

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

held on Monday 23rd May 2005 at Murrow Village Hall

PRESENT

B Payne Chairman Fowler	M Axman	K Bagg	P Barnes	P Davies	J Fish	T
C Edwards Vice Chairman	C Fryett	J Parrin	D Thrower	C Bellamy	J Tuck	

80. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absent were received and accepted from P Davies.

81. **OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Council.

82. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN & SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.**

- It was proposed by J Parrin, seconded by T Fowler and agreed unanimously that C Edwards be elected as Chairman. Mr Edward signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- Mr B Payne handed over the meeting to C Edwards.
- Mr Edwards thanked Mr Payne for his work over the past two years.
- It was proposed by B Payne, seconded by P Barnes and agreed unanimously that Mr J Parrin be elected as Vice Chairman. Mr Parrin signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

83. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 11th April and 3rd May 2005.

Were approved and signed.

84. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)

There were no matters arising.

85. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda

- Mr C Edwards declared a prejudicial interest on items 87a and the Planning Inspectorate decision on appeal by B Embling and left the meeting at the appropriate time. Mr J Parrin chaired the meeting during his absence.
- Mr C Bellamy declared a prejudicial interest on item 87a and left the meeting at the appropriate time.
- Mr B Payne declared a prejudicial interest on item 91f and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

86. **POLICE MATTERS**

The Community Beat Officer PC Coles reported the crime figures. She stated that if there is a problem to leave messages to let her know and to enable her to place them on a log for future reference.

- (a) The clerk outlined details of a letter from Cambridgeshire Constabulary re Guyhirn Riverbank.
- (b) It was agreed that there was a speeding problem within the Parish and the Police were requested that speed checks take place especially outside the school at Murrow.

87. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

List of planning applications determined by the Planning Department.

- Planning Inspectorate decision re appeal by B Embling on site at land west of the Lodge, Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. **Noted.**
- Planning Inspectorate decision re appeal by Mr C Hooper on site land north of Alasan Lodge, Fronting Back Road, Murrow. **Noted**
- (a) F/YR05/0333/F Erection of 2 x 2 bed semi detached bungalows and 2 x 2 semi detached houses with associated parking Brooklands 21 Murrow Bank, Murrow, Wisbech. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates. **AMENDED PLAN. Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (b) F/YR05/0439/F Conversion of barn to form 3/4 bed dwelling and detached garage block Poplar Farm, Gull Drove, Guyhirn. Applicant B Beecroft. Agent J H Clements. **Raised no objections as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (c) F/YR05/0453/F Erection of detached double garage Mulberry House 70 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant G Harwin Outwell. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (d) F/YR05/00447/0 Erection of 2 dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling Bungalow, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Execs of P Dix deceased. Agent Maxey and Son. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (e) F/YR05/0456/0 Residential development (0.096 ha) land south of the Orchards, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant S Rose. Agent Maxey and Son. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there would be no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (f) F/YR05/0485/F Erection of a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling and detached garden shed 20 Station avenue, Murrow. Application Mr and Mrs M J Bosworth. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (g) F/YR05/0458/0 Residential development (max 6 dwellings) and installation of sewage treatment plant involving demolition of existing dwelling Sunnyside 105 Front Road, Murrow. Applicant Mr and Mrs D A Wilson. Agent Vawser and Co. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**

88. **PLANNING MEETINGS** – Meeting arranged for Monday, 13th June, 2005. It was agreed to invite J Scott the chairman of the Parish Plan Committee and Lorna Gilbert from Acre to speak on affordable housing. It was suggested by the Chairman that all Councillors think of sites within the Parish.

89. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) CALC correspondence re District Association Meetings & County Training Partnership. **Noted**
- (b) Volunteer Centre thank you for donation of £100. **Noted**
- (c) East Cambs and Fenland Health Forum Friday, 10th June at Gardiner Memorial Hall, Burwell. **Noted**
- (d) CCC Climate Change Strategy. **Noted**
- (e) FDC Standards committee date of next meeting Thursday, 2nd June 2005. **Noted**
- (f) CCC Corporate Plan. **Noted.**
- (g) FDC Norman Eighteen reply to letter of the 19.04.05 re Telephone Hotline. **Reply noted but the clerk to write to state that it is important that Councillors and Clerks have a free telephone number and that on occasions it has taken 3 ½ minutes for the hotline telephone number to be answered and when messages are left on voice mail they do not get a reply.**
- (h) Environment Agency re Flood Risk Awareness. **It was agreed that the clerk send for all the publications and that Mr Parrin will place an advertisement in the Parish Magazine to see if anyone is interested in becoming a Flood Warden.**
- (i) Trafalgar weekend 21st – 23rd October 2005. **Noted.**
- (j) FDC notification of Chairman and Vice Chairman of FDC Mrs P MC Potts and Mrs UM Cuffe. **Noted.**
- (k) FDC Options Fenland Special Edition Newsletter. **Noted.**
- (l) Copy of a letter sent to K Brown Thorney Toll from the Planning Enforcement Officer re the unauthorised advert displayed at the New Toll Service Station Thorney Toll. **Mr Fish advised the meeting that the unauthorised signs have been removed.**
- (m) Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance PLC re claim for streetlights and cover for a sub contractor. **Mr Edwards agreed to let the clerk have the crime number for the streetlights claim and it was agreed the figure for cover for sub contractors would be set at £4000.**
- (n) Invitation to the Parson drove Open Day on the 4th June. **The meeting was advised that the times of the Open Day were 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.**
- (o) CCC details of Whippet Service Changes. **Noted.**
- (p) CCC re Cambridge Core Traffic Scheme Stage 4. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information barely

