

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.00 pm The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

### PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)      P Barnes              J Carney              P Davies              J Fish      C Fryett              T Fowler

D Thrower              C Bellamy              J Tuck

Visitors              Paul Garnell (FDC)

Parishioners              N Adams, D Bush, P Carpenter, J Denny, L Elves, R Elves, M Le-Hair, T Le-Hair, V Nash.

### OPEN FORUM

1. The Parish Council were invited into the Community and hold their meetings in the village. To enable the Parish Plan to succeed the Parish Council would need to go into the Community. The clerk stated that we had tried this in the past and it had not been successful due to the fact that there were four village halls to use in turn and meant that there was no regular venue and some Parishioners had found it difficult to keep up to date.
2. Disappointed that the adult shop had been allowed to go ahead. Asked why the Parish Council had not supported the Action Group as there were 192 objections. A representative of the Parish Council stated that it had been discussed at the Parish Council and it had been decided not to raise any objections.
3. It was stated that it was difficult to know who the Parish Councillors were and who would represent the Parish on the FDC due to the resignation of Mr Wait. Mr C Bellamy and the clerk stated that Mr C Bellamy was a District Councillor and any of the ten remaining Councillors and the clerk was willing to put them in touch with any of the Councillors who would be willing to help any Parishioner if at all possible. If they did not know who to contact the Clerk's and Councillors' detail were on the two websites and in the newsletters distributed with the Village Voices.
4. Requested whether there could be a weight restriction and or speed restriction in Sandbank. The Parishioner was advised that we had tried to get both of these in the past to no avail.
5. Clarification was again asked for the Pond boundary. It was stated as before that it was the row of willow trees and however many times this question was asked the answer would remain the same.
6. The meeting was asked who owned the land next to the adult shop. No one was able to answer this with any certainty.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg, B Payne, T Wadsley and PC J Coales

238. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 22.09.08  
The minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 were signed as a true record.
239. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)  
There were no matters arising.
240. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda  
There were no declarations of interest.
241. **FENLAND LINKS**  
There was no Report by T Wadsley.
242. **VISIT BY PAUL GARNELL FDC NEW STREETSCENE OFFICER.**  
Report by Paul Garnell on issues such as fly Tipping, Graffiti, Dog Fouling, Abandoned vehicles, litter and other environmental nuisances. He reported that the missing rubbish bin at Thorney Toll had been report and should be replaced in the next two weeks. The meeting was advised that there is a litter pick in Wisbech St Mary between 9.30 to 11.30 on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008. The following were reported by the Council:-
- The rubbish bin in Wisbech St Mary near the shop and fish shop needs emptying every two or three days.
243. **POLICE MATTERS**  
The Community Beat Officer was unable to attend the meeting but a report was read by the clerk.
244. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**  
**List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.**  
**List of Planning Enforcements for September.**
- 245 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
- (a) Communities and Local Government "The making and enforcement of byelaws". A consultation. **Noted**
  - (b) CCC Public Roadshows regarding spending priorities and budget for next year. The Wisbech Roadshow is on the 21<sup>st</sup> October at Market Square, Wisbech from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm.**Noted.**
  - (c) CPALC Training Course 2008/2009. **Noted.**
  - (d) Charity Commission Overdue Annual Return. **The clerk advised the meeting that this has now been completed.**
  - (e) FDC Support for Local groups/organisations. Funding surgeries being held on the 14.10.08 at Community House. **Noted.**

- (f) Vital Communities information. **Noted.**
- (g) Independent Internal audit & Parish Clerk and Councillor Training Canalbs Limited. **Noted.**
- (h) NHS Cambridgeshire Launch of Listening Exercise – South Fenland Review. **Noted.**
- (i) Anglian Water S101a Sewerage Scheme Guyhirn planning to commence in January 2009. **Noted. The clerk advised the meeting that the Anglian Water had contacted her to set up a meeting at Guyhirn Village Hall. This was in the process of being arranged between the Booking Clerk of the Village Hall and Anglian Water Authority.**
- (j) Towergate Health and Safety Compliance. **Noted.**
- (k) FDC Fenland Road Safety Campaign. **Noted and booklets distributed.**
- (l) Notification from FDC of the resignation of P Wait from the District Council and the Parish Council. **Noted and distributed for the Notice Boards. It was agreed that the clerk writes acknowledging receipt of Mr Wait's resignation from the Parish Council.**

**Correspondence in folder for information only**

Standards Board leaflet September 2008

246 **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

**Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

1. Road collapsing in Gull Road between Splash Drove and the Follies.
2. From Bellamy Bridge to Murrow Seadyke pot holes adjacent to Clear View
3. Pot hole outside the Bell, Murrow.
4. Footpath outside the Guyhirn Village Hall is very uneven and therefore water collects. This needs levelling to alleviate this.
5. End of Murrow Lane up to Front Road, Murrow hedge needs cutting.
6. Lorry permanently parked in the bus stop at Thorney Toll.
7. School bus is stopping the opposite side to the Council Houses at Thorney Toll and children are having to cross the A47.

247. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date. **The balance of the account is £165119.65.**
- (b) Notification of Conclusion of the Audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. **Noted.**
- (c) Barclays Treasury Deposit £100,000 Matures on the 24.10.08 Interest on maturity £386.30. Interest rate 4.7%. **The clerk was to investigate as to whether these funds are guaranteed if Barclays was to become one the Banks to experience financial difficulties.**
- (d) FDC second instalment of the Precept £21866.00. **Noted.**
- (e) FDC Recycling credit £76.80. **Noted.**
- To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**
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| (f) The Cheques Hire of Hall                   | £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 <b>Agreed.</b> |
| (g) Clerk October salary                       | £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b> |
| (h) Tax & NI                                   | £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b> |
| (i) Wisbech & Fenland Museum archive deposited | £50.00 LG(FP)Act 1963 <b>Agreed.</b>  |

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

Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.

1. The willow trees at Tholomas Drove have dead branches and it is a matter of health and safety that something is done. This has been reported on several occasions but no one either CCC Highways or the parishioner whose land borders these trees will admit to owning them. Clerk was requested to write to N Band of Highways and a copy to J Tuck.

249. **GUYHIRN POND**

No Progress report was received, but concerns were voiced that we were continuing to be asked in Open Forum to clarification the Pond boundary. At the meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> August the Pond Committee had been advised that the Willow Trees were the boundary and to liaise with Mr Gilbert, who was also at the meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> August, to come to some agreement in respect of access to the Pond.

250. **HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES**

Reply from Cambridge Housing Society enclosing an Agreement for Nominations for discussion. **It was agreed that the clerk would distribute a copy of this Agreement with the agenda for the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008.**

251. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Progress in respect of the purchase of land from Fenland District Council. **The clerk advised the meeting that to date she had not heard from Mr Hooper regarding the purchase of the land from the FDC. It was agreed that the clerk writes again requesting an Invoice and the necessary documentation to move this purchase forward.**

252. **MURROW FOOTPATH**

Progress in respect of work to be carried out. **Mr Parrin advised the meeting that EDF energy need to run cable along this footpath and once this has been done they will resurface this. It was agreed that we will monitor the situation to ensure that the work is carried out to our satisfaction.**

253. **ALLOTMENTS**

Progress re the sale of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary. **The clerk advised the meeting that Maxey's had met with Mr Fowler in order to carry out a valuation.**

Letter from a Parishioner requesting an allotment. **The clerk advised the meeting that a letter had been sent through the Wisbech St Mary Website requesting an allotment. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that one of the tenants had died and it may be that his brother in law who shared the allotment may not wish to carry out. Mr Parrin agreed to keep the Parish Council informed.**

254. **DELIVERY OF POLICE LEAFLETS**

To date no leaflets had been received for delivery.

255. **WEBSITE FOR WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Further investigations to be made in order to give more informed recommendations. **The meeting was advised that a further meeting had been arranged at Murrow Book Café on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008.**

256. **GOLDEN AGE FAIR**

Update re Golden Age Fair to be held at Wisbech St Mary on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm. It was unanimously agreed that the cost of the village hall of approximately £66.00 be paid by the Parish Council.

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

- It was agreed that an agenda meeting be placed on the next agenda regarding changing the Parish Council meetings from every 3 weeks to every 4 weeks.
- Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he had attended Fenland District Council to hear about the implications of the white paper implementing Three Tier Management. After a discussion it was agreed that these are too big to enable parties to be listen to.
- Mr Parrin stated he had attended the Fenland Strategic Partnership meeting when Parish Plans were discussed. It was understood that our plan has been handed to Fenland Links to enable them to help us to move it forward. Mrs T Wadsley of Fenland Links has no recollection of this being handed to them.
- Mr Parrin and Mrs Thrower attended an open day at the North Level Internal Drainage Board. An items discussed at this Open day were Flood Wardens for each of the three villages and 2 Hamlets. These Wardens do not have to be Councillors and it was agreed that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

258. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

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

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009