

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

### PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)	K Bagg	J Carney	P Davies	C Fryett	T Fowler
B Payne	D Thrower				
Visitors	Inspector R Sissons		T Wadsley (Fenland Links)		
Parishioners	R Scrimshaw				

### OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from P Barnes, J Fish, C Bellamy, P C J Coales and J Tuck

#### 283. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 were approved and signed as a true record.

#### 284. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

There were no matters arising.

#### 285. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

P Davies declared a personal interest on item 289c.

J Parrin declared a personal interest on items 295 k and l. Mrs D Thrower chaired the meetings whilst these matters were discussed.

#### 286. FENLAND LINKS

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

- Mrs Wadsley distributed a list of events being held by Fenland Links within the Parish. Including in this list was a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008 of the committee of the road Safety action Group and a Community Forum Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 to kick start the Parish Plans.
- Other events outlined were Sports Management Training at the Oasis Centre 11-13 years on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 16 years old and over 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Cambridgeshire ACRE on the 19<sup>th</sup> January at Guyhirn Village Hall to look at Parish Plans 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm.
- Speed Camera at Thorney Toll has been inactive for two years and there have been no reported accidents and therefore the camera will be removed. It is expected that once this has been removed this will be part of the route for the speed camera van.
- There will be a meeting held at Thorney Toll by Roddons to replace the property inspections on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm.

#### 287. VISIT BY PAUL GARNELL FDC NEW STREETSCENE OFFICER.

P Garnell did not attend the meeting.

#### 288. POLICE MATTERS

- Inspector Sissons outlined details of the Community Speed watch. This is for members of the community to get involved in speeding. Members of the public will be trained to use this camera, but will not be able to operate it in their own parish so it is important that our parishioners get involved as without volunteers to work in other parishes it is doubtful that any members of other parishes will want to come into our parish. The cost of each unit is £3,000 and there are 9 kits for the whole of Cambridgeshire and the Wisbech sector, which includes the surrounding parishes, have one camera the same as Cambridge city so it is important that it is used or we may lose it. So far there have been 22 volunteers and you need 2 or 3 volunteers each time it is used.
- The meeting was advised that there is a Smart Water evening at the Methodist Chapel, Parson Drove on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008. It was agreed that our parish hold a similar evening in the New Year.
- A discussion took place in respect of the 40 mph sign in Gull Road, Guyhirn needing to be moved in view of the increased development along this road and the meeting was advised that the first step is to contact Peter Vale of Cambridgeshire Highways.

#### 289. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(a) FDC Wind Turbine development in Fenland. **Noted.**

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

**List of Planning Enforcements for October. NOTED.**

St (a) F/YR08/0949/F siting of a mobile home and erection of a store and chicken shed Rawlings Yard, New drove, Wisbech Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs Brown. Agent Vawser and Co. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

(b) F/YR08/0983/F erection of building for storage of agricultural machinery Towers Farm House. Thorney road, Guyhirn. Applicant T Mott. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

- (c) F/YR08/0980/F erection of a 15.0 metre high (hubheight) wind turbine with 5.5 metre rotor diameter Pitt Farm, Spencer Drove, Guyhirn. Applicant R Gilbert. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR08/0970/F siting of portacabin for office use land North of Oakdene, Thorney Road, Guyhirn. Applicant B Dickson. Agent M Bonner. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

290 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) FDC regarding the minimal costs of an election. **Noted.**
- (b) FDC regarding update in respect of the three-tier working through the development of Neighbourhood Management Boards and Neighbourhood Forums across Fenland. **Noted. There were no notes attached and it was agreed that the clerk writes to try and obtain them.**
- (c) CCC advising of the Council's Village Benefits Advice Service. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk obtain some posters for the notice boards.**
- (d) CPALC concerning a letter from Mr P Carpenter concerning uncontested Parish Council election. **Noted. It was agreed that if there was not enough candidates for an election it was not the fault of the parishioners who were elected uncontested.**
- (e) Notification of election for the FDC District Councillor and Parish Councillor on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008. **Noted.**
- (f) FDC notification of seminar for clerks and Chairman on the Standards Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. **Noted.**
- (g) CCC Parish Paths Partnership (P3) 2009/2010 invitation to help protect, improve, maintain and promote local Rights of Way paths networks. **Noted.**
- (h) FENDIS AGM Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm at Neale Wade Community College, March. **Noted.**

**Correspondence in folder for information only**

CCC Trading Standards Newsletter Autumn 2008  
Clerks and Councils Driect November 2008

FCVS Newsletter November 2008  
COPE Newsletter November/December

291. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

**Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

1. Pot holes in the pavement outside Ray Poplees and Threedown Lodge, High Road Wisbech St Mary.
2. Pot holes in the footpath near the Jetty and Church Road end drain blocked.
3. Road at the back of the fishshop in Church Road is breaking away.
4. Road in Church Road from the Jetty to the school is breaking away.
5. Footpath Murrow Bank, Murrow from Mulberry House to the Playing Field entrance in need of repair.
6. A footpath required opposite the school, which would enhance road safety and try and make the traffic calming work more efficiently.
7. More bins at Murrow Bank on footpath close to the playing field entrance.
8. 40mph speed sign to be moved along the road near Tall Trees Farm opposite Gull Drove junction.
9. Edge of Seadyke is falling away.
10. The Jetty opposite Wisbech St Mary Village Hall outside The Cottage drain is blocked.
11. The pavement near Guyhirn Village Hall has been repaired and the village hall committee are very pleased with this work and thanked the Parish Council.

