

**MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**  
held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavilion

**PRESENT**

J Parrin (Chairman)	K Bagg	P Barnes	P Davies	J Fish	T Fowler
C Fryett Parishioners	B Payne J Coleman	D Thrower M Holmes	C Bellamy T Jennings	PC J Coales B Reay	

**OPEN FORUM** – Member of the