

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 17th October 2005 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

Councillors:- C Edwards (Chairman) K Bagg P Barnes P Davies J Fish T Fowler
C Fryett B Payne D Thrower
District Councillors:- M Curtis
Visitors & Public:- T Philips J Purse K Purse L Ross

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

Mr T Philips spoke on behalf of Mr J Purse in respect of the planning application before the Council of a stable block and siting of a temporary dwelling at Hayden Farm, Bunkers Hill, Wisbech St Mary to enable him to commence a new business of breeding Suffolk horses thus trying to save the breed from extinction. Before this statement was read out M Curtis a District Councillor declare an interest.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absent were received and accepted from J Parrin.

PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR M CURTIS RE PLANNING MATTERS

The Councillors asked various questions concerning the inconsistencies in the Planning decisions made by Fenland District Council Planning Department. He agreed to take back to the Planning Department the Parish Councils concerns including the infill in Gull Road, Guyhirn and Back Road Murrow. He agreed to ask a Planning Officer to visit the Parish Council to give more information as to the Parish Councils role within Planning. Councillor Curtis stated that if the Parish Council feels strongly about any Planning Application they should send a representative to speak at the Planning Meeting.

170. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

171. POLICE MATTERS

Report by the Community Beat Officer

PC Coles stated that it is important that if there is a problem within the villages they should be reported and she will arrange for high visibility over the weekend. If you cannot contact her on her mobile to ring her on 0845 456 4564 Ext 3799 and leave a message.

At this point of the meeting Mr Payne stated that he had attended a Standards Committee meeting and that it had been made clear that if you declare a prejudicial interest you must leave the room whilst the item is being discussed. The Register of members' interest is being revised and it is hoped that this will make registration simpler.

172. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- (a) F/YR05/1136/F erection of a 2 bed chalet bungalow land North of The Orchards, fronting Back Road, Murrow. Applicant Mr and Mrs P McKeon 165 Ramnoth Road, Wisbech. **Recommend approval as long as it does not encroach on the public footpath.**
- (b) F/YR05/1126/F Formation of new vehicular access Motala, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant L Hatton. Agent Maxey and Son. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (c) F/YR05/1118/O Erection of a workplace home land West of D Tibbs Windows, Long Drove, Murrow. Applicant P Tibbs. Agent M Dalsar. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene. We would like this to go to committee.**
- (d) F/YR05/1089/F Erection of a stable block and siting of a temporary dwelling Hayden Farm, Bunkers Hill, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant J Purse. Agent T P Planning. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene. We strongly support this worthwhile project.**
- (e) F/YR05/1104/F erection of 2 x 3 bed semi-detached bungalows with garages involving demolition of existing dwelling. Applicant RCW Limited. Agent G R Merchant. **There is not enough room for two bungalows, but we would support one. This area is not on the local sewerage as stated on the planning application.**
- (a) F/YR05/1105/F Continued stationing of a mobile home for storage only land South East of Keepers Cottage, Gull Drove, Guyhirn. Applicant S Fordham. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**

173. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Fens Leap Leader+ Showcasing Event 2005 on Monday 17th October at March Town Hall from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm. **Noted.**

174. PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Quotation for the maintenance of Bus Shelters.

- It was agreed to pay the Invoice for £440.00 for the Bus Shelter at Wisbech St Mary. It was agreed that he continues with this maintenance by working on the bus shelter at the Wheel Inn, Wisbech St Mary and drilling holes in the Thorney Toll, Murrow and Guyhirn Bus Shelters.

Discussion re new Guyhirn Village Sign.

It was agreed that Mr Edwards obtain a quote for a new village sign at Guyhirn.

175. **FINANCE**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(a)	Maxey and Son Pond valuation	£235.00	Agreed
(b)	North Level Internal Drainage Board	£11.16	Agreed
(c)	CALC Risk Assessment Course	£30.00	Agreed

176. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

Benches purchased – positioning of the benches and the cost of installation.

- It was agreed that the seats be positioned throughout the Parish at a cost of £80 per seat.

177. **GUYHIRN POND**

- Valuation of Guyhirn Pond for sale purposes £2,000.
- A Discussion took place in respect of the selling Guyhirn Pond. No decision could be made and it was agreed that Mr B Payne and Mr Edwards draft a letter for distribution to the Parishioners of Guyhirn. This will be presentation to the next meeting for approval.

178. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –7th November 2005

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

Monday, 28th November 2005

Monday, 12th December 2005

Monday, 23rd January 2006