292. **REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT RENTS**

It was agreed that the clerk places this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

293. **REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY**

It was agreed that no decision could be made until the clerk has undergone an Appraisal. This would take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 6.30 pm prior to the next Parish Council meeting by Mr J Parrin and Mrs D Thrower.

294. **PRECEPT FOR 2009/2010**

Setting Budget and Precept for 2009/2010. It was agreed that the Precept be kept the same 2008/2009 £43732.00.

295. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date.

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

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| (b) The Chequers Hire of Hall                  | £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 <b>Agreed</b>                                   |
| (c) Clerk December salary                      | £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>                                  |
| (d) Tax & NI                                   | £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>                                  |
| (e) Postage and Stationery                     | £77.67 LG Financial Provisions Act 1963                                |
| <b>S5 Agreed</b>                               |  |
| (f) Moore Stephens                             | £346.63 Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996<br>SI1996/590 <b>Agreed.</b> |
| (g) Clerks & Councils Direct £10per subscriber | £50.00 LGAct 1972 S134 <b>Agreed</b>                                   |
| (h) Society of Local Council Clerks            | £105.00 Financial Provisions Act 1963 S5 <b>Agreed</b>                 |
| (i) Wilson & Scott (Highways) Limited          | £1116.25 Road Traffic Reg Act 1984 S72 <b>Agreed</b>                   |

### To approve payment of grants

- (i) Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust £500.00 LGAct S137 **Agreed. The clerk to write to ascertain how many parishioners within Wisbech St Mary Parish have been helped.**
- (j) Vital Communities £to be agreed LGAct S137 **Decline request to write again in March 2009.**
- (k) Wisbech StM Sports & Community Centre grant for a defibulator £900.00 LGAct S137 **Agreed. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea and that the other two villages and hamlets should have this facility and it was agreed that we investigate with Magpass as to the feasibility.**
- (l) Wisbech St March Sports & Community Centre £2500.00 LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 **Agreed.**
- (m) Maxeys and Son £350.00

### 296. PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS

(a) Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors on problems.

- Mr Parrin stated that he is still trying to find the disabled person who uses the Chapelfield Avenue bus shelter in order that any alterations made meet her needs.
- Work on the bus shelters have been completed, but we have not yet received the invoice for payment.

(b) Seat in memory of J H Scrimshaw. **It was agreed that this seat will be installed as soon as the Anglian Water have finished in Wisbech St Mary with the First Time Sewerage.**

### 297. GUYHIRN POND

There was no progress report received.

### 298. GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD

Progress in respect of the purchase of land from Fenland District Council.

Letter from Frasers regarding 75% clawback in the event of the property having the benefit of development. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to Frasers advising them that they write to Fenland District Council stating that the normal clawback is 50%.**

### 299. ALLOTMENTS

Progress re the sale of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Letter Confirmation of Valuation Instructions minimum fee of £350.00.

Letter and valuation from Maxey and Son.

Reply regarding cost of valuation asking for the valuation to be returned.

**After a discussion it was agreed to pay the Invoice of £350.00 for the valuation and the clerk to write to the parishioner wishing to purchase this land at the valuation price of £5,000.00.**

### 300. DELIVERY OF POLICE LEAFLETS

**No leaflets yet received.**

### 301. WEBSITE FOR WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008. **It was agreed to approve the recommendations of the Website Committee and adopt the Wisbech St Mary Website as the main site for the Parish Council and agreed to pay Mr S Layton the cost of the licence and any on going costs.**

### 302. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

- A leaflet had been received in the post by parishioners regarding extended opening hours for doctors' surgeries and there had been no mention of the Parson Drove Surgery. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the surgery to ascertain if they were extending their opening hours.
- Mr Parrin and Mr Carney advised the meeting that they had both attended the presentation on Speeding by the Young People of Guyhirn on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008 at Guyhirn Village Hall. These young people were very passionate about this. Both councillors had enjoyed this morning and congratulated them on the professional way they had gone about this project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

303 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.

### 304 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2009/2010

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by AGM at Thorney Toll Village Hall.

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Murrow Village Hall  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Village Hall  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove  
Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Guyhirn Village Hall  
Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Murrow Village Hall  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Village Hall  
Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall