

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday, 7th January 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

Councillors:- J Parrin (Chairman) K Bagg P Carpenter P Davies T Fowler B Payne
D Thrower J Tuck
Parishioners:- S Freeman T Jennings B Reay S Pitcher
Visitors:- T Wadsley (Fenland Links)

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

- There had been problems when placing items in the notice boards and Fenland Links had agreed to experiment with different interiors to make this much easier.
- The clerk was requested to place the agenda and minutes on the Guyhirn website. The clerk stated that she had tried to do this but they were being returned to her as the email address was incorrect. Mr P Carpenter agreed to contact the website host and obtain the correct email address.
- A parishioner requested whether there were an alternative footpath to that on the Guyhirn Bank. They were advised that there was a footpath from Selwyn Corner to Mouth land at the bottom of the river bank.
- The meeting was advised that a grant of £1600 had been received from Fenland Links for work to be undertaken on the Guyhirn Pond and they thanked them. Once the Insurance was sorted out then work would commence.
- The meeting was advised that Guyhirn would launch the Action Plan, part of the Wisbech St Mary Parish Plan and they were holding a public consultation day on the 23rd February 2008 at Guyhirn Village Hall between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from P Barnes, C Edwards, J Fish, C Fryett, C Bellamy, and PC J Coales.

1. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 17th December 2007.

The minutes of the 17th December 2007 were signed as a true record.

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

- The clerk stated that a meeting had been arranged for Councillors to meet with Police Inspector M Graham and Peter Vale from Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department on the 15th January 2008 at 10.30. It was agreed that Mr K Bagg, Mr J Parrin and Mrs D Thrower would meet with him at Wisbech Police Station.
- The clerk was requested to obtain from either Cambridgeshire County Council or Fenland District Council details of the new Dog Fowling Laws.

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

There were no members declaring an interest.

4. **FENLAND LINKS**

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

- (a) The meeting was advised that the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre were through to the second round of bids and a small amount of funding had been allocated for them to prepare a bid for a new Community Centre.
- (b) Youth Bank bids had been successful for Murrow and Parson Drove.
- (c) Funding bids were being made for Guyhirn Youth Club and Wisbech St Mary Youth Shelter.
- (d) Funding was being made available to try and fund an alternative interior for the notice boards.
- (e) The Volunteer Bureau was trying to help to keep the Wisbech St Mary Good Companions to continue.
- (f) The Roddons Housing Association were trying to set up local Residents Associations.
- (g) Fenland Links were trying to set up a children play activity programme for the February Half Term.

5. **POLICE MATTERS**

Report by the Community Beat Officer

Mrs Wadsley stated that the next Panel meeting would be held at Elm C of E Primary School on the 30th January 2008.

6. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

List of planning applications determined by the Council.

- (a) F/YR07/1331/F siting of 1 metal storage container for PTA equipment (retrospective) Wisbech St Mary Church of England Primary School Church Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Ely diocese. Agent Peter Smith Associates. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) CALC AGM on the 02.02.08. Booking Form for lunch and Resolutions for Consideration to be received by CALC by the 20.01.08. **Noted. Any Councillor wishing to attend will contact the clerk in order that the deadline of the 20th January 2008 could be met.**
- (b) Cambridgeshire Constabulary re Neighbourhood Watch. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC Winter Maintenance Leaflets. **Noted.**
- (d) CCC Tackling Congestion in Cambridgeshire Evening Briefing. **Noted.**
- (e) Guyhirn Cemetery Committee Thank you letter for the grant of £350.00. **Noted.**

- (f) Letter received from Mr Scrimshaw re supplying a seat in Wisbech St Mary in memory of his father. **It was agreed that the clerk contacts the CCC Highways to see if it is possible. The clerk to contact Mr Scrimshaw thanking him for his offer.**

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8. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Reply from FDC parks and open spaces regarding road leading to bottle Bank at Guyhirn. **A letter had been received from Fenland District Council stating that they could not clear the area near the Bottle Bank as it was either owned by the Parish Council or private property. It was agreed that the clerk writes to FDC stating that this land is owned by FDC as the Parish Council were at the moment in the process of trying to purchase it from**

them.

- (b) Acknowledgement from CCC re Bus Stop Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Fencing has been stolen outside the Guyhirn Cemetary.

2. Back Road, Murrow needs gritting.

3. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that a parishioner whose father had died in Wisbech St Mary would like to pay for a seat his father's memory to be placed near the place where he died. It was agreed that the clerk contact Highways to arrange for them to meet with Mr Parrin to obtain permission for this seat.

9. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year to date. **The clerk advised the meeting that the balance of the account is £133,240.81.**

(b) Barclays Treasury Deposit £100,000 maturing on the 24.01.08 interest £424.66. **Noted, agreed to invest for a further month.**

(c) FDC Concurrent Functions £2835.00. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(c) The Cheques Hire of Hall

£15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**

(d) Guyhirn Village Hall Meetings

£45.00 LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed.**

(e) Postage, Stationery & new computer leads

£161.34LG Financial Provisions Act 1963S5 **Agreed.**

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

Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.

- **It was agreed that Mr T Fowler speak to D Rowell to see if he was able to carry out the work on the bus shelters, painting the wood. If they were able to undertake this work it was agreed that we contact the Probationary Service to see if they had anyone able to carry out this job.**
- **No progress has been made by Mr C Fryett in obtaining a Deep Water sign for the Guyhirn Pond.**

11. **GUYHIRN POND**

A parishioner in the Open Forum advised the meeting that a grant of £1600 had been received from Fenland Links for work to be undertaken on the Guyhirn Pond. Once the Public Liability Insurance was sorted out then work would commence.

12. **PARISH PIT AT WISBECH ST MARY**

No progress made to date.

13. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Progress report re the purchase of land from the FDC.

No further information received.

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

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 28th January 2008 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove**

16. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2007/2008**

Monday, 18th February 2008

Monday, 10th March 2008

Monday 31st March 2008

Monday, 21st April 2008

Monday, 12th May 2008 -Annual Assembly and AGM

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