

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

### PRESENT

C Edwards (Chairman) P Barnes J Fish T Fowler C Fryett J Parrin B Payne

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

There were no members of the public present.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absent were received and accepted from P Davies and D Thrower.

151. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005.  
Were approved and signed.
152. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)  
There were no matters arising.
153. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda  
C Edwards declared a prejudicial interest on item 155c and left the meeting at the appropriate time.  
C Edwards and T Fowler declared a personal interest on item 159l  
J Fish declared a personal interest on item 159k.
154. **POLICE MATTERS**  
P C Julie Coles was unable to attend the meeting. The Chairman stated that she would be attending the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. 2005.
155. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
- List of planning applications determined by the Planning Department. **In view of some of the decisions made by the Planning Department it was agreed to invite Councillor Harper to our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005.**
  - Robert Partnership re proposed development at Mill Road, Murrow. **Agreed that area would be best suited with 5/6 work place homes.**
  - FDC re withdrawal of planning 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, Cambs. **Noted.**
  - FDC re Planning Awareness Raising Sessions for members of Town and Parish Councillors on the 10.11.05 and 08.12.05 at 6.30 pm. **Noted. It was agreed that 6 Councillors and Clerk would attend the meeting on the 8.12.05 at 6.30pm.**
  - APP/DP515/A/05/1188225 Appeal by Mrs Gammon erection of a bungalow land North West of Bridge Inn Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary. **It was agreed that we support this planning application.**
- Planning Applications received.**
- F/YR05/0976/O Erection of a dwelling land south of 14 Garden Lane, Wisbech St Mary by A M Bullion. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
  - F/YR05/0972/F Change of use of store to 2 bed dwelling at Neneside, High Road, Guyhirn by 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/YR05/1013/F Change of use of barn to 3 bed dwelling Barn south west of Windy Ridge, New drove, Wisbech St Mary by M Spencer. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
  - F/YR05/1040/F erection of a detached double garage the Old Railway Inn, Gull Road, Guyhirn by N Goude. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene**
156. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
- CCC Grant Aid to Small Community Groups and Voluntary Organisation. Application Form & Brochures 2006/2007. **Noted.**
  - Patient and Public Involvement in Health enclosing leaflet and requesting publication in a Parish Magazine. **Noted.**
  - Charity Commission Annual Return 2005 Middle Pit, Murrow and other Watering Places for Chairman's signature. **Noted.**
  - Cambridgeshire Constabulary re Community Beat Manager attendance to Parish Council meetings. **Noted.**
  - CALC next District Association meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2005. **Noted.**
  - CALC Annual General Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2005 Bulletin with Agenda and Minutes of the last AGM. **Noted.**
  - CALC free help with Quality Status. **It was agreed that the clerk apply for free help.**
  - CCC new contact centre telephone number for all highway issues. **Noted.**
  - CCC Parish Paths Partnership The Definitive Map workshop on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 am to 2.00pm. **Noted.**
  - FDC RE Street naming land west of Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary. Suggestions Walnut Close or Rose Gardens. **It was unanimously agreed with the first choice of Walnut Close.**
  - Fenland Adventure thank you for donation of £400.00. **Noted.**
  - Preview of the Charity entry on the GuideStar UK Website. **Noted.**
  - CCC Corporate Plan together with Council's Priorities & Budget Strategy 2006-10. **Noted**
  - Recap waste consultations 05.10.05 Oliver Cromwell Hotel, March 6.30 to 9.00 pm. **Mr J Parrin agreed to attend.**
  - CALC meeting 7.30 pm 05.10.05 at Fenland Hall, March. **Noted**

- (p) Transfer Sessions 06.10.05 Little Chef Guyhirn. **Noted.**
- (q) Fenland Council for Voluntary Services Funding Fair Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October between 3.00 – 5.30 at Manor Leisure Centre, Whittlesey. **Noted.**

**Correspondence in folder for information only.**

Fenland Community Newsletter	Norfolk County Council Draft Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
CCC Lorries & your Community leaflets	Local Works Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill
Whats on	Health Forum notification 23.09.05 at The Braza Club, March 12.00 to 2.30 pm.
Local Council review Sept 2005	Family Link Service leaflet
Clerks & Council Direct	Cambridge Acre 2004-2005 Annual Review
Community Action Autumn 2005	

157. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Reply from Highways re issues passed from meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005. **Noted**
- (b) Correspondence from J Morley re Highway matters in Murrow. **It was agreed that the clerk acknowledge receipt of this letter and to send a copy to the North Level Internal Drainage Board. It was agreed that the clerk write a letter of complaint concerning the attitude of the Drainage Board concerning Back Road, Murrow ie when the clerk spoke to S Morris and the officer who attended the site meeting at Back Road, Murrow.**
- (c) CCC Highways re Station Drive, Wisbech St Mary works to commence on the 12.09.05 to be completed in 6 weeks. **Noted.**
- (d) CCC Highways re Murrow Bank, Parson Drove works to commence on the 15.09.05 to be completed in 3 weeks. **Noted.**
- Highway reports from Councillors on problems.
  1. Rubbish on the side of the road at Seadyke Murrow.
  2. Rubbish ie gas bottles, prams etc at Seadyke opposite the Traveller Site.
  3. Murrow Lane, Murrow on Council house estate street light hanging off.
  4. Curbs in a dangerous state in Lindens Close, Thorney Toll. It was agreed that the clerk arrange a site meeting.
  5. A47 Footpaths in a dangerous state of repair.
  6. Thorney Toll Bus Shelter in need of attention. It was agreed that Mr Payne would look in the Minutes to see if it belongs to the Parish Council.
  7. Grass needs cutting around the Thorney Toll Bus Shelter.
  8. 40 mile sign too low in High road, Guyhirn. Child has walked into this and cut her face.
  9. River bank at Guyhirn needs tidying up. It was agreed that the clerk contacts Ian Doncaster of the Environment Agency at Spalding.
  10. Footpath on the riverbank is fenced off and new kissing gates or style required to allow walkers to have access to this footpath.

158. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

Quotation for the maintenance of Bus Shelters.

- It was agreed to approve payment of invoices for work undertaken by B Wuttke totalling £721.59. There was a further request for £440.00 but it was unclear as to whether this was a quotation or an invoice for payment. It was agreed that Mr J Parrin speak to Mr B Wuttke on behalf of the Parish Council.

Discussion re new Guyhirn Village Sign.

- After discussions it was agreed that Mr Payne would make enquires at Peterborough Prison and Mr Fish at Perkins to see if either would be able to make a new Guyhirn Village sign.

159. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. Balance of account £108198.09.
- (b) Barclays Treasury Deposit interest £299.30
- (c) Barclays Treasury Deposit interest ££308.60

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

- (d) Clerk September salary £379.66 **Agreed**
- (e) Tax & NI £132.37 **Agreed**
- (f) Postage £66.33 **Agreed**
- (g) Hire of Hall £30.00 **Agreed**
- (h) Neptune re village seats £4288.75 **Agreed**

**To approve payment of requests for grants**

- (i) Murrow Methodist Church re help with building work £1000.00. **Agreed.**  
**Proposed by B Payne, seconded by J Parrin & agreed unanimously.**
- (j) Guyhirn School re swimming grant £400.00. **Agreed.**  
**Proposed by J Parrin, seconded by B Payne & agreed unanimously.**
- (k) Thorney Toll Village Hall Disabled Toilets £1000.00. **Agreed.**  
**Proposed by J Parrin, seconded by C Fryett & agreed unanimously.**

(l) Guyhirn Community Centre Project **After a discussion and taken into account advice given by the clerk. It was agreed that the Chairman contact the Guyhirn Community Centre Project requesting them to write again to the Parish Council given more details as to how any donation given would be spent.**

(m) Wisbech St Mary Good Companions Club £100.00. **Agreed.**

**Proposed by P Barnes, seconded by J Fish & agreed unanimously.**

160. **PARISH PLANS** – To receive update.  
CCC Parish Plans Biodiversity. **Noted.**  
**It had been agreed at the Parish Council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 that the Parish Council should show their appreciation to all the parishioners who had help in the Parish Plan process by holding a buffet super. September. After a discussion it was agreed to hold this on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at Guyhirn Village Hall. It was agreed that the clerk contact the representatives on the Village Plan Committees to let them have a list of all the people who have helped in the different villages so as to invite them to this super. It was agreed also to invite J Keegan FenPlus, Alan Hampton and Karen Wickham from Acre. It was agreed that Mrs Edwards would do the catering.**
161. **106 FUNDING OF £35,000 FOR MURROW**  
Update from councillors who met with FDC at Murrow re the 106 Funding now at Fenland District Council.  
Letter from Hewitsons Solicitors re Crystal Homes stating that they are no longer their solicitors.  
**The Chairman advised the meeting that he and Murrow representatives P Barnes and D Thrower met with Bob Olley from Fenland District Council to discuss what the £35,000 106 Funding could be spent on now that Fenland District Council had traced it. At this meeting discussions had been centred around the suggestions by parishioners on the Murrow Village Plan. No decisions have been made but it was suggested that perhaps a public meeting so that all parishioners could be consulted.**
162. **COUNTY COUNCIL LAND ADJACENT TO THE GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**  
Update in respect of any progress re land owned by FDC or CCC  
**The Chairman advised the meeting that Sarah Thompson from Cambridgeshire County Council and representatives from FDC, Guyhirn Playing Field and Guyhirn Football Club were meeting to try and come to an agreement.**
163. **GUYHIRN VILLAGE POND** – Discussions re sale of the Pond to include valuation.  
Maxey and Son Conditions of the valuation of the Guyhirn Pond and fee of £200.00.  
**After a discussion it was agreed to the valuation fee of £200. It was agreed to place this on the agenda once the valuation has been received.**
164. **GUYHIRN CHURCH**  
Update of any progress re War Memorial.  
**Mr Payne stated that there was no new information to be reported but reiterated that a faculty had been applied for to move the War Memorial and that the inside memorial was to be moved to Wisbech St Mary Church. Mr Payne stated that he had contact the Diocesan re the tidying up of the area before the service of remembrance.**
165. **DYKE ADJACENT TO COUNCIL LAND A47**  
Discussion as to whether it is feasible to fill it in. **After discussions it was agreed that the clerk writes to K J & S Bliss stating that the Parish Council has no objections to the filling in of this dyke. Mr Fowler stated that the tenant of this land Mr R Scrimshaw was in agreement.**
166. **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**  
Draft copy of the Complaints procedure attached for approval.  
**After discussions and a minor alterations it was agreed to approve the Complaints procedure. The alteration was that in number 14 that the Chairman would minute any decision made by the Committee hearing the complaint.**
167. **VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
Discussion re the vacancy on the Council on the resignation of Mr M Axman.  
**The clerk advised the meeting that the Fenland District Council had not received any applications so there would not be an election and that this vacancy could be filled by co-option. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.**
168. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** –17<sup>th</sup> October 2005
169. **MEETINGS DATES FOR 2005/2006**  
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

