

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 2nd June 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)	K Bagg	P Barnes	C Fryett	T Fowler	B Payne	D Thrower
C Bellamy						
Parishioners	T Jennings	S Pitcher	B Reay	W Ward		
Visitors	P C J Coales	T Wadsley				

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

- The meeting was advised that the Guyhirn Youth Club would be contacting the Parish Council for a grant.
- The meeting was asked whether we had heard anything about the hedges being cut in High Road, Guyhirn. The Chairman stated that it had been reported to the CCC Highways, but no reply to date had been received.
- A letter was presented to the Parish Council requesting a change of route of certain buses to enable those of Guyhirn to have access to March and Peterborough Train Stations.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from P Davies, J Fish, P Wait and J Tuck.

118. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 12th May 2008.
The minutes of the meeting of the 12th May 2008 were signed as a true record.

119. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
There were no matters arising.

120. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
There were no members' declarations of interest.

121. **FENLAND LINKS**
Report by T Wadsley re progress being made by Fenland Links.
The meeting was advised that Fenland Links held 9 activities during the half term holiday benefiting 89 children.
Application Forms were distributed to the Councillors for grants.

122. **POLICE MATTERS**

- Report by the Community Beat Officer who stated that there continues to be theft of or theft from motor vehicles. The Councillors were requested to continue to report problems. PC J Coales stated that 3 youths had been arrested for stealing vehicles. Seven hours were spent in Murrow village on Saturday evening and that the police would continue to target different areas.
- The meeting was advised of smart water a system to mark property. It was suggested that the use of this could reduce Insurance Premiums and the cost is approximately £15 per household.

123. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- Correspondence from Wendy Holland FDC Planning concerning Officer reports and public access to planning applications. **Noted, it was felt that this was passing the buck.**
- F/YR08/0305/F Siting of a mobile home and the erection of a store and chicken shed Rawlings Yard, New Drove, Wisbech St Mary APPLICATION WITHDRAWN. **Noted.**
- FDC regarding Rules of Procedure Governing Applications for Sex Establishment Licensing. **Noted.**

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

(a) F/YR08/0421/F erection of a vacuum pumping station and 2.3 metre high security fence land off Nene Close, Guyhirn. Applicant Anglian Water Services. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

124. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

(a) AWA concerning S101a Sewerage Scheme Murrow enclosing a brochure sent out to Parishioners and Public Surgery Murrow Village Hall 24th and 25th June 2.30 to 6.30 pm. **Noted.**

(b) FDC Progress on development Plan documents. **Noted.**

(c) Peterborough City Council Peterborough Core Strategy development Plan Document (DPD – Preferred Options Stage Consultation. **Noted.**

(d) FDC Electoral Manager advising that the previous bill was overcharged and it has been reduced to £85.43. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

Fenland Council for Voluntary Service Newsletter May 2008
Clerks and Councils Direct May 2008

The Clerk May 2008

125. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

(a) CCC Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2009/2010 Bidding Round to be submitted by the 18.07.08.

- **It was agreed that we submit two bids one to provide a footpath from Bunkers Hill to Wisbech St Mary and the other to block off the A47 at Gull Road junctions so that all traffic has to turn left. It was agreed that the clerk contacts Peter Vale of Highways to see if this is appropriate. If this is not applicable for Minor Highways Improvements our second bid was to be more signage at Bellamy Bridge to make this road safer.**
- (b) CCC Highways regarding matters previously passed to them. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Dog bins at Murrow on the fence near the village hall and on the post near 89 Front road, close to the footpath between Front Road and Back Road, Murrow.
2. Hole in the road at Pentelows Corner from Murrow to Guyhirn.
3. Road at Seadyke Bank continues to get flooded due to lack of drainage. It was agreed that the clerk makes arrangements for officer to meet with Mr Barnes.
4. All junctions throughout the parish should be given priority for grass cutting and these areas should be cut more frequently.
5. Bunkers Hill sign near the Bridge Inn, Wisbech St Mary needs replacing.
6. Three trees need cutting at Guyhirn on the A47 up to the Bridge, Bunkers Hill Rat-n-Row lefthand side and Pentelows Corner on the way from Murrow.
7. Holes at Gull Road Guyhirn at the bends near Bank view.
8. Footpath Green Acres Gull Road Guyhirn needs tarmacing. This is a matter of Health and Safety as pedestrian have to walk on the road.
9. Signs needed at Pidgeons Corner for road directions to Seadyke, slow signs and signs to indicate Main Road ie Priority Road.

126. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year end. **The clerk advised the meeting that the balance of the account is £147714.26.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (b) The Cheques Hire of Hall £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**
 (c) Towergate Commercial Combined Insurance £1390.33 LGAct 1972 S111 **Agreed.**

To approve payment of grants

- (j) Murrow Youth Club £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **It was unanimously agreed that the clerk writes stating that before we give a grant that the Murrow Youth Club should run their own Bank account.**

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

- Quotations received from M F Haulage and Plant Hire Limited for maintenance of the bus shelters totalling £1140. It was unanimously agreed that we go ahead.
- A discussion took place in respect of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign. A verbal quotation of between £500 and £600 had been received. It was agreed unanimously that as long as this work did not go above £600.00 that this work go ahead.

128. **GUYHIRN POND**

The meeting was advised that it was understood that the Pond Committee were to install a seat in Spencer Drove to enable parishioners to sit and look at the Pond.

129. **HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES**

Vacancy Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary Property and Parish Council's turn to allocate. Letter from Douglas Stother stating that as the nomination came after the deadline of the 14th May they have requested a nomination from Roddons Housing Association. **The meeting was very upset that this had happened and it was agreed that the clerk writes to the Cambridge Housing Society voicing our strong concerns that it was the Parish Council's turn to allocate and that we would expect to allocate the next two vacancies.**

130. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Progress in respect of the purchase of land from Fenland District Council
 Map received from FDC. **No further progress has been made.**

131. **MURROW FOOTPATH**

Discuss as to what action to be taken to improve this area
It was agreed that the clerk contacts the Cambridgeshire County Council Footpath Department to make arrangements for them to meet with the Chairman to ascertain as to whom has the responsibility of the footpath between Back Road and Front Road Murrow adjacent to the old Church.

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

- The clerk advised the meeting that a letter had been received from FDC Electoral Services Manager advising us that the Parish Council are now required to fill the vacancy by co-option, which must be done as soon as

practicable. An item has to appear on the agenda for the next meeting giving details of the person or persons to be considered for co-option. It was suggested that any Councillor let the clerk have nominations for the next agenda by 6.30 pm on Saturday, 14th June 2008.

- A discussion took place in respect of the Village Voices distributors delivering a leaflet for the Police regarding speeding traffic. Some favourable replies had been received from Parson Drove and Murrow. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Richard Gilbert who has an up to date list of distributors to request the names to enable the clerk to write to them or for him to ask the distributors if they would be willing to include this leaflet.
- The clerk advised the meeting that she was in the process of archiving minutes of Parish Council meetings from 1993 to date.

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

133. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 23rd June 2008

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

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