

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 at 7.00 pm The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

### PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)      P Barnes              J Carney              P Davies              J Fish              C Fryett      B Payne  
D Thrower              P Wait              C Bellamy

### OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg, T Fowler, J Tuck, T Wadsley and PC J Coales.

Mr Payne gave the condolences of the Parish Council to Mr Parrin on the death of his wife.

195. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 11.08.08  
The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008 were signed as a true record.
196. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)  
Mr Payne stated that he looked through the minutes from 1974 and located the meeting concerning FDC and Streetlights, but the minutes were not specific as to what was discussed and as to the outcome.
197. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda  
C Bellamy declared a personal interest on item 200c.  
J Fish declared a personal interest on item 204d.
198. **FENLAND LINKS**  
T Wadsley was not present.
199. **POLICE MATTERS**  
P C Julie Coales was not present.  
Reply from Inspector Robin Sissons re the Smartwater and the leaflets about Speeding Traffic. **Noted**  
Reply from PC Julie Coales regarding the traffic at the Pidgeons. **Noted.**  
**Mr Parrin advised the meeting that the police are asking for volunteers to train to use the speeding traffic guns. He stated that he felt unable to ask parishioners for help as he understood that the guns would only work in a 30 mph speed limit area as within our parish these were very few. Mr Parrin was going to contact Inspector Sissons to see if they would work in 40 mph areas and if this was possible he would ask for volunteers. The Parishioners trained would not be able to operate within their own parish.**
200. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**  
**List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.**  
(a) F/YR08/0597/F erection of a 2 storey and signal storey side extension to existing dwelling to create 4 bed dwelling Ivydene, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant S Milton. Agent Chris Williams. **We support this development and recommend approval.**  
(b) F/YR08/0672/F erection of 2 warehouse units land North of All Best cuts Limited Hooks drove, Murrow. Applicant S Carr ABC Meats Limited. Agent David Broker Associates. **We recommend approval as long as the Highways have no objections. It was suggested that passing bays would be an advantage. A vote was taken and this proposal was passed by 5 votes to 3.**  
(c) F/YR08/0602/O erection of a 2 storey dwelling involving demolition of existing dwelling Towers Farm House, Thorney Road, Guyhirn. Applicant T Mott. Agent Peter Humphreys Associates. **We support this development and recommend approval.**  
(d) F/YR08/0619/F erection of a 4 bed chalet bungalow with integral garage Plot 2 The Paddocks Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn. Applicant P B Houses Limited. Agent Robert Powell. **We support this development and recommend approval.**  
(e) F/YR08/0750/F erection of a 2 storey side and rear extensions incorporating a 1 bed annexe and detached garage to existing dwelling. Applicant Mr and Mrs Bryan. Agent Accubuild Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- 201 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**  
(a) Vital Communities invitation to meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2.00 to 4.30 at The Glebe, Sutton. **Noted.**  
(b) Reply from CCC regarding re-routing buses to enable parishioners to access the main line train stations. **Noted. Mr Parrin stated that the Norfolk Green bus timetables can be obtained from the Tourist Office at the One Stop Shops. These services through Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary has been greatly improved.**  
(c) Cambridgeshire ACRE re Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Rural Services Survey 2007. **Noted.**  
(d) Reply from J Tuck re the publication Effective Three Tier Working in Cambridgeshire. **Noted.**

As on (e) A letter from a parishioner was received on Saturday morning which will require attention by the Parish councillors. the letter arrived too late for inclusion in this evening's agenda, it will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008.

### Correspondence in folder for information only

Cope Newsletter August 2008

## 202 HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

### Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Waste bin at Thorney Toll near bus shelter still missing. This was taken away by Rapid Response.
2. Bus stop at Thorney Toll needs marking as vehicles are parking in the area and buses cannot pull in and are having to stay on the main road to pick up passengers, which is very dangerous on this very fast and busy road.
3. Trees at Pentelows Corner on the S Bends coming out of Murrow need cutting back.
4. Murrow Bank near Cants Drove numerous dips and holes in the road.
5. Large pot hole in Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary between Bellamy Bridge and the CCC Traveller Site.
6. White lines should be replaced in the middle of the road in Sandbank.
7. Junction of cantsDrove and Murrow Bank side of the road broken up. A wider tarmac junction required.
8. A47 slip road on the left towards the Guyhirn bridge Willow trees obscuring the road.
9. Tree obscuring the footpath in Main Road Guyhirn from the church. This was going to be rectified by Community Service workers but to date this has not been done. Mr Payne will speak to David Rowell and get the work done and the Invoice to be sent to the Diocesan.
10. The Highways and Pavement need repairing after the installation of the first time sewerage. The road was closed in Station Road, Wisbech St Mary, but the contractors allowed traffic to drive on the pavement.

