

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 3rd November 2008 at 7.00 pm The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)	P Barnes	J Carney	P Davies	C Fryett	T Fowler
B Payne D Thrower	C Bellamy	J Tuck			
Visitors	P C J Coales	T Wadsley (Fenland Links)			
Parishioners	P Carpenter, B Freeman	S Freeman	S James	M Le-Hair,	J Milthorpe
	S Pitcher				

OPEN FORUM

1. Invitation from the Young People of Guyhirn to attend a presentation of their film on Speeding, which had received an award from the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire. This presentation will take place on the 22nd November 2008 at Guyhirn Village Hall from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. There will be refreshments and it will give the Councillors an opportunity to see new refurbished Village Hall.
2. Concerns were again voiced on the Adult shop in Guyhirn and that it was not giving a good impression to any visitors to Fenland.
3. 40 mph sign should be moved to cover more of Gull Road, Guyhirn in view of the fact that there has been extensive development in this road.
4. The Parish Council was invited to take their meetings into the villages to enable them to work more closely with the communities which they serve.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg, J Fish and J Tuck

260. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 13.10.08

The minutes of the meeting of the 13th October were approved and signed as a true record.

261. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

The meeting was advised that both Mr Payne and Mr Parrin had attended Fenland District Council to hear about the implications of the white paper implementing Three Tier Management.

262. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

C Bellamy declared a personal interest on items 266 a, b, c and d.

263. FENLAND LINKS

Report by T Wadsley re progress being made by Fenland Links in respect of Grant funding for various projects within the Parish.

1. Mrs Wadsley advised the meeting that the mobile speed cameras can be used in 40 mph areas. More volunteers are needed as parishioners cannot use the cameras in their own parish so if we do not get volunteers to go into other Parishes we will not have any volunteers to come into our Parish.
2. Speeding Focus meetings have four priorities.
 - a. Education re mortality – working with Primary School during Road Safety week.
 - b. Community voice – first meeting in December and the General Forum in January.
 - c. Action Plan – change speed limits, traffic calming. Make a wish list and set up a lobby group.
 - d. Research data to work with the Police.
3. Affordable Housing meeting on the 8th November at the Oasis Centre 10.00 am to 12.00.
4. Roddon Housing Association to consult with the local communities. Meeting to be held at Thorney Toll on the 3rd December 2008 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.
5. Community Forum on the 27th November at Wisbech St Mary Village Hall.

264. VISIT BY PAUL GARNELL FDC NEW STREETSCENE OFFICER.

Mr Garnell did not attend the meeting.

265. POLICE MATTERS

Report by the Community Beat Officer advising the meeting of various crimes throughout the Parish.

266. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- Planning appeal APP/DO515/A/08/2086863/WF F & S Bullock regarding erection of a 5 bed detached house with detached double garage land west of Beats Lodge, Hooks Drove, Murrow. Any comments to be made within 6 weeks of the 7th October 2008. **Noted. No further comment to be made.**
- FDC advising that an appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate by Mr J Upton regarding appeal against construction of bungalow at North East of Glendale, Murrow Lane Murrow, Wisbech. DTLR reference APP/DO515/C/08/208433. **It was agreed that the clerk writes support Fenland District Council that it should be removed as soon as possible.**

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

- (a) F/YR08/0894/O Residential development (max 6 dwellings) involving demolition of existing dwelling land Front Back Road and 49 Fron Road, Murrow. Applicant M Neville. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR08/0893/RM erection of a 3 bed detached house with integral single garage land west of 66 Front road, Murrow. Applicant N Proctor. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

- Moore. (c) F/YR08/0884/O erection of 2 bungalows land south and east of Selwyn Nursery High road, Guyhirn. Applicant S Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- CCTV (d) F/YR08/0898/F erection of 10 x 2 bed log cabins for use as holiday lets in conjunction with existing fishing lakes and We formation of new vehicular access and erection of 4 m high (max) entrance gates/wall with associated lighting and Willowcroft Fish Farm Seadyke Bank, Murrow. Applicant R Foreman. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

267 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) P Carpenter Chairman of Guyhirn Action group regarding meeting location. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk acknowledge receipt.**
- (b) Norfolk green regarding driver who was unable to assist a disabled parishioner. **It was agreed that Mr Parrin would contact the disabled parishioner to find out more details in order that Norfolk Green can take action to rectify this.**
- (c) FDC copy of Effective Three Tier working in Cambridgeshire a document that details the proposal for Enhanced Neighbourhood Engagement & Management in Fenland. **Noted.**
- (d) FDC How do I Make a Complaint about a Councillor Poster. **Posters distributed to Councillors.**
- Murrow. (e) AWA Sewerage Scheme Murrow regarding pipework to be installed adjacent to the village pond in Front Road, **Noted.**
- (f) Thank you from Thorney Toll Village Hall for the grant for the playing field. **Noted.**
- (g) S Pitcher Chairman of the Governors of Guyhirn School requesting a representative from the Parish Council on the School Travel Plan Steering Group. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes advising that Mr Fowler or Mr Bagg would attend the next Steering Group meeting on the 26th January 2009 at 3.00 pm.**
- Road, (h) Savills re Anglian Water Services Limited – Murrow Sewerage Scheme and Mrs Green 131 School Cottage, Front Murrow requesting permission of the Parish Council to move the pipe. **Agreed.**
- (i) Thank you letter from Little Lambs Pre School for the donation of £500.00. **Noted.**
- (j) Calc AGM minutes and copy of accounts. **Noted.**
- Correspondence in folder for information only**
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268 **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

