

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

### PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)      K Bagg                      P Barnes                      P Davies                      J Fish                      D Thrower      C Bellamy  
Visitors                      T Wadsley

**OPEN FORUM** – Member of the public are invited to address the Council.  
There were no members of the public present.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from C Fryett, T Fowler, B Payne, P Wait, PC J Coales and J Tuck.

154. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 23.06.08

The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 were signed as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

157. **FENLAND LINKS**

Report by T Wadsley re the following items:-

- Through the Police Panel meetings Champions were nominated by each Parish Council and at one of their meetings it had been agreed that a Speeding gun be purchased for use by the Parish Councils. Mrs Wadsley stated that she was chasing the progress of this.
- Community Asset Form at been attended by several parishioners and storage for halls etc had been discussed. Minutes of this meeting would be distributed to Parish Councils.
- Notes from the meeting Indices of Deprivations would be distributed to the Parish Councils. Mr Parrin stated that he had attended this meeting and that the presentation was very poor.
- Health Fair had been attended by many agencies, but this had not been advertised as well as it should have been.
- Grants had been given to Guyhirn Hall £2700 for a cooker and rewiring. They had also received £10,000 from Roddon, £10,000 from Awards for all. They had also requested a further £10,000 for new tables and chairs. £1800 had been awarded to Fridaybridge for training computers for migrate workers. There was still £10,000 grant money available.
- Funds had been spent on holiday activities, pre school Wisbech St Mary, Parson Drove Car Scheme. Funds had been requested for a Quilt and flower festival.
- The May half term play schemes had been well attended apart from the one at Thorney Toll.
- The Workers Education Association would like courses to take place in the villages and it is hoped that these would be partly funded with the remaining costs being covered from grants from the Bends Charity and the Poores Allotment Charity.
- They are helping Wisbech St Mary with a bid for funding for a new village hall and funding has been given to Wisbech St Mary for play equipment.
- Cambridgeshire ACRE and FDC are intending to hold a Parish Plan event to include Transport and Action Plans.
- There is a new Co-ordinator for the Wisbech St Mary Car Scheme Ms Marian Ashman.
- The Children's Centre at Murrow has been turned down by Cambridgeshire County Council. This would have been a value outreach service for the whole of the area.
- Fenland Links had funded new bus time tables and there would be more services from September.
- A discussion took place in respect of the Parish Plan, which was until 2010 and that this is being looked at by the Fenland Strategic Partnership.
- A discussion took place in respect of training for a website and it was agreed that this would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The meeting was told that Fenland Links funding originally received from Central Government will in future be distributed to the District Councils and that the Fenland Links staff will no longer have a job.
- Play money for five villages including Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary has been allocated. Mrs Wadsley was asked to clarify where the money is and how to get access to it.

158. **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative from the Police, but the Chairman reminded the meeting about the Panel Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008 at Parson Drove, commencing at 7.30 pm. Mr Fish agreed to attend. The Chairman also stated that the Police requested that it is important that crimes are reported.

159. **CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

Co-option of a councillor due to the resignation of P Carpenter. The Chairman advised the meeting that a Mr James Carney of Murrow was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. It was agreed that the clerk invites him to our next meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

160. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.**

161. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) CCC Post Office Closures in Cambridgeshire enclosing a leaflet Short term support strategy for post offices in Cambridgeshire July – December 2008. **Noted.**
- (b) North Level District Internal Drainage Board considering inviting Parish Councils to a day visit, which will include a presentation at Thorney office, an inspection of works being carried out and a visit to a pumping station in October. **Clerk to write stating that we are interested.**
- (c) Care Network Welcome Home from Hospital requesting volunteers for this service. **Noted this has already been advertised in the Village Voices.**

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162. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Details of the Jointly Funded Minor Highways bids. **The clerk advised that two bids had been submitted one for a footpath from Bunkers Hill to Wisbech St Mary and one for road restrictions to be put in place to prohibit all traffic from Gull Road joining the A47 from turning right.**

**Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

- 1. Holes in the road in front Road, Murrow now urgent. The first letter concerning this was sent in January 2008. It was agreed that the clerk contacts Neil Band CCC Highways, Jill Tuck County Councillor, Peter Vale of CCC Highways and the CCC Chief Executive.
- 2. Hole in road at Pentelows Corner Murrow was filled in and now is as bad again.
- 3. Overgrown tree obstructing streetlight outside Alasan Lodge, Front Road, Murrow.
- 4. Trees in the grounds of Sheraton House, High Road, Guyhirn obstructing Guyhirn School sign.
- 5. Quotation received for the footpaths in Murrow of £600.00. It was agreed that the clerk contacts S Carol of CCC to either arrange a site meeting with Mr Parrin or to get his agreement to pay this bill.
- 6. Hedge at 89 Front Road, Murrow encroaching on the footpath.
- 7. Hole in the road and plant growing in the middle of the road outside Riverside, Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn.
- 8. FDC field hedge needs cutting and nettles covering the footpath. Councillor Jill Tuck to be advised of this.
- 9. Guyhirn Pond weeds encroaching on the footpath. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Guyhirn Pond committee.
- 10. Grass needs cutting near Thorney Toll bus stop and waste bin needs replacing as the one damaged by a car was removed on the FDC Rapid Response team.
- 11. Speed cameras in Guyhirn and Thorney toll are not working.
- 12. Lindens Close, Thorney Toll road safety measure need to be improved. Roddons and CCC Highways to be contacted to ascertain who has the responsibility for this area
- 13. Weeds need spraying in the footpath in High Road, Wisbech St Mary opposite St Mary's Close to Church Road.

163. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date. **Balance of account £145880.24.**
- (b) Internal Audit report for approval. **Noted.**
- (c) Barclays Treasury Deposit £100000.00 matures on the 24.07.08 £363.29 4.42%. **Noted.**
- (d) First instalment of the Concurrent Functions £2905.00. **Noted.**
- (e) Recycling Credit £83.27 **Noted.**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

- (f) The Cheques Hire of Hall £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed**
- (g) Clerk July salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (h) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (i) Wisbech St Mary School re recycling credits £115.39 LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed**
- (j) Murrow School recycling credits £140.03 LGAct 1972 A137 **Agreed**
- (k) Towergate risk Solutions Fidelity Insurance £1036.79 LGAct 1972S114 **Agreed**

**To approve payment of grants**

- (l) Wisbech St Mary Brownie and Guides LGAct 1972S137 **No longer required.**
- (m) Guyhirn Youth Club £1000.00 LGAct 1972S137 **Agreed**

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

- (a) Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.  
**Mr Parrin reported that the wall round the sewerage plan in Churchfields is in a hazardous. Key Services Limited are aware of this, but they have placed the harris fencing around the building rather than the wall. It was agreed that the clerk reports this.**
- (b) Quotations in respect of the bus shelters and other maintenance work and progress of work to be carried out. **Mr Parrin stated that the work on the bus shelters has commenced. It was agreed that the improvement to the disabled access at the Chapelfield, Guyhirn bus shelter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.**

A letter had been received from a parishioner in High Road, Guyhirn advising that the bus shelter at Selwyn Corner has got high weeds obstructing view of oncoming buses. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the parishioner and Fenland District Council advising them that this is being dealt with.

165. **GUYHIRN POND**

No committee member was available, but some concerns were voiced that the nettles were growing onto the footpath and Mrs Wadsley from Fenland Links would report this to the committee and request when the grant money on this project will be spent.

166. **HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES**

Reply from Cambridge Housing Society regarding the vacancy passed to Roddons Housing. **The clerk advised the meeting that a reply had been received from the Manager of the Cambridge Housing Society who felt that they had been a misunderstanding asking the clerk to contact her on the telephone. The Clerk stated that she had tried to do this on several occasion without success, but that she would continue to try and bring this matter to a conclusion. This property has now been let and therefore, our nominee would not be able to rent this bungalow and would have to wait until another vacancy arises.**

167. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

There was no progress to report and Mr Bellamy agreed to visit Mr J Hooper of FDC to see at what progress has been made in the purchase of this land.

168. **MURROW FOOTPATH**

Progress in respect of work to be carried out. A quotation of £600 for this work to be carried has been received. It was agreed that the clerk contact S Carol of CCC requesting him to meet with Mr Parrin or obtain his agreement to pay the bill for this work to be carried out.

169. **ALLOTMENTS**

Letter from the local community of Tholomas and Plash droves re George's Field requesting it to be rent free and the land to be designated a community area. **After a discussion it was agreed that this land be rented to the Tholomas Drove Community at a peppercorn rent of £5.00 per year.**

**At this point of the meeting the renting of the Guyhirn Playing Field was discussed and that the rent for this had not been collected for sometime. It was agreed that the clerk look into this and send an Invoice to the Playing Field Committee.**

Progress re the sale of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary.

**The clerk advised the meeting that CALC had advised that they would have to contact the Secretary of State for permission to sell this land. If the sale was agreed it would then have to be valued by the District Valuer.**

**A discussion took place into the trees owned by the Parish Council. The only trees are those on the Guyhirn Playing Field and it was suggested that the Playing Field Committee should carry out a Risk Assessment and forward a copy to the Clerk. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Mr Oviatt-Han of FDC regarding these trees as this service is free to the Parish Council.**

170. **DELIVERY OF POLICE LEAFLETS**

Replies from parishioners who are willing to deliver Police Speeding Leaflets. **It was agreed that the clerk contacts Inspector R Sissons to obtain 1500 leaflets to be delivered to the clerk who will then deliver these to the Village Voices main distributor.**

**The clerk advised the meeting that she had not heard from Inspector Sisson regarding setting up a Parish meeting regarding Smart Water the new property marking system. It was agreed that the clerk writes again.**

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

The Chairman advised the meeting that Mr P Wait has been able to obtain a Post Box for Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

172. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

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

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

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