

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

### PRESENT

Councillors:- C Edwards (Chairman)      K Bagg      P Barnes      P Davies      T Fowler      J Parrin  
Visitors & Public:-      B Payne      D Thrower  
   P C J Coles      N Adams      J Adams

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

Mr and Mrs N Adams attended the meeting to request that Guyhirn Pond remain as a pond. Mr Payne read out a draft letter that the Parish Council intend to send out to the residents of Guyhirn. They also stated that as they live next to the pond if the Council were considering selling this that would be interested in purchasing it in order that it continues as a Pond.

Before the start of the meeting Mr Parrin wished to make it clear that he was not related to J Purse and therefore, it was in order for him to support the Planning application discussed at the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Mr Payne stated that the comments made at this meeting had placed him in a difficult situation as he had been requested to speak for Mr Parrin in his absence on this planning application. He also stressed that Councillors must make sure of their facts before comments are made at meetings.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from J Fish and C Fryett.

180. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005 and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005.  
Were approved and signed.
181. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)  
Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he had attended the Recap waste consultation on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. The main topic was how to get Councils to be more efficient in their waste disposal.
182. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda  
C Edwards declared a prejudicial interest on item 184d and left the meeting at the appropriate time.  
C Edwards and T Fowler declared a personal interest on item 188n.  
J Parrin declared a personal interest on item 188m.
183. **POLICE MATTERS**  
Report by the Community Beat Officer  
P C Coles reported a problem at Murrow in respect of criminal damage, intimidation and victimisation by youths. It was stated that this area was a priority at the moment. It was suggested that perhaps it was time that Fenland District Council were advised and steps taken to issue antisocial behaviour orders.  
  
PC Coles outlined other crimes within the parish.
184. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**  
i. List of planning applications determined by the Planning Department.  
**Planning Applications received.**  
(a) F/YR05/1173/F Erection of a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling Station Farm, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant P Wait. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**  
(b) F/YR05/1163/F Change of use from church to 3 bed dwelling Former Corpus Christi church, Front Road, Murrow. Applicant Ely Diocesan Board of Finance. Agent Jolliffe Chartered Surveyors. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**  
(c) F/YR05/1136/F Erection of a 3 bed chalet bungalow land North of The Orchards, Fronting Back Road, Murrow Amended description and size of dwelling. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**  
(d) F/YR05/1217/O Erection of a dwelling involving demolition of existing dwelling Whitegates, Hooks Drove, Murrow. Applicant Mr and Mrs C Bedford. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**  
(e) F/YR05/1196/O Erection of a dwelling involving demolition of existing dwelling Towers Farm, Thorney Road, Guyhirn. Applicant K Bliss. Agent Maxey and Son. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**  
(f) F/YR05/1229/O Erection of 4 dwellings land south west of St Helier, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant A Quince. Agent Maxey and Son. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**  
(g) F/YR05/1230/O Erection of 3 dwellings land north east of St Helier, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant A Quince. Agent Maxey and Son. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**

185. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) CALC re Draft East of England Plan Examination in Public. **Noted.**
- (b) Invitation of Parc Youth Network Day 19.11.05 at Lakeside Lodge, Pidley 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. **Noted. Mr Parrin agreed to advise the Wisbech St Mary Youth Club.**
- (c) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan 2006/2007 **Noted.**
- (d) Guyhirn School re Community Governor Vacancy. **Noted. It was agreed that an advertisement be placed in the Parish Magazine.**
- (e) P Albut re vacancy for Cambridge Housing Association Bungalow in Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary. **It was agreed that the clerk contact Fenland District to ensure that they are aware that we have two people on our waiting list.**
- (f) Parishioner concerning housing within the Parish. **As this was anonyms this email was not discussed.**
- (g) Norfolk County Council re Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework. **Noted.**
- (h) CALC consultation on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. **Noted.**
- (i) CALC Village Hall network meetings. **Noted.**
- (j) CALC Workshop for Councillors 28.01.06 and Clerks Intensive Training 2.12.05 & 16.12.05. **Noted.**
- (k) Cambs ACRE Community Funding and Information forum 03.11.05 Littleport Leisure Centre 3.00pm to 7.00 pm. **Noted.**
- (l) Thank you letter from Murrow Methodist Church for donation of £1,000. **Noted.**
- (m) Thank you letter Thorney Toll Village Hall. **Noted.**
- (n) FDC re Standards Committee outlining cases heard and decisions. **Copy letters were disrupted at the meeting**
- (o) Thank you letter from Guyhirn School for donation of £400. **Noted.**
- (p) Thank you letter from Wisbech St Mary Good Companions Club for donation of £100. **Noted.**
- (q) Invite by Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Council for Voluntary Youth Services to the PARC Youth Network Day at Lakeside Lodge Pidley on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Lunch will be provided. **Noted.**
- (r) FDC re Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement. **Noted. Mr Edwards will see Tim Pilsbury re copies of the new local plan consultation document. It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that posters will be placed on the Parish Notice Board but if we are required to purchase copies of the documents perhaps we should be charging the Fenland District Council for the use of our notice boards.**
- (s) Conclusive Map of Registered Common Land & Open Country. **It was agreed that this map be passed round the Councillors and that the clerk make enquiries to obtain additional copies.**

**Correspondence in folder for information only.**

Countryside Services Team Annual Report April 2004 – March 2005      Leap Ahead August 2005      Village Halls October 2005  
The Bulletin October 2005      Fenland Community Newsletter October 2005  
Town & Parish Standards 2005      Local Council Review November 2005  
Whats on November/December 2005 Fenland Arts Association.

186. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Letter from M Curtis outlining details discussed when he visited our meeting on the 17.10.05. **Noted.**
- (b) Reply from North Level Internal Drainage Board re complaint. **Noted. It was agreed that we continue to liaise with Cambridgeshire County Council Highways, Planning Department and Parson Drove Parish Council to improve the situation in Back Road, Murrow.**
- (c) Letter re Wyrde croft Trust and funding available to neighbouring Parish Councils. **Noted.**
- (d) Letter from CCC Highways re Highway Issues from Parish Council Meeting 26.09.05. **Noted.**
- **Highway reports from Councillors on problems.**
  - 1. Tree outside Alason Lodge, Front Road, Murrow need cutting back as it is obscuring the streetlight.
  - 2. Side of road between Murrow Bank and Parson Drove needs building up.
  - 3. Water on the road at Seadyke, Murrow after the dyke has been filled in. Requires a grippler to drain the water away.
  - 4. Hole in the road outside the Chequers Public House, Tholomas Drove.
  - 5. Additional signs/road marking at Bellamy's Bridge, as this is an accident black spot.
  - 6. A streetlight is required at the Bungalows, Station Drive, Wisbech St Mary. Mr Edwards agreed to contact the Fenland District Council.

187. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

Discussion re new Guyhirn Village Sign.

- **Mr Edwards stated that the proprietor of the Oliver Twist had agreed to pay for a new village sign at Guyhirn. Mr Edwards will contact a blacksmith at Thorney Toll and obtain a quotation.**

188. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date showing balance of £113709.43.
  - (b) FDC Precept of £14,000. **Noted.**
  - (c) FDC payment of £77.89 for recycling. **It was agreed that the clerk look into which school is next to receive this recycling credit.**
  - (d) Barclays Treasury Deposit Invested £100,000 until the 17.11.05 Interest on maturity £296.41. **Noted. It was agreed to reinvest this on maturity for a further month.**
  - (e) Frasers Deed of Easement re discharge of water to Wisbech St Mary Village Pond amount of £250. **Noted.**
- To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

(e)	Clerk October salary	£379.66 LGAct 1972 S112	<b>Agreed.</b>
(f)	Tax & NI	£132.37 LGAct 1972 S112	<b>Agreed.</b>
(g)	Postage	£29.20 LG(Financial Provisions) Act 1963 S5	<b>Agreed</b>
(h)	Hire of Hall	£30.00 LGAct 1972 S134	<b>Agreed</b>
(i)	Street Light Mouth Lane, Guyhirn	£2072.43 Parish Council Act 1957 S3	<b>Agreed.</b>

**To approve payment of requests for grants**

- (j) Murrow Book Café Section 137 **It was agreed that we send a letter advising that we will give a donation of £2,000 once this project is up and running.**
- (k) Murrow Pre School Section 137. **It was agreed that Mrs D Thrower investigate if there is a Mother & Toddler Group before we make a donation.**
- (l) Wisbech St Mary Playgroup £350.00. Section 137. **Agreed**
- (m) Wisbech St Mary Sports & Community Centre LG (Misc Provisions)Act 1976 S19.
  - **The clerk advised the meeting that she had consulted CALC who had passed this onto NALC for legal advice in view of the fact that this project has not yet commenced. The clerk advised the meeting that she had requested CALC to obtain clarification as to whether funds from the sale of assets could be used towards this project.**
- (n) Guyhirn Community Centre Project LG (Misc Provisions)Act 1976 S19.
  - **Declined this on the advice of CALC as this is not yet a registered charity, that there was no other funding in place and the Parish Council cannot underwrite a project or can they act as developers. Once all of these were in place the Parish Council would be able to consider a donation.**
- (o) Guyhirn Cemetery Committee £350.00. LGA1972 S214(6). **Agreed.**
- (p) Victim support £300.00. Section 137. **Agreed.**
- (q) Murrow Sunshine Club £100.00. Section 137 **Agreed**
- (r) Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force Section 137 **Declined to assist in view of the fact that there is no connection to the Parish.**

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

Letters from Parishioners regarding the Parish Plan and Action Plan. **Noted, clerk to acknowledge receipt.**

Discussion re Buffet Supper to be held at Guyhirn Village Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

- It was agreed to spend £5.00 per head on refreshments. It was agreed that the clerk would advise Mr Edwards of exact numbers on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2005.
- It was resolved that at this Buffet Supper it was suggested that we set up a Committee to move the Parish Plan forward. This committee should include a member from Fenland Links and John Smith from Parson Drove Parish Council.

190. **106 FUNDING OF £35,000 FOR MURROW**

Mrs Thrower stated that she had received no update from the Fenland District Council. Mr Edwards stated that he would contact them.

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

Mr Edwards stated that the Fenland District Council feel that this land would not be suitable for housing and that the Playing Field could have this land. It is expected that this will be sold at a cost of £10,000 and this would be covered by a grant from the Fenland District Council. They have not as yet heard from the Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the land owned by them.

192. **GUYHIRN VILLAGE POND**

Presentation of a draft letter to be sent out to all Guyhirn Parishioners. It was resolved that this letter be sent out to every household in Guyhirn via the Village Voices. It was agreed that the clerk would produce this letter and let Mr Edwards have 350 copies.

193. **GUYHIRN CHURCH**

The clerk advised the meeting that a letter had been received from the Guyhirn Royal British Legion Women's Section registering their objections to the War Memorial being placed on land near the Chapel of Ease. It was resolved that the clerk reply to this letter stating that the War Memorial will not be placed on Church land.

194. **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

The Amended copy of the Complaints procedure was approved and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

195. **VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Discussion re the vacancy on the Council on the resignation of Mr M Axman.

Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he had a nomination, Mrs Debbie Hamilton. It was resolved that the Council accept this nomination and the clerk to contact Mrs Hamilton inviting her to the next meeting.

196. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** –28<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

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

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006