

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 21st April 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

Councillors:-	J Parrin (Chairman)	K Bagg	P Barnes	P Carpenter	P Davies	J Fish
	T Fowler	C Fryett	B Payne	D Thrower	C Bellamy	
Parishioners:-	T Jennings	S Pitcher	B Reay			
Visitors:-	P C J Coales	T Wadsley (Fenland Links)				

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

- A member of the Guyhirn Pond committee produced some maps of the pond obtained from the Wisbech Museum. Mr Parrin stated that he had visited the Land Registry and that the Pond is registered to the Parish Council, but the neighbour's property is not registered. Mr Davies will speak to Mr Gilbert before any further action is taken and report back to the next meeting.
- A parishioner advised the meeting that the hedges of Sheraden House, Glebeland and The Old Police House in High Road, Guyhirn are overhanging the footpath.
- Mrs S Pitcher advised the meeting that she had withdrawn her application to become a Parish Councillor to save the cost of an election. The Chairman thanked her for her consideration.
- The meeting was advised that the Guyhirn School had achieved their Green Flag.
- A parishioner advised the meeting that he had cut down the undergrowth from the bus stop sign in Sheraton House.
- The meeting was advised that Police Cameras had recently been present in High Road, Guyhirn.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

81. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 31st March 2008.

The minutes of the meeting of the 31st March 2008 were signed as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

J Parrin declared a personal interest on item 86h and Mrs D Thrower acted as chairman for this item.

P Barnes declared a personal interest on item 89l.

D Thrower declared a personal interest on item 89l.

C Bellamy declared a personal interest on item 86h.

84. **FENLAND LINKS**

Mrs Wadsley stated that the half term and Easter holiday programmes had gone well. The criterion for the next round of grants is being considered on Wednesday, 24th April. There are no new projects at the moment, but are supporting existing groups.

85. **POLICE MATTERS**

- Report by the Community Beat Officer who advised the meeting that there is an increase in theft of and from vehicles including farm vehicles. There is also an increase in theft of scrap and fuel not only from community areas, but from residential buildings.
- The parking of vehicles at the Pidgeons Corner is being dealt with as best they can and it is hoped that Roddons will improve the parking area behind the houses to alleviate this problem.

86. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- FDC appeal by Mr Troughton erection of a detached 3 bed house involving demolition of side extension and new vehicle access to 42 Station Drive, Wisbech St Mary. 6 weeks from the 10th April 2008. **No action to be taken.**
- Planning for Real Prioritisation Session 14.04.08 6.00 pm The Oasis Centre, Wisbech **Noted, but notification was received after the event had taken place.**

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

(a) F/YR08/0315/O erection of 3 dwellings land North East of St Helier, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant A Quince.

Agent Maxey and Son. **We support this development and recommend approval as long as if the drain is filled in the**

work is carried out to the Drainage Boards specifications as this is the outlet for the village Pond.

(b) F/YR08/0314/O residential development (0.2280 Ha) land south west of St Helier High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant A Quince. Agent Maxey and Son. **We support this development and recommend approval as long as if the drain is filled in the work is carried out to the Drainage Boards specifications as this is the outlet for the village Pond.**

- (c) F/YR08/0305/ siting of a mobile home and the erection of a store and chicken shed Rawlings Yard, New Drove, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs Brown. Agent Vawser and Co. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR08/0302/F construction of sewage pumping station, ground control kiosk and 6.0 metre high telemetry aerial land north of Station Drive, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Anglian Water Services (A Richardson) **We support this development and recommend approval**
- (e) F/YR08/0298/F erection of a 3 bed bungalow and siting of a temporary day room land North East of Glendale, Murrow Lane, Murrow. Applicant Mr and Mrs Upton. Agent Grahame Seaton Designs Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (f) F/YR08/0352/TE1 installation of a 6 metre high telemetry mast and control panel kiosk land south of 2 The Birches, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Anglian Water Services Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (g) F/YR08/0351/F erection of 2 x 2 bed semi detached bungalows and formation of vehicular access. Applicant L Allen. Agent Remway Design Limited. **We support 1 bungalow as 2 would make this area over developed.**
- (h) F/YR08/0348/F erection of a community hall in association with existing sports and recreation site and erection of 15 x 0.8 metre high pedestrian lighting bollards and 3 x 0.7 metre high drop down bollards Playing Field, station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Wisbech St Mary Parish Council (P Albutt). Agent Peter Humphrey Associates. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

87. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) CALC Chairman's {Professional Development Stages 1 and 2. **Noted.**
- (b) CCC Inegrated Plan for 2008. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC Post Office Closures in Cambridgeshire. **Noted.**
- (d) CCC reply from Chief Executive's department regarding Quality Parish Councils. **Noted.**
- (e) Neighbourhood Policing Panels and the Proposal for Parish Community Safety Champions. **P Carpenter, J Parrin. D Thrower and T Coleman from Thorney Toll were selected to represent the Parish Council.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Community Life Awards 2008
 Cope April 2008 Newsletter
 Local Councils Update April 2008-04-09
 Jordans Charity Focus Issue 6

Leap Ahead March 2008
 FCVS Training May – July 2008
 Green Vision News March 2008

88. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- Reply re Street light on Selwyn Corner. **Noted.**
- Streetlights owned by Roddons. **Noted.**
- Cost of altering bus shelter at Guyhirn is £1453.00. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to CCC stating that the Parish Council considered the price to be outrageous and can we have permission to have the work carried out ourselves and how much will they give towards this. It was agreed that Mr Fryett and Mr Fowler to draw up a plan and once this has been received by the clerk she will then contact Mr Burr and Mr Gambles to obtain quotations.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Hedges of Sheraden House, Glebeland and The Old Police House in High Road, Guyhirn are overhanging the footpath.
2. A parishioner advised that cars travelling past her house in Mouth Lane, Guyhirn continue to end up in her garden either dead or seriously injured. It was agreed that the clerk sends a copy of her letter to the Police and Highways.
3. Holes in road outside Wisbech St Mary School.
4. Holes in road in Murrow Bank near Pentelows Corner.
5. Holes in road in Seadyke, Murrow and excess water on the road as the dykes have been filled and no drainage.
6. Hedge at the end of Station Road, Wisbech St Mary, Leverington Common end needs trimming back.

89. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year end.
- (b) Approval of accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2008. **It was agreed to approve the Accounts.**
- (c) Barclays Treasury deposit £100,000 maturing on the 24.04.08 gross interest £383.84. **Noted.**
- (d) FDC recycling credit £62.81. **It was agreed to send a cheque to Wisbech St Mary School for the last two recycling credits £62.81 and £52.58 total £115.39.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (e) The Cheques Hire of Hall £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed**
- (f) Clerk April salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (g) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (h) FDC Apportioned Recharges for running Parish Election in May 2007 £626.41 LG1972 S42(6) **Agreed**
- (i) CALC affiliation fees £572.23 LGAct 1972 S143 **Agreed**
- (j) Cambridgeshire ACRE affiliation fees £25.00 LGAct 1972 S143 **Agreed.**

To approve payment of grants

(k) Young Lives

£to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **No further information received as requested.**

(l) Murrow Playing Field Association

£to be agreed LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 **It**

was agreed that the clerk writes requesting up date accounts in order that a more informed decisions can be made.

90. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS**

(a) Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.

(b) Risk Assessment report **Agreed that Highway items be passed onto the County Highways department.**

91. **GUYHIRN POND**

Mr Parrin stated that he had visited the Land Registry and that the Pond is registered to the Parish Council, but the neighbour's property is not registered. Mr Davies will speak to Mr Gilbert before any further action is taken and report back to the next meeting.

93. **HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES**

Vacancy Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary Property and Parish Council's turn to allocate. **It was agreed that the clerk advises the Cambridge Housing Society of our nomination for the vacancy.**

94. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

The clerk advised the meeting that no progress has been made and it was agreed that the clerk writes to John Hooper of FDC requesting what progress has been made towards purchasing the land from the FDC.

95. **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AND AGM**

A poster for the Annual assembly was distributed.

96. **COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Mrs S Pitcher advised the meeting in the Open Forum that she had withdrawn her application and therefore, there will not be an election and Mr P Wait will fill the vacancy uncontested. Mr P Carpenter stated that he was concerned that this had happened.

97. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**

- The meeting was advised that Inspector Graham had left the area and been replaced by Mr Robin Sissons.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

98. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 12th May 2008-Annual Assembly and AGM at Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavilion

99. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2008/2009**

Monday, 2nd June 2008

Monday, 23rd June 2008

Monday, 14th July 2008

Monday 11th August 2008

Monday, 1st September 2008

Monday, 22nd September 2008

Monday, 13th October 2008

Monday 3rd November 2008

Monday, 24th November 2008

Monday, 15th December 2008

Monday, 5th January 2009