

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday, 10th March 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
Parishioners:- T Jennings J Martin
Visitors:- T Wadsley

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

- A parishioner asked as to the boundary of the Pond as the Pond Committee would like to put seats and a garden area at the top of bank. It was suggested that the trees were the boundary. Mr Davies agreed to talk with Mr Gilbert whose lives in the property adjacent to the pond to try and ascertain the pond boundary and agree to seats and a garden area. It was agreed that the pond should be registered with the Land Registry once the boundary had been confirmed.
- The meeting was advised that the Open Day at Guyhirn Village Hall had been very successful. Parishioners attending had completed a questionnaire and the items that came forward were speeding cars, speed limit outside the school, dog mess along the pavements, footbridge over the A47, the church and more facilities in the village.
- The meeting were advised of the concerns of residents in Murrow of the parking on the side of road at Pidgeons Corner. The police have been spoken to about this and they have stated that it is an offence to park at the side of road and if they prosecute these owners then they would have to prosecute numerous other car owners. It was suggested that perhaps the police could speak to the residents asking them to park behind their properties and not on the roadside.
- The meeting were advised that Guyhirn Youth Club had been successful in obtaining a High Sheriff Award for their project “Speeding in Guyhirn”.
- The meeting were advised that Guyhirn Youth Club had been awarded a £2000 grant from the Cambridge Youth Bank and they are setting up a Youth Club. There will be four sessions per night for 10 years plus.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from J Fish and PC J Coales.

51. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 18th February 2008.
The minutes of the meeting of the 18th February 2008 were signed as a true record.
52. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
There were no matters arising.
53. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
There were no declarations of interest.
54. **FENLAND LINKS**
Report by T Wadsley re progress being made by Fenland Links in respect of Grant funding for various projects within the Parish.
- The meeting was advised that the Cambridgeshire County Council are placing a porta cabin at Murrow School for a Children’s Centre.
55. **POLICE MATTERS**
PC J Coales was unable to attend the meeting, but had contacted the clerk who advised the meeting of the following:-
- White lines were being marked at Bellamys Bridge and additional give way signs. Extra slow markings on the road were a priority, together with extra signs highlighting the junction.
 - People were to be reminded that sheds should be secured as we were coming up to the grass cutting season.
 - There has been a spate of fuel thefts.
 - Please continue to report any incidents to the police.
 - There had been some trouble with youths in Murrow, but the Police are dealing with this. Mrs Thrower advised the meeting that the Murrow Book Café is closing in the evenings due to troublesome Youths.
56. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
- FDC concerning the launch of a standard planning application form as from the 25th March 2008. **Noted.**
- List of planning applications determined by the Council.**
- (a) F/YR08/0139/F erection of 2 warehouse units Land North of all Best Cuts Limited, Hooks Drove, Murrow. Applicant S Carr All Best Cuts Limited. Agent David Broker Associates. **We support this development and recommend approval as long as the Highways look at the traffic situation and the state of the road.**
- (b) F/YR08/0138/F Change of use of part of existing factory unit (B2) to retail (A1) and formation of external door and access ramp to front elevation. All Best Cuts Limited, Hooks Drove, Murrow. Applicant S Carr All Best Cuts Limited. Agent David Broker Associates. **We support this development and recommend approval as long as the Highways look at the traffic situation and the state of the road.**
- (c) F/YR08/0147/F erection of a 4 bed detached house with integral garage Plot 3 Bungalow, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant R Brown & S Chapman. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

- (d) F/YR08/01145/F erection of a 5 bed detached house with detached double garage land west of Beats Lodge, Hooks drove, Murrow. Applicant F & S Bullock. Agent Accubuild Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval. We consider this to be infill.**
- (e) F/YR08/0162/LB Internal works to listed building Guyhirn chapel of ease High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant The Churches Conservation Trust (R Simmons). Agent Marshall Sissons. **We recommend refusal until the Conservation Officer is satisfied that this is the best way forward.**
- (f) F/YR08/01174/O Erection of 4 detached houses involving demolition of existing building land south of Court House, High Road, Tholoms Drove. Applicant Mr and Mrs P cannon. Agent Maxey and Son. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (g) F/YR08/01176/F erection of a temporary storage building B8 use Ken Thomas Limited, Thorney Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Ken Thomas. Agent Mosaic Town Planning. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (h) F/YR08/0205/F alterations to existing dwelling to form a 4 bed dwelling involving alterations to ground levels and formation of vehicular access The Mount, 43 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mr Salmon. Agents Morton and Hall Consulting Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - A discussion took place in respect of the proposed development of 5 terraced houses near Guyhirn Church. It was agreed that Mr Payne attend the Planning meeting and recommend approval on behalf of the Parish Council.

57. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) CCC Countryside Access Issues. **It was agreed that the clerk obtains a map of the Footpaths and ask for the footpath from Hollycroft Farm opposite the Corpus Christi Church, front Road, Murrow to Murrow Lane at the Tholomas Drove End to be cut.**
- (b) Parishioner of Murrow requesting a bus service on a Thursday and Saturday and a post box in the middle of the village. **Noted. Mr Parrin outlined details of Dial a ride.**
- (c) A cheque from Parson Drove Parish Council for £740 towards the streetlight in Back Road, Murrow. **Noted.**
- (d) FDC re notification of a By Election on the 3rd April 2008 for the Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward. **Noted.**
- (e) North Level District Internal Drainage Board advising when the demands for Drainage Rates will be received. **Noted.**
- (f) Vital Communities A Fashion Show to Spring into Spring 13.03.08 3.30 to 4.30 Wisbech St Mary Primary School. **Noted.**
- (g) Cambridgeshire ACRE Notification Act 1998 are the Parish Council happy that they hold details about the Parish Council. **Agreed that they should hold the details about the Parish Council.**
- (h) Wisbech St Mary Community Centre amended Planning Application submitted in the name of the Parish Council. **Agreed.**
- (i) Invite to the Chairman and 1 other to the Fenland Links Police meeting at Elme Hall on Thursday 27th March 8.15 am to 9.30 am. Other places available upon request by the 12th March 2008. **Mr Parrin, Mr Payne and Mr Carpenter to attend.**
- (j) Towgate Risk Solutions keeping us up to date with Insurance Issues **Noted**
- (k) Cambridgeshire ACRE Play Space Make it fun, make it safe Wednesday, 26th March 2008 9.30 am to 2.00 pm The Pavilion Centre Ely. **Noted. Mr Carpenter agreed to pass on this information to play leaders within Guyhirn.**

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Norfolk County Council Mineral and Waste Local Development Framework Consultation
 Enjoy England Celebrate St George's Day 23.04.08
 COPE newsletter No. 42 March 2008

58. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Reply from CCC Highways re items passed from previous meetings. **Noted.**
- (b) Reply from CCC re Speed Limits. **Noted.**
- (c) Reply from CCC Highways regarding the downgrade of the road from Guyhirn to Wisbech via Wisbech St March from a b road to a c road. No one seems to take responsibility for this. **Noted.**
- (d) Reply from A Millard Enforcement Officer regarding Enforcements notices issued to residents of Back Road, Murrow. It would appear that there are no outstanding enforcements matters in respect of obstacles, posts or trees. **It was agreed that the clerk contacts Councillor Tuck to ascertain what has happened in respect of the 20 plus enforcement notices that she advised us had been issued in Back Road, Murrow.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Dog fowling in Wisbech St Mary and Murrow.
2. Three cars parked on Front Road, Back Road at Pidgeons corner all day and all night partly on the pavement and it is very dangerous.
3. We report yet again the problem in Murrow Bank concerning the dropping away of the side of the road between Guyhirn and Murrow.
4. Two pot holes wither side of the school gate in Chapelfield Avenue, Wisbech St Mary.
5. Side of the road in Church Road, Wisbech St Mary at the back of the fish shop is being reinstated, but no curbing. Without the curbing the side of the road will soon collapse yet again.
6. Numerous holes in the road from Gull Road to the A47.
7. Dog bin required near village hall Guyhirn, on the fence near the village hall Murrow and on the post near 89 Front Road, Murrow close to the footpath between Front Road and Back Road, Murrow.

8. Pot holes on the footpath in Station Road and Station Drive, Wisbech St Mary adjacent to the playing field access.

59. **FINANCE**

(a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. **The clerk advised the meeting that the balance of account is £130299.23.**

(b) Barclays Treasury Deposit invested until 25th March interest on maturity £355.15. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(c) The Cheques Hire of Hall £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**

(d) Clerk March salary £452.67 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**

(e) Tax & NI £173.14 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**

To approve payment of grants

(f) Vital communities £500.00 LGAct 1972 S137 **It was proposed by K Bagg and seconded by P Carpenter that we agreed to the grant of £500.00. A vote was taken and the proposition was passed by 5 votes to 4.**

(g) Young Lives £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **No decision made as we have not received a copy of the accounts.**

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

(a) Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems. **No problems to report.**

(b) Date to be arranged for the annual risk assessment. **The date agreed was Tuesday, 1st April 2008 by the clerk and J Parrin from Wisbech St Mary, P Carpenter from Guyhirn, T Fowler from Tholomas Drove and D Thrower from Murrow.**

61. **GUYHIRN POND**

Report from D Thrower regarding the ROSPA Risk Assessment. **Mrs Thrower stated that she was unable to report as she had not received the original ROSPA Risk Assessment. She would report to the next meeting.**

62. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Progress report re the purchase of land from the FDC.

Reply from J Hooper FDC stating that he has yet to submit the sale of land to the Portfolio Holder. **Noted.**

It was suggested that perhaps the Playing Field Committee should contact Cambridgeshire County Council to see if they could rent the land owned by them adjacent to the Guyhirn Playing Field as at the moment this is not being used.

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

The Chairman of the Poors Allotment Charity, Mr P Davies asked permission of the Parish Council to carry out a Housing Survey of the needs in the Parish of Affordable Housing. The Survey is being carried out by Cambridgeshire ACRE. It was unanimously agreed that this survey should take place if it moves the Poors Allotment Charity nearer to provided affordable housing in Guyhirn.

The clerk stated that she had received no further information concerning improving the Guyhirn Bus shelter to enable the disabled to disembark the buses without them having to go into the middle of the road. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Councillor J Tuck to see if she able to help in bringing this matter forward before there is a serious accident.

The clerk stated that to date she has not had a reply in respect of our question about Quality Status and why nothing has changed. It was agreed that the clerk writes again to the Chief Executives and Leaders of Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

64. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 31st March 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

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

Monday, 21st April 2008

Monday, 12th May 2008 -Annual Assembly and AGM at Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavilion

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

