreed |

119. **PARISH PLANS** – To receive update.

Update given by J Scott and J Keegan in the Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.

120. **106 FUNDING OF £35,000 FOR MURROW**

The clerk advised the meeting that she had not received a reply from Mr Nigel Brown concerning the £35,000 106 Funding for Murrow. The original letter from Crystal Homes Solicitors was read out and it was agreed that the clerk would let the Chairman and Mrs D Thrower have a copy of this letter. Mrs Thrower stated that Murrow was considering using some of the £35,000 to match fund to enable them to build a BMX track at a cost of £30,000.

It was agreed that the clerk writes again to Mr Roberts of the Peterborough City Council concerning the possible 106 funding in connection with the Wryde Croft Wind Farm

121. **COUNTY COUNCIL LAND ADJACENT TO THE GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**
(a) CCC re land owned by CCC at Guyhirn.
(b) FDC land owned by FDC at Guyhirn.
Contents of both letters noted. It was agreed that the Playing Field Committee request a site meeting with Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council to see if alternative land could be made available adjacent to the Guyhirn Playing Field.
122. **GUYHIRN VILLAGE POND** – Discussions re sale of the Pond and further correspondence from Parishioners.
After discussions it was agreed that the clerk contacts Maxey and Son to obtain a valuation to enable the sale of the Guyhirn Pond to move forward. It was again unanimously agreed that there should be a covenant placed on the pond so that it will not be filled in at a later date.
123. **PARISH ASSEMBLY** – Discussion re items that need further discussion.
As discussed at the Parish Assembly Mr Parrin had received a quote for Public Liability Insurance to enable the Council to employ a casual odd job man. It was unanimously agreed that we cover the cost of £198.75. It was agreed that we ask him to quote for the painting of the Murrow War Memorial railings.
124. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** –15th August 2005
Agenda item for that meeting
Guyhirn Church
Community Project at Tholomas Drove.
125. **MEETINGS DATES FOR 2005/2006**
Monday, 5th September 2005
Monday, 26th September 2005
Monday, 17th October 2005
Monday, 7th November 2005
Monday, 28th November 2005
Monday, 12th December 2005
Monday, 23rd January 2006