## 203. REVIEW OF GRANTS

Review of grants and the amount we should allocate without obtaining copy of Accounts.

**A discussion took place and it was agreed unanimously that the majority of grants will be awarded without the presentation of Accounts or Bank Statements. Will write for Accounts or additional information if it is felt that the request is unacceptable.**

## 204. FINANCE

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date. **Balance of account £146134.23.**
- (b) FDC reply to our letter concerning the cost of installing street lights and the amount of Concurrent Functions. **Noted. It was agreed that our Parish is at a disadvantage in respect of Concurrent Functions as we have three villages and two hamlets and in the majority of cases only receive the same funding as parishes with one village.**

### To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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

### To approve payment of grants

- (d) Fenland Volunteer £100.00LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed**  
(e) Thorney Toll Village Hall £1500.00LG(Mis Prov) Act 1976 S19. **Agreed**  
(f) Guyhirn Playing Field re funds from Fenland Adventure £40.15 LG(Mis Prov) Act 1976 S19 **Agreed**  
(g) Wisbech St Mary Playing Field re funds from Fenland Adventure £40.16 LG(Mis Prov) Act 1976 S19 **Agreed**

## 205. PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS

Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.

- A quotation was received from Wilson and Scott concerning road markings at Guyhirn School warning of school. It was unanimously agreed to accept this quotation of £950.00. The clerk to contact them requesting this work to commence.
- Murrow Village sign in need of painting. It was suggested that when the work has been undertaken on the bus shelters and Wisbech St Mary sign we will obtain a quotation for this work.
- Mr Parrin advised the meeting that the work on the bus shelters has commenced.
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## 206. GUYHIRN POND

Progress report

Reply from FDC re the willow trees near the Pond that have a Preservation Order. **Noted.**

## 207 HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES

We are still waiting for the promised reply from Cambridge Housing Society regarding an up date in respect of procedures for allocation vacancies and confirmation that we will be able to allocate the next two vacancies.

208. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**  
No reply received and it was agreed that Mr C Bellamy will visit Mr J Hooper on our behalf. A discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed that we purchase this field at a cost of £10,000.00.
209. **MURROW FOOTPATH**  
A new quotation has been received of £660 from D Rowell. It was agreed that we go ahead with this work and an Invoice for half the cost be sent to Cambridgeshire County Council once the work has been completed.
210. **ALLOTMENTS**  
Progress re the sale of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary.  
**The clerk advised the meeting that she had contacted John Hooper of Fenland District Council to ask for advice as how to proceed in this matter, but to date had not received any reply.**
211. **DELIVERY OF POLICE LEAFLETS**  
**The clerk advised the meeting that Inspector Sisson has ordered the leaflets for distribution throughout the Parish concerning speeding traffic. He has also ordered leaflets concerning Smartwater and when these have been received he will contact the Parish Council to organise meetings in each of the four village halls.**
212. **WEBSITE FOR WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**It was agreed that the clerk organise a meeting either on a Monday or Tuesday evening. The Councillors who agreed to attend are D Thrower, J Carney, B Payne and J Fish.**
213. **GOLDEN AGE FAIR**  
Golden Age Fair to be held at Wisbech St Mary on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008.  
**Mr Parrin advised the meeting that this will take place between 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Mr Bellamy, Mr Fish, Mr Parrin and Mr Wait agreed to help with transport.**
214. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**
- Mr Payne advised the meeting that there is going to be a new library in Wisbech and whilst this modernisation is taking place the library will be at the St Mary Centre, Wisbech. It is expect that this work will be finished in 2010.
  - Mr Payne gave an open invitation to the meeting at the Wisbech St Mary on the 18<sup>th</sup> September to welcome the new vicar.
  - Some areas within the Parish do not receive a Fenland Citizen or a Wisbech Standard and it was agreed that the clerks writes to try and rectify this.
  - Copy of the September 2008 Newsletter was distributed.
  - Mr Parrin advised the meeting that any red telephone boxes can be rented by the Parish Council at £500.00 per box.
215. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008
216. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2008/2009**  
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