

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2006 at Guyhirn Village Hall.

### PRESENT

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

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

There were no members of the public present.

At this point of the meeting a discussion took place in respect of Back Road, Murrow. Councillor Tuck advised the meeting that she had met with C Bellamy from Parson Drove Parish Council, C Edwards from Wisbech St Mary Parish Council and the newly appointed head of Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department to look at the problems in Back Road, Murrow. It had been agreed that this should be a project under the Jointly Funded Minor works. As both Parish Councils had already put in two projects for this year this would have to be deferred until 2007. It had been suggested that one of our projects ie the footpath in Station Road, Wisbech St Mary could be withdrawn to make way for the Back Road, Murrow project to provide 5 passing places. The Highways Department were in the process of starting getting land back from the house owners. The cost to the two Parish Councils would be £2,000. After a discussion it was proposed by J Parrin, seconded by P Davies and agreed unanimously to go ahead with this project as soon as possible. Councillor Tuck agreed to contact the necessary department to see if our footpath project could be withdrawn to make way for the Back Road, Murrow project.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg, P Barnes, D Hamilton and D Thrower.

- 98 **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2006.  
Were approved and signed as a true record.
- 99 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
- Mr Payne advised the meeting that he will not be attending the forthcoming Fenland District Council Planning meeting to support the planning application F/YR06/0791/F as this application is not on the agenda. He will attend to support this application as and when it is discussed.
  - The meeting was advised that Mr Rowell has cleared the area around the Guyhirn Pit and he has done a very good job.
100. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda  
C Edwards declared a prejudicial interest on items 102a and d and left the meeting at the appropriate time. During his absence for 102a Mr Parrin acted as chairman and 102d Mr Payne acted as chairman.  
C Edwards declared a personal interest on item 102b.  
J Parrin declared a prejudicial interest on item 102d and left the meeting at the appropriate time.
101. **POLICE MATTERS**  
The Community Beat Officer was not present and no report received.
102. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
- F/YR06/0711/F Erection of a 4 bed detached chalet bungalow land North East of Common Right Farm, Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove. **Withdrawal of Application noted.**  
List of planning applications determined by the Council were noted.
  - (a) F/YR06/0890/F land north west of Wildwings, High Road, Guyhirn conversion of barn to form 3 bed dwelling and erection of a detached double garage. Applicant N Smith. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. F/YR06/0842/F erection of a stable block, conversion of barn to stables and foal boxes siting of a temporary dwelling and formation of a manege Hayden farm, Bunkers Hill, Wisbech St Mary. **AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED 1 LESS STABLE. Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene. We have always supported this development and were disappointed that the erection of the dwelling on this site was turned down. The Council feel that this was necessary for the security of the site. It is very important to support such developments in the village as this will only enhance the village scene and bring prosperity to the area. This is a village that has no shop or post office and very little other amenities through lack of development in the past.**
  - (b) F/YR06/0910/F erection of a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling Woodlands, Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs A Woods. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
  - (c) F/YR06/0904/F CHANGE OF USE OF GARAGE TO FORM SELF CONTAINED 1 BED ANNEXE Fairholme High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant D Parrin. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
  - At this point of the meeting Mr Payne advised the meeting that he had received a consultation Planning application from the Peterborough City Council for the erection of seven wind turbines on land near Nutsgrove Farm, Scolding Drove, Thorney. After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk writes supporting this application. We have previously supported this development.

103. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Tim Mills our FDC Liaison officer requesting how often and when you like him to attend meetings. **Agreed to invite him to our meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006 to speak on the inconsistency of planning applications.**
- (b) Cambridgeshire Acre Annual General Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 5.30 at the Burgess Hall, St Ivo Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St Ives. **Noted. Mr J Parrin agreed to attend.**
- (c) CALC re minutes of Fenland District Association. **Noted.**
- (d) CALC courses. **Noted.**
- (e) Thank you for the grant of £100 from Guyhirn Friendship Club. **Noted.**
- (f) Fenland Links Neighbourhood Management Pathfinders Board Minutes of meeting 22.06.06. **Noted.**
- (g) Eyebee Information Bulletin Issue 2. **The clerk distributed copies and Issue 3.**
- (h) Invitation to Clerk and Parish Council Lunchtime Quality Workshop 14.09.06. **Noted. The Clerk is meeting with K Barrand at CALC to submit the Councils portfolio for Quality Status on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006 and would not therefore be attending this workshop.**
- (i) Follow up letter from L Razzell re Affordable Housing. **It was agreed that the clerk writes advising of the telephone numbers of C Edwards, T Fowler and J Parrin to enable Ms Razzell to arrange a suitable time and date to tour the Parish looking at sites for affordable housing.**
- (j) CALC Freedom of Information Act 13.09.06. **Noted Mr B Payne agreed to attend.**
- (k) Briefing note re proposed revisions to Regional Spatial strategy for the East of England. **Noted.**
- (l) Environment Agency River Nene Catchment Flood Management Plan Consultation on Draft CFMP. **It was agreed that Mr B Payne complete the Consultation paper on behalf of the Council.**
- (m) East of England Regional Assembly Public Consultation re single issue review of provision of Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites – Draft Project Plan and Statement of Public Participation. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk obtains a copy of the draft project plan.**

At this point of the meeting Mrs J Tuck left the meeting.

- (n) Fenland Adventure thank you letter for donation of £500.00. **Noted. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that the activity held at Wisbech St Mary Village Hall had been a great success.**
- (o) Thorney Toll Village Hall thank you letter for the donation of £2000. **Noted.**
- (p) FENDIS thank you letter for the donation of £50. **Noted.**
- (q) Care Network re a Community Support Scheme. **Noted.**

**Correspondence in folder for information only**

The Clerk July 2006

Clerks and Councils Direct July 2006

FDC 3C Pack

CCC Trading Standards Newsletter

FDC Best Value Performance Plan 2006-2007

Community Transport Guide 2006/2007

Bulletin July 2006

ACRE Briefing Planning Ahead July 2006

104. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- Correspondence from Highways re matters passed on to them from previous meeting. **Noted.**
  - Appeal Decision re Gull View, Gull Road, Guyhirn, Wisbech – Appeal dismissed. **Noted.**
  - Highways reports from Councillors on problems
1. Briar hedge needs cutting, as it is now half way across the road. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the occupier.

105. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSEMENT MATTERS**

Property Maintenance and Risk Assessment Matters reports from Councillors.

1. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that the Wisbech St Mary bench had been erected at a cost of £64.48 and it was agreed that this Invoice should be paid.
2. A discussion took place in respect of the Notice Board at Guyhirn School. S White had advised that the replacement cost would be £391.00 plus VAT or the replacement of just the door at £185.00 plus VAT. After a discussion it was agreed that the damage notice board be replaced with the spare one at Murrow. Mr C Fryett agreed to undertake this on behalf of the Parish Council.
3. Mr White had requested two councillors to take part in an Action Plan Committee. Mr J Parrin and Mr C Edwards agreed to take part. Mr J Fish advised the meeting that those who had originally been on the Parish Plan Committee from Thorney Toll had agreed to continue as part of the Action Plan Committee.

106. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. Balances of accounts totalling £112,200.62. The clerk advised the meeting that a letter had been received from the External Auditor requesting if we had a capital expenditure programme for the funds from the sale of the land. It was agreed that these funds would be spend on new community centres for the 4 villages. The Clerk also advised the meeting that the our application for the Fenland Links grant of £8,000 had been accepted.
- (b) Barclays Treasury deposit £100,000 interest on maturity 14.08.06 £322.77. **Noted. Invested £100,000 for a further month.**
- (c) Recycling credit £29.75. **Noted agreed to donate this to Guyhirn School.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (d) Clerks August salary

£406.43(LGAct 1972 S112) **Agreed**

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| (e) | NI and Tax  | £138.39(LGAct 1972 S112) <b>Agreed.</b> |
| (f) | CALC Freedom of Information Act workshop          | £25.00 (LGAct 1972 S143) <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (g) | P G Burkhill re erection of Wisbech St Mary bench | £64.48 (LGA 1894 S8(I)i. <b>Agreed</b>  |

107. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006 Planning at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

At this point of the meeting a discussion took place in respect of the venues for the meetings. It was agreed that all meetings be held at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove and not the village halls as previously agreed.

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

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & VENUE**

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006 Planning at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 Planning at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove. – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 Planning at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove. – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**