

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 23rd June 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)
Parishioners

P Barnes
C Barnes

P Davies
W Horspole

C Fryett
S Pitcher

T Fowler

D Thrower

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

- Representatives of the Wisbech St Mary Methodist Church requested the Parish Council's support in having a planning decision overturned in respect of their replacement windows having to be aluminium and allowing them to install UPVC.
- A representative from Guyhirn Youth Club voiced concerns over the amount of traffic accidents and collisions in Guyhirn due to excessive speeding. The meeting was advised that the Youth Club are working on a film concerning speeding and advised of the amount of collisions and accidents with injuries and fatal since the 7th June and Guyhirn was top of this list with 21 collisions, 2 with injury and one with fatalities. The Youth Club will be having an open evening when the film will be shown and Councillors will be invited.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg, C Bellamy, J Fish, B Payne, P Wait, PC J Coales and J Tuck.

135. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 02.06.08
The minutes of the 2nd June 2008 were signed as a true record.

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

137. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
There were no members declaring an interest.

138. **FENLAND LINKS**
No report was given as the representative was not present.

139. **POLICE MATTERS**
PC J Coales was not at the meeting, but had contacted the clerk to state that there was still some incidents of theft of metal items and some nuisance problems within Murrow. The clerk reiterated the request of the Police that incidents be reported.

140. **CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**
There were no nominations to fill this vacancy due to the resignation of P Carpenter.

141. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.
(a) F/YR08/0446/RM erection of a 4/5 bed detached house with detached double garage with playroom over Plot B land at Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant A Cobb and L Cole. Agent Grahame Seaton Design Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
(b) F/YR08/0449/F Change of use from domestic store to retail A1 Saffron House, High road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant M Hewson. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

142. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
(a) CCC Post Office Closures in Cambridgeshire meeting on Tuesday 15th July 2008 at Fenland Hall 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. **Mr Parrin agreed to attend this meeting.**
(b) Vital Communities update on progress so far and forthcoming events. **Noted.**
(c) Fenland Links Community Grant Scheme Information and Application Form. **Noted.**
(d) FENDIS Disability Golf and Fun Day on Friday, 4th July 2008 at The Priory Golf Centre Wimblington Posters. **Noted and poster distributed for the Notice Boards.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

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143. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Letter from W Ward regarding access to the Peterborough and March Train Station via a redirected bus route. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Head of transport at Cambridgeshire County Council supporting this and sending a copy of Mr Ward's letter. A copy of the letter from the Parish Council and Mr Ward's letter be forwarded to Councillor J Tuck.**
- (b) Letter from Peter Vale stating that the Right Turn Ban out of Guyhirn onto the A47 is the responsibility of Highways Agency with consultation with the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways. **It was agreed that the clerk includes this project as one of the Parish Council's Applications for Minor Highways Improvement.**

(c) CCC Highways regarding items passed from the meeting on the 2nd June 2008. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Hedges at Bank View, Murrow Bank need cutting.
2. Hedges in High Road, Guyhirn obscuring School sign, the west side of the school. Clerk has already written to individual households with no success.
3. Fence on the River Bank needs removing as it is dangerous. If this was removed the grass on the river bank could be cut and it would tidy this area.
4. The clerk to contact Wilson and Scott, Ian Tidbull for a quotation regarding triangular signs painted on the road "School". This will be the second request.

144. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date. **The clerk advised the meeting that the balance of account is £146308.93.**
- (b) Barclays Treasury Deposit £100,000 interest rate 4.38% matures on the 24.06.08 Interest £335.00. **Noted. It was suggested that a higher rate of interest could be obtained from other Financial Institutions. After a discussion it was agreed to continue with Barclays treasury Deposit for the time being.**
- (c) Approval of the Annual Governance Statement Section 2 of the Audit Commission Annual return or the year ended 31.03.08. Copy attached together with the Annual Internal Audit report. **It was agreed to approve these documents and the Chairman signed them on behalf of the Parish Council.**
- (d) FDC recycling credit £56.76. **Noted. It was agreed to wait until the next credit and then send it to one of the local schools.**
- (e) Refund from FDC re Election charges £540.98. **Noted.**
- (f) FDC details of Concurrent Functions £4290 plus £1520 for Street Lights. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the FDC requesting whether they are aware of the cost of installing a streetlight.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (g) The Cheques Hire of Hall £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**
- (h) Clerk May salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (i) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (j) Postage/Stationery £107.41 LG (Financial Provisions Act 1963) **Agreed.**
- (k) Computer Ink Cartridge £48.10 LG (Financial Provisions Act 1963) **Agreed**

To approve payment of grants

- (i) Wisbech St Mary Brownie and Guides £to be agreed LGAct 1972S137 **It was agreed that the clerk writes requesting copy of Accounts and a break down of how many children come of each village.**

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

- (a) Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.
 1. A discussion took place in respect of the trees owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the clerk contacts CALC for advice.
 2. The plastic front of the Notice Board in Thorney Toll has been cut. It was suggested that perhaps this could be replaced from the plastic from the spare Notice Board.
 3. Litter Bin at the bus stop has disappeared.
- (b) Quotations in respect of the bus shelters and other maintenance work and progress of work to be carried out. **Quotations agreed at the last meeting, but the work has not yet commenced.**

146. **GUYHIRN POND**

There was no progress report

147. **HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES**

Reply from Cambridge Housing Society regarding the vacancy passed to Roddons Housing. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Housing Association stating that there would not have been a delay if as suggested by the Parish Council one of their representatives had met with the proposed tenant and the Chairman of the Parish Council. The Council would have been able to give them details of another proposed tenant immediately.**

148. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

There has been no progress in respect of the purchase of land from Fenland District Council. It was agreed that the clerk writes to John Hooper of Fenland District Council to ask for an update.

149. **MURROW FOOTPATH**

The Chairman stated that the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways had not contacted him, although the clerk had received notification that they had. It was agreed that the clerk writes again. After a discussion it was agreed that Mr Fowler contact D Rowell requesting him to clear this area.

150. **ALLOTMENTS**

A letter had been received from a Parishioner through their Solicitors requesting to purchase a vacant allotment in Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary. It was agreed that the Parish Council would sell this land and that the clerk to contact CALC for advice as it is believed that it has to be valued by the District Valuer. It was agreed that the clerk reply to the correspondence received stating that we are willing to sell this small piece of land and that we are in the process of obtaining a valuation.

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

The Chairman outlined details of the new Smart Water being marketed by the Police for marking property so that it can be identified. It was suggested that we contact the Police to set up a meeting for the community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

152. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 14th July 2008

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

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