

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 24th April 2006 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

C Edwards (Chairman) Hamilton	P Barnes J Parrin C Bellamy	P Davies B Payne J Tuck	J Fish D Thrower PC J Coles	T Fowler S White R Bush	C Fryett D
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OPEN FORUM

Mr S White introduced himself as a parishioner, although he is employed by Fenland Links.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies received.

38. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 6th March 2006 and 27th March 2006.
The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.
39. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
- Mr Payne stated that he is still looking through the archives to see if there is a constitution for the Parish Council.
 - Mr Fowler stated that the trees in Tholomas Drove in need of cutting belong to the County and not the landowner as first thought.
40. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
C Edwards declared a prejudicial interest on items 42 b,d & i and left the meeting at the appropriate time. During his absence Mr Parrin acted as chairman.
T Fowler declared a prejudicial interest on items 42b and 43g and left the meeting at the appropriate time.
41. **POLICE MATTERS**
PC J Coles outlined the crime figures from the 1st March 2006. She requested that any incident is reported as the Police are now implementing a policy of high visibility in problem areas throughout the Parish especially during Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A discussion took place in respect of the problem at Wisbech St Mary during Saturday when there is a Car Boot at the School. The irresponsible parking of vehicles in Chapelfields was dangerous as cars were parked both sides of the road blocking the paths. This is a matter of public safety as emergency vehicles would not have been able to get through. The Highways have refused double yellow lines. It was agreed that there should be better stewardship at these functions and that parking should be restricted to one side of the road. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the PTA with copies to the Fire Service and the Police.

42. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
1. Appeal decision The Workshops. Paul Tibbs Limited Long drove, Murrow. Appeal dismissed. **Noted, but felt that there was no justice or consistency in decisions.**
 2. F/YR06/0262/F erection of a 60.0 metre high anemometer mast South East of Galls Drove, Wisbech St Mary application withdrawn. **Noted**
- List of planning applications determined by the Council.**
- (a) F/YR06/0313/RM Erection of 2 x 3 bed houses Plot land North of Thimble Cottage, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant G E Fowler. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (b) F/YR06/0306/F Erection of a stable block with tack rooms land north west of Meadow View, Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove. Applicant Common Right Barns (Mr and Mrs P Fowler). Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (c) F/YR06/0360/O land east of Rat Row, Wisbech St Mary Residential development 0.040 ha). Applicant T Coleman. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (d) F/YR06/0200/F Barn South West of Bevis Hall, North Brink Wisbech conversion of barn and erection of rear extension to form 3 bed dwelling with integral double garage and detached triple car port. Applicant G Rigby. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (e) F/YR06/0349/O erection of 3 bungalows Land east of Seven Acres Gull Drove, Guyhirn. Applicant P D Carpenter. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (f) F/YR06/0408/F erection of a 2 bed dwelling land north of Willis Lodge, Back Road, Murrow. Applicant PPK Enterprise. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (g) F/YR06/0396/O residential development 3 plots (renewal of planning permission F.YR03/0218/O) land adjacent Greenacres, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr and Mrs M Wright. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
 - (h) F/YR06/0390/F Erection of 4 detached houses comprising 2 x 5 bed with integral double garage, 1 x 5 bed with attached double garage and 1 x 5 bed with attached double garage with store area over involving demolition of existing

- dwelling and outbuildings Bungalow, Station road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs R Brown. Agent Brand Associates. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (i) F/YR06/0373/F erection of a one and half storey side extension to existing dwelling Flettons, Back Road, Murrow. Applicant A Gray. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (j) F/YR06/0428/F erection of 3 polytunnels Seven Acres, Gull Drove, Guyhirn. Applicant P D Carpenter. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**

43. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) CCC re Consultations on Public Path Order Applications under the Highways Act 1980. **Noted**
- (b) CCC re Parish Path Partnership (P3) 2006/2007. **Agreed that clerk should apply for stiles for the riverbank at Guyhirn £500 and footpath between Front and Back Road, Murrow £500.**
- (c) CCC Concessionary Far Pass Information leaflet. **Noted.**
- (d) FDC re advance notice of Chairman's Engagements for 2006. **Noted.**
- (e) Fraser re Professional services for Grass Cutting etc. **Noted.**
- (f) FDC re leaflet "Frequently Asked Quests & Answer Booklet. **Copy distributed to all Councillors.**
- (g) Guyhirn Community Centre Project request for a donation of £20,000 to help towards employing a project manager to complete a feasibility study, business plan, design planning application and all the work necessary to secure the £1.5m needed to complete the Guyhirn Community, Sports and Leisure Centre. **This letter was withdrawn as several of the officials have resigned from this project.**
- (h) Murrow Pre-School requesting a donation from the 106 funds for the Murrow Pre School to help improve facilities. **Clerk to write advising that these funds were for recreational facilities.**
- (i) CALC re various matters Area Minutes, Clerks Training Bursary Scheme, Workshop for Chairmen 14.07.06, Clerks Intensive Training 5th and 19th May 2006 and NALC Financial report re Gratuities and new taxation regime for Pension Schemes after 6.04.06. **Noted.**
- (j) Mrs Ruth Awolesi re streetlights throughout the Parish. **Clerk to write to state that Rings End is in Elm Parish Council and send a copy of her letter to Elm Parish Council**
- (k) CCC Submission Statement of Community Involvement. **Noted.**
- (l) DEFRA Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – a Parish Council Guide to environmental enforcement. **Noted.**
- (m) CCC Public Bridleway No 12 Wisbech St Mary enclosing a copy of this agreement and Notice of Agreement. **Noted.**
- (n) Posters for notice boards re Care and repair West Norfolk. **Posters distributed to Councillors.**
- (o) CCC re additional stop for the mobile library at Tholomas Drove requiring the names of four people who would use the library at the additional stop. **Mr Fowler agreed to speak to residents.**
- (p) Reply from Bt RE public Payphone Gull Road, Guyhirn. As it has not been used for just over a year ago will not be replaced. **Noted.**
- (q) Inspector S Bretherton date for meeting 24th April. I have asked for an alternative date. **Noted, but clerk to contact him again to get alternative dates and dates for him to attend a Thorney Toll Tenants meeting.**
- (r) A Graves re a temporary dwelling that has been erected in Bunkers Hill. **Planning permission has been agreed.**
- (s) Invitation for the official opening of the Murrow Book Café for Thursday, 4th May 2006 at 5.30 pm. **Noted. Mr Edwards and Mr Parrin to attend.**
- (t) CALC minutes of Fenland District Association, Councillor Professional Development Courses 17th, 24th June & 8th July. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