Harvest March/April 2005

Local Council Review May 2005

Clerks & Councils Direct May 2005

Drug and Alcohol Services posters

What's On May-June 2005

90. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Reply from Fenland District Council re Street Lights in Lindens Close, Thorney Toll. **Noted.**
- (b) Grant of £150 from CCC re Parish Paths Partnership Scheme 2005-2006 Cheque received. **It was agreed that this money purchase plainings from Fenland District Council for the footpath at Murrow and a contractor found to undertake this work.**
- (c) Quotation for street light Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. **Agreed.**
- (d) Correspondence from P Flint re Traffic concerns at Murrow. **Noted.**

Highway reports from Councillors on problems.

- a. 3 Trees planted on the roadside next door to Manor House, Front Road, Murrow.
- b. The Bridge Inn Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary sign obscured by trees.
- c. Tree at junction of Church Road and High Road, Wisbech St Mary needs cutting. This was requested 12 months ago and no action was taken. The contractors cut the tree in the school grounds.
- d. Path at Lindens Close, Thorney Toll is disappearing into the field. Also path near post box. Both these are due to the Waste Disposal Lorry parking on the paths.
- e. Road signs disappeared in the village of Murrow ie village sign coming from Guyhirn, Murrow slow down 40 sign, Bellamy Bridge, Murrow direction sign.
- f. Flashing Lights in Murrow one vandalised and one not working.

The meeting was closed to enable Councillor J Tuck to speak on Traffic Issues.

- It was agreed that we must guide against diluting the problem by identifying too many areas. After a discussion it was agreed to set up a meeting with Mr Davis of Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department and the Police. It was agreed that Mr Edwards chair this meeting and one Councillor and one Parishioner be invited from each of the 3 villages and 2 Hamlets.
 - i. Wisbech St Mary – B Payne and he would invite a resident.
 - ii. Murrow – M Axman and Mr P Flint.
 - iii. Thorney Toll – Mr J Fish and Mr Coleman.
 - iv. Guyhirn – C Fryett and he would invite a resident.

It was agreed that Councillor Tuck would liaise with the clerk to arrange a convenient time and place for this meeting to take place.

91. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. **A Budgetary Control Report was distributed at the meeting showing a balance of £119321.36. The clerk advised the meeting that she had invested £100,000 with Barclays Bank Treasurers Office at 3.9% for one month.**
- (b) VAT refund of £630.43. **Noted.**
- (c) Frasers enclosing statement and cheque for £82923.38 sale of Fredora. **Noted. The clerk was requested to contact CALC to see if there are any restrictions on spending this money.**

To approve payment of requests for grants

- (d) Fenland Mencap Befriending Scheme £300.00 **Agreed.**
- (e) Wisbech St Mary Youth Club £1000.00 **Agreed.**
- (e) Wisbech St Mary Parish Church £500.00 **Agreed.**

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

A letter had been received from Chairman of Wisbech St Mary Steering Group outlining progress so far and enclosing a copy of a Parish Plan put together by Farcet Parish Council. After a discussion it was proposed by M Axman, seconded by K Bagg and agreed unanimously that we financial support the printing of the Parish Plan to a maximum of £1000 on similar lines. It was agreed that any surplus funds after this project was complete should be returned to the Parish Council. It had previously been agreed that the Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee attends our meeting on the 13th June 2005.

93. **106 FUNDING OF £35,000 FOR MURROW**

The clerk advised the meeting that she had not been able to find out any further details concerning this funding. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Mr Brown of the Fenland District Council Planning Department requesting this funding of £35,000 together with interest be forwarded to the Parish Council forthwith.

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

It was agreed that the clerk contacts the Cambridgeshire County Council concerning the land owned by them adjacent to the Guyhirn Playing Field and Fenland District Council concerning their land adjacent to this requesting that this land be gifted to the Parish Council so that the land could be used for a Community Centre and changing rooms for the football club. In order that this could be identified Mr Payne agreed to supply the clerk with a map.

95. **GUYHIRN VILLAGE POND** – Result of the Ballot re the filling in of the village pond.

The clerk advised the meeting that the ballot papers had been counted and 50 votes were received for keeping the Pond and 40 votes for filling in the Pond. A discussion took place in respect of the selling of the Pond. There were two neighbouring residents willing to buy the Pond. It was unanimously agreed that if the Pond were to be sold a covenant would be placed on it so it could not be filled in. Mr Payne stated that he had spoken to Maxeys regarding a figure and this would be considered once the Solicitors had been contacted to see if the Pond can in fact be sold.

96. **PARISH ASSEMBLY** – Discussion re items that need further discussion.

There were no items that needed further discussion.

97. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** –13th June 2005

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

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