1. CCC Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Programme 2009/10 advising that resources are expected to be available to undertake the top four Chatteris (Wenny Road), March ST Peter's Road, Upwell Road, Newton High Road and Wisbech Bowthorpe Road. **Noted.**
- Highways reports from Councillors on problems**
- Barnes. 1. Deep water on road at Seadyke due to the dyke being filled in. Make arrangements for Highways to meet with Mr
2. Gull Road Guyhirn to Murrow Bank very uneven.
3. Churchfields, Wisbech St Mary "No Through Road" sign needs replacing.
4. Road breaking up at Bus stop on the A47 next to Play Today.
- when 5. Station Avenue, Murrow Streetlights needed. Contact Planning department to see what the planning conditions were building the new houses.
6. Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary opposite Bridge Inn drains and curbs do not divert water and it is going into the first three bungalows garages.
7. Pots holes in Foleys drove.
8. Bunkers Hill sign on the side of road west of the Bridge Inn, Wisbech St Mary – needs erecting.
9. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary behind the fish shop road subsiding and the road breaking up.
10. Front Road, Murrow road sign next to the memorial buckled.
11. Murrow Bank sign opposite Mill Road taken away and it has never been returned.

269. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date. **Balance of account £164837.79.**
- (b) Barclays Treasury Deposit £100,000 Matures on the 24.10.08 Interest on maturity £386.30. Interest rate 4.7%. **Mr Payne to liaise with clerk to see whether the £100,000 can be invested with 100% security.**
- (c) FDC Parish Council application for Concurrent functions grant 2009/10. **Clerk to complete on behalf of the Parish Council with two street lights. Clerk to write stating that our Parish consists of 3 villages and 2 hamlets and the maximum allocation of two streetlights for each Parish is not enough.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (c) The Cheques Hire of Hall | £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed. |
| (d) Clerk November salary | £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed. |
| (e) Tax & NI | £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed. |
| (f) Wisbech St Mary Village Hall re Golden Age Fair | £66.00 LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed. |
| (g) SLCC Bookshop – Local Council Administration | £52.00 LG(FP)Act 1963 S5 Agreed. |
| (h) Royal British Legion Poppy wreaths | £49.50 LGAct 1973 S137 Agreed. |

To approve payment of grants

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| (g) Murrow Pre School | £500.00 LGAct 1972 S137 Agreed. |
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270. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS**
No maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.
271. **GUYHIRN POND**
No Progress report received. Mr Davies stated that the Pond committee to date had not contacted him.
272. **HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES**
Reply from Cambridge Housing Society enclosing an Agreement for Nominations for discussion. **After a discussion it was agreed that the Chairman sign the Agreement for Nominations on behalf of the Parish Council.**
273. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**
Progress in respect of the purchase of land from Fenland District Council. **The clerk advised the meeting that a letter had been sent to Mr N Davis of Frasers asking them to act on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the purchase of this land from the Fenland District Council for £10,000.00.**
274. **MURROW FOOTPATH**
Progress in respect of work to be carried out. **As stated at the meeting of the 13th October 2008 we will continue to monitor the situation with regard to EDF energy running a cable along this footpath and its resurfacing.**
275. **ALLOTMENTS**
Progress re the sale of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Letter Confirmation of Valuation Instructions minimum fee of £350.00. **After a discussion it was agreed that the clerk writes to Maxey's stating that it was felt that the fee was high and could not justify paying this amount. If we did not hear from them within the next 14 days we would seek other advice.**
Letter from a Parishioner requesting an allotment.
Letter from the representative of W Storey giving notice of vacating the Allotment 9 The Broads. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to the parishioner requesting an allotment advising him that the allotment 9 The Broads was now vacant.**
276. **DELIVERY OF POLICE LEAFLETS**
No leaflets have yet been received or details of the Smartwater.
277. **WEBSITE FOR WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**
Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd September. Further investigations to be made in order to give more informed recommendations. **Another meeting has been arranged for the 12th November 2008 at Murrow Book Café at 7.30pm.**
278. **GOLDEN AGE FAIR**
Update re Golden Age Fair held at Wisbech St Mary on the 14th October 2008. **It was agreed that this had been very successful.**
279. **REVIEW OF REGULARITY OF MEETINGS & VENUE**
Suggested at meeting on the 13th October that we change the frequency of meetings from three weekly to four weekly. List of dates enclosed. **After a discussion it was agreed that meetings be every four weeks commencing from this meeting and that we visit the village halls from the Annual Assembly.**
280. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**
1. Mr Payne stated that there was an article in the Local Council Review, which stated that if any listed building in the parish becomes in disrepair the Parish Council should take action.
2. There had been power cuts in Gull Road, Guyhirn at Christmas. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Edf energy.
3. Mr Parrin stated that there are drainage grants available for keeping drains clear. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the County Council Land Agent and North Level Drainage Board to arrange a meeting with Mr Parrin at the Pocket Park, Wisbech St Mary regarding the drains as they are blocked with trees and vegetation.
- 281 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 1st December 2008
282 **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2009/2010**
Monday, 5th January 2009 at the Chequers, Tholomas Drove
Monday, 2nd February 2009 at the Chequers, Tholomas Drove
Monday, 2nd March 2009 at the Chequers, Tholomas Drove
Monday, 30th March 2009 at the Chequers, Tholomas Drove
Monday 27th April 2009 at the Chequers, Tholomas Drove
Monday, 18th May 2009 Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by the AGM at Thorney Toll Village Hall.
Monday, 15th June 2009
Monday, 13th July 2009
Monday 17th August 2009

Monday, 14th September 2009

Monday, 12th October 2009

Monday 9th November 2009

Monday, 7th December 2009

Monday, 4th January 2010