Community Action Spring 2006	CCC Rural Speeding poster	The Clerk March 2006
Clerks & Councils Direct March 2006	Cambridge Park and Ride Surveys 2006	
Local Works Campaign for the Sustainable Communities		

44. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

Correspondence from Highways re matters passed on to them from previous meeting. **Noted.**

Acknowledgement from FDC re issues raised at Thorney Toll.

- It was agreed that the clerk writes to request that speed cameras should be on both sides of the road, one to the west and one to the east of Lindens Close.
- It was agreed that the railings should be removed from the side of the road at Thorney Toll. Mr Fish advised the meeting that the residents had been canvassed over this matter and only 2 residents out of 26 did not want them removed. The clerk was requested to send a copy of these minutes to Atkins in order for them to carry out this work.
- It was agreed that all items concerning Thorney Toll including the broken kerbs in Lindens Close to be passed to J Tuck.

Acknowledgement re Street Lighting from K Gove.

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Trees in Tholomas Drove need cutting.
2. Pot holes in Tholomas drove have not been completed and the conditions of the roads are becoming dangerous.
3. Pot holes in Front Road, Murrow
4. Large hole in road at Cheney Bridge, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary
5. Street light at junction of Mill Road and Murrow Bank leaning.
6. Pentelows Corner, Murrow and between Splash Drove and cants Drove side of road subsiding.

7. Rocks outside Pond at Tholomas Drove
8. Fly tipping at Seadyke Bank, Murrow
9. Fly tipping at Murrow Lane, Tholomas Lane and Mouth Land Guyhirn.
10. Area around the bottle bank at Guyhirn in need of clearing.
11. Fly tipping at Rummors Lane, Wisbech St Mary.

45. **REVIEW CLERKS SALARY**

At this point of the meeting the clerk left for discussions to take place.
After discussions it was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by £250 per annum.

46. **REVIEW ALLOTMENTS**

After a discussion it was agreed that the Allotment charges remain the same for a further year.

47. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date – Balance of accounts £109122.40.
- (b) Barclays Bank Treasury Deposit £100,000 invested for one month until 10.04.06 Interest £315.53. **Noted.**
- (c) Barclays Bank Treasury Deposit £100,000 invested for two months until 12.06.06 Interest £638.63. **Noted.**
- (d) FDC re Concurrent Functions 2006/2007 £4089 plus additional funds of £721. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (e) CALC Affiliation fees for the year 2006/2007 £529.24 LGAct 1972 Section 143 **Agreed.**
- (f) Local Council Review 11 copies at £12.00 per annum £132.00 to be agreed LGAct 1972 Section 143 **Agreed**
- (g) Clerks salary for April £406.43 to be agreed LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (h) NI and tax £138.39 to be agreed LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (i) Hire of Hall £30.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed**

To approve payment of requests for grants

- (j) Fenland Association for Community Transport Limited. **In view of the number of parishioners that our help under this scheme it was agreed to decline their request.**

48. **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

Items identified by the Risk Assessment were as follows:-

1. Village sign by Guyhirn. This is being replaced as soon as quotes have been received.
2. Street lights one at Pidgeons Corner and one at Mill Road and junction of Murrow Bank.
3. Notice Boards at Guyhirn and Thorney Toll. It was agreed that the problem was a design fault. It was agreed that the one at Guyhirn should be replaced under guarantee and the one at Thorney Toll should have a new door fitted. This was proposed by B Payne, seconded by C Fryett and agreed unanimously.

49. **PARISH PROPERTY**

- It was agreed that the bus shelters throughout the parish should be repainted and Mr Parrin would contact Mr Wuttke for a quotation.
- The bus shelter is being painted with anti-graffiti paint as soon as the weather permits.
- It was agreed that Mr Fowler would speak to a parishioner to see if he would work on the Guyhirn Pit.
- It Mr Fryett reminded the Councillors that he still had the benches in his workshop and that they needed to be installed throughout the Parish.
- After a discussion it was agreed that Mr Parrin could donate the Parish Council Notice Board in the Wisbech St Mary Village Hall to the Brownies.

50. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8th May 2006**

51. **MEETINGS DATES FOR 2006/2007**

- 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

