

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 25th September 2006 at the Clubhouse, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

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

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

There were no members of the public present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from P Barnes, C Fryett, D Hamilton and C Bellamy

115. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 14th August 2006 and the 4th September 2006.

Were approved and signed as a true record.

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

Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he had been unable to attend the Cambridgeshire ACRE AGM as he had a meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee.

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

Mr B Payne declared a personal interest on item 122f.

118. **POLICE MATTERS**

- Report by the Community Beat Officer outlined details of crimes within the Parish, which included theft from cars and mobile phones, assaults on neighbours, criminal damage, hay stake arson and driving away with paying for petrol.
- Mr Edwards and Mr Fish will be attending the first Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting on the 26th September. Mr Parrin could not attend this meeting, but had asked for his name to be put forward to serve on this Committee to ensure that our Parish is covered.
- A discussion took place in respect of the shortage of Community officers and the large area that has to be covered by current officers and their increased workload. It was agreed that the clerk writes a letter to the Chief Constable voicing concerns at the lack of police within the Parish and due to lack of officers on the ground that 999 calls are having to be prioritised.

119. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

List of planning applications determined by Fenland District Council.

- F/YR06/0743/F Land at Sayers Field, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary. **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**
- (a) F/YR06/0987/F Formation of first floor living accommodation including alterations to roof and dormer windows to front and rear of existing dwelling Toot Villa, Back Road, Murrow. Applicant P J Turner. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (b) F/YR06/0971/F Erection of a 3 bed detached house Plot 2 Bungalow, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant BP Reynolds. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**
- (c) F/YR06/01001/F Erection of a detached garage Peach House, 32 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant S Tooke. **Raised no objections, as it would appear that there is no adverse affect on the village scene.**

120. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Fenland Links change of address to Exchange Tower, 2-3 Bridge Street, Wisbech PE13 1HG. **Noted.**
- (b) Acknowledgement to letter to the FDC re additional dog fouling bins. **Noted. Clerk advised to write a letter of complaint as we have not received a reply by the 22nd September 2006, which is in accordance with the Council's Correspondence, Compliments and Complaints Procedure.**
- (c) CALC Annual General Meeting on the 14th October 2006. **Noted, Mr C Edwards to attend.**
- (d) FDC A Strategy for Fenlands Parks and Green Spaces. **The clerk was requested to obtain a copy of the draft strategy and questionnaire.**
- (e) Wisbech Police re Wisbech and District Neighbourhood First Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on the 26.09.06 at 7.30 pm at the Queen May Centre Wisbech. **Noted, Mr Edwards and Mr Fisk to attend.**
- (f) FDC Gambling Act 2005. **Noted.**
- (g) Health Forum meeting on Osteoporosis Monday 2nd October 2006 Queen Mary Centre 12.00 to 2.30 pm. **Noted.**
- (h) CALC re new constitution proposals and details of courses. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

ENCAMS Litter and the Law

CCC A-Z Council Services

Cambridge Older People's Enterprise Newsletter 26

Community Action Autumn 2006

ACRE Cambridgeshire Rural Strategy 2006-2010

Whats On

ENCAMS Improving the Environment

CCC Working to Improve Services for Cambridgeshire People

Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age 2006

Cambridgeshire ACRE Annual Review 2005-2006

The Clerk September 2006

Clerks and Councils Direct.

121. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- Correspondence from Karen Keefe re overgrown footpath 4 Tholomas Drove and Bridleway 8. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Overgrown tree at Alasan Lodge, Front Road, Murrow, which is also obstructing streetlight.
2. Lorries parked along Bevis Lane, which is a daily occurrence causing an obstruction to pedestrians and vehicles.
3. Outside Guyhirn Cemetery the drain is blocked and causes flooding.
4. Drain is required at Bramble Corner, as this area becomes water logged.
5. Atkins have advised Mr Fish that they will be demolishing the bus shelter owned by the Parish Council at Thorney Toll and replacing it with an inferior shelter. The Parish Council have not been advised of this and it was agreed that the clerk writes requesting that the new shelter have sides to this new shelter.

122. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date, balance of account £111,425.97.
- (b) Barclays Bank Treasury Deposit Interest £325.29 matured 14.09.06. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (c) Society of Local Council Clerks | £93.00 (LGA 1972 S143) | Agreed. |
| (d) Clerk September salary | £406.43 LGAct 1972 S112 | Agreed. |
| (e) Tax & NI | £138.39 LGAct 1972 S112 | Agreed. |
| (f) Travel for B Payne | £26.40 (LGA1972 s194) | Agreed. |
| (g) Travel for C Edwards | £20.00 (LGA1972 S194) | Agreed. |
| (h) PC World Ink Cartridge & Mouse | £91.37 (LG(FP) Act 1963 S5) | Agreed. |
| (i) Telephone Fax for office | £134.98(LG(FP)Act 1963 S5) | Agreed. |
| (j) D J Rowell | £420.00 (LGA 1894 S8 1i) | Agreed. |
| (k) The Cheques Hire of Hall | £30.00 (LGAct 1972 S134) | Agreed. |

To approve payment of requests for grants

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| (l) Volunteer Centre | £100.00 (LGAct S137) | Agreed. |
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123. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSEMENT MATTERS**

Property Maintenance and Risk Assessment Matters reports from Councillors.

- The maintenance work to the Guyhirn Pit and Murrow Footpath had been carried out and it was agreed that the Invoice of £420.00 be paid.
- Mrs Thrower advised the meeting that she felt that the developers are encroaching on the footpath near the Church at Murrow. This was a concerned voiced previously, but appears to now becoming a reality and it was agreed that Mr Edwards would investigate and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.
- Mr Parrin stated on behalf of Mr Barnes that upon the demolition of the bus shelter in Mill Road that a new shelter should be erected at another site. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the next agenda for discussion as it was felt that priority should be given to other areas of Murrow where larger numbers of children catch the school bus.

124. **BACK ROAD, MURROW**

To receive update on progress on funding for passing places in Back Road, Murrow under the jointly funding minor improvement grants. **As yet no update has been received.**

125. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Mr Payne outlined the details given at the seminar organised by CALC attended by the clerk and himself. It was agreed that all requests for information should be brought to the council. It was also agreed that no information should be kept that is not necessary. It was agreed that the clerk obtains a model policy from CALC.

- Mr Edwards advised the meeting that NALC is reviewing the Quality Parish Council scheme and the way in which Parish Council are assessed.
- A discussion took place in respect of the Action Plan Committee to move the Parish Plan forward. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he had been at a Fenland Links meeting and was told that the Parish Council were holding them up from moving our Parish Action Plan forward. It was agreed that the clerk writes to representative who have agreed to join this committee to make sure that they are still able to join this committee.

126. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 16th October 2006 Planning at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

127. Monday, 6th November 2006 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**
 Monday, 27th November 2006 Planning at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove
 Monday, 18th December 2006 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove. – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**
 Monday, 8th January 2007 Planning at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove
 Monday, 29th January 2007 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove. – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**