

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 23rd January 2006 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

C Edwards (Chairman) P Barnes P Davies J Fish T Fowler D Hamilton J Parrin
B Payne D Thrower

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg and C Fryett.

8. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 12th December 2005 and 9th January 2006.

The minutes were signed as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

There were no declaration of interest.

11. **POLICE MATTERS**

The Community Beat Officer was not present and no report received.

12. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

List of planning applications determined by the Council.

- FDC re Planning Awareness Sessions on the 26.01.06 re Preview of LDF – Issues and Options Paper. **Noted.**
 - Appeal decision Ponderosa Farm, Garden Lane, Wisbech St Mary. The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld with variations. **Noted.**
 - Appeal decision land north west of The Bridge Inn, Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary. The appeal is allowed and planning permission granted subject to conditions set out in the Formal Decision. **Noted.**
 - The Chairman outlined details of a letter from M Dalsar working on behalf of Paul Tibbs advising the Parish Council that Mr Tibbs application for a workplace home was going to appeal. After a discussion the Councillors agreed to continue to support this application and the clerk to write to the Planning Inspectorate as follows. We support this application and recommend a workplace home. This is a well established business.
 - Correspondence had been received from Peterborough City Council concerning a proposed Wind Farm on land at Nuts Grove Farm, Thorney, Peterborough. After a discussion it was agreed that we would support this development, but request 106 funding for Thorney Toll.
- (a) F/YR05/1470/F Change of use from residential to business (administration centre) Glebelands, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Bain & Bahle Partnership. **We feel that the property is inappropriate for a service of this kind. Public Transport to and from this area is virtually non existent between the hours of 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm. There is limited parking as this property is next door to the local Primary School. We would request that this application go to committee and not delegated powers.**

13. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) CALC re Courses and Quality Status Panel sitting. **Noted.**
- (b) Norfolk County Council Minerals and Waste Framework. **Noted**
- (c) CCC re Jointly funded Minor Highways Improvements Programme 2006-2007. **Noted**
- (d) CCC Parish Paths P3 2006/2007 Applications Forms **Noted.**
- (e) CCC Parish Paths Partnership 2006/2007 Bulletin **Noted.**
- (f) Thank you for donation of £400 from Murrow Primary School. **Noted.**
- (g) CCC Parish Magazine and Village Hall details. **Noted**
- (h) Care Network re Murrow Book Café advising of grant from Fenland Community Grant Scheme of £2,000. **Noted.**
- (i) Thank you for donation of £350 from Murrow Pre School. **Noted.**
- (j) Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum meeting 30th March 2006 at Oliver Cromwell Hotel, March 6.45pm. **Noted.**
- (k) Anglian Water First Time Sewerage Appraisal advising that it is intended to complete a new sewer by March 2010. **Noted.**
- (l) Invitation to Calor Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Village of the Year 2006 launch evening at Over Community Centre on 7th February 2006 between 6.15 pm and 8.00 pm. **Noted.**
- (m) Thank you letter from Southea PCC re grant of £350. **Noted.**
- (n) Thank you letter from Wisbech St Mary School re the recycling credit. **Noted.**
- (o) CPRE planning Application Workshop on Saturday 11th March 2006 at Wimblington **Noted.**
- (p) Agenda CALC Fenland District Area meeting on the 9.3.06 at 7.30pm enclosing Agenda. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Action Winter 2005
Fenland Community Newsletter December 2005
Cambridgeshire Acre Leap Ahead Magazine
Cambridgeshire Police Authority Budget 2006/2007
Local Council Review January 2006
Clerk & Councils Direct January 2006
Creative Solutions Brochure
PC World Brochure

The Bulletin December 2005
Countryside Events January/June 2006
Fenland Arts Association Whats On.
CCC Budget for 2006/2007
ODPM re Standards of Conduct
Bulletin January 2006
Wicksteed Their World Brochure
Timberline Play Equipment Brochure

14. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- Correspondence from K Keef Public Rights of Way Officer regarding the footpath between Back and Front Road, Murrow. **The clerk was requested to write referring them to the Ely Diocesan Office and to support the filling in of the drain and the removal of the bridge. This path could be widened by clearing the undergrowth on either side.**
- Highways reports from Councillors on problems
 1. Guyhirn Footpaths need sweeping
 2. Drain cover outside Bridge House, High Road, Guyhirn is dangerous.
 3. Mud on Back Road, Murrow very dangerous and this has been made worse during the bad weather as it has not been gritted at all.
 4. Deep hole in the road Seadyke, near Bellamys Bridge before the garden centre.
 5. Footpath blocked by fallen fence from 89 Front Road Murrow.
 6. Path tarmac outside Ray Popeley shop High Road, Wisbech St Mary is broken up and path is in a dangerous condition.
 7. Sandbank speed limit needs to be moved further along past the Traveller site.
 8. Holes in the road both sides of the road at the junction of Cants Drove and The Bank, Murrow.
 9. Fly tipping at Seadyke past Traveller site on the edge of the road and is becoming dangerous to motorist.
 10. Hedge needs cutting at the junction of Station Road, Wisbech St Mary and Leverington Common. This is becoming very dangerous as you cannot see around the junction.
 11. Curb at Linden Close, Thorney Toll is broken. Please meet with Mr J Fish.
 12. Thorney Toll sign knocked over. This took place after a car left the road and the recovery lorry knocked this over when recovering the vehicle. This is situated Guyhirn side of the council houses at Thorney Toll westbound side.
 13. Footpaths in Chapelfield Road and Waverley Close in need of repair. This has been reported on a number of occasions, but these are becoming very dangerous.

15. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. Balance of accounts £104159.78.
- (b) Barclays Treasury Deposit £100,000 until 19th January 2006 Interest £298.11. It was agreed that £100,000 be invested for a further month.

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (c) Cambridgeshire Acre £25.00. LG(Financial Provisions) Act 1963 S5 **Agreed.**
- (d) Clerk January salary £379.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (e) Tax & NI £132.37 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (f) Hire of Hall £30.00

To approve payment of requests for grants

- (g) Fenland Mencap Befriending Scheme £to be agreed Section 137. **This was the second request in this financial year and it was agreed that the clerk writes requesting them to reapply after the 1st April 2006.**

16. **PARISH PLANS**

A discussion took place in respect of setting up a committee consisting of a Parish Councillor and Parishioner from each village and hamlet. No progress has been made in this respect, but it was agreed that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Both Murrow and Thorney Toll have used the Parish Plan to obtain funding for a Book Café and computers. New community centres are required for Wisbech St Mary and Guyhirn, but as yet no progress has been made for funding.

17. **106 FUNDING OF £35,000 FOR MURROW**

Update from Councillors on how this funding is to be spent.
Acknowledgement of letter from T Pilsbury advising that he has passed our letter of Richard Cassidy. **Noted.**
Reply to correspondence sent to T Pilsbury re the quotes from Bob Ollier. **Noted.**
It was agreed that this matter should be passed to the Playing Field Committee and the £35,000 spent to the benefit of the parishioners of Murrow as soon as possible.

18. **GUYHIRN WAR MEMORIAL**

It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Jane Logan of the Ely Diocesan requesting whether the Guyhirn War Memorial could stay in its present location. Mr Payne stated that there is money left over from the fund raising to change the name on the War Memorial, which could be used to landscape the area around this memorial.

19. **GUYHIRN POND**

The clerk read out replies from Parishioners re the Guyhirn Pond. After a discussion it was agreed to approach Mr B Wuttke to see if he would be willing to maintain this pond on behalf of the Parish Council.

20. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

Update in respect of maintenance to Bus Shelters and Parish Property to include a discussion re the anti-graffiti paint to the bus shelter at Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Mr B Wuttke requesting him to carry out this work on the Chapelfield Road bus shelter.

- 21 **A47**
Officers of Atkins wish to meet with Councillors to discuss forthcoming improvements to the A47 between Thorney Toll and Guyhirn. It was agreed that Mr Davis, Mr Fisk and Mr Edwards would meet with representatives of Atkins at Thorney Toll village hall on the 3rd February 2006 at 11.00 am.
22. **GUYHIRN SCHOOL GOVERNOR**
The clerk advised the meeting that she had received a reply to the advertisement in the village magazine from a Mrs Sue Pitcher. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Mrs Pitcher and the Guyhirn School recommending Mrs Pitcher as the Parish Councils representative on the Guyhirn School Governing Body.
23. **NEWSLETTER**
The Parish newsletter had not been included in the Voices due to the lack of space and that the format of this village magazine could be improved. After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk meets with the Rev C Hurst, Mr Edwards, Mr Payne and Parson Drove Parish Council representatives to see if this could be resolved.
- Mr Edwards stated that he had been to see John Hooper of Fenland District Council re the 0.86 of an acre of amenities land. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Tim Mills requesting the purchase of this land by the Parish Council.
 - It was agreed that the Parish Assembly on the 22 May, 2006 should be held at Thorney Toll Village Hall
 - It was agreed that the clerk contact the Cambridge Housing Association requesting some maintenance work be carried out on their properties in Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary.
23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 13th February 2006
24. **MEETINGS DATES FOR 2006/2007**
Monday, 6th March 2006
Monday, 27th March 2006 Planning
Tuesday, 27th April 2006
Tuesday, 8th May 2006 Planning
Monday, 22nd May 2006 Annual Assembly and AGM
Monday, 12th June 2006 Planning
Monday, 3rd July 2006
Monday, 24th July 2006 Planning
Monday, 14th August 2006
Monday, 4th September 2006 Planning
Monday, 25th September 2006
Monday, 16th October 2006 Planning
Monday, 6th November 2006
Monday, 27th November 2006 Planning
Monday, 18th December 2006
Monday, 8th January 2007 Planning
Monday, 29th January 2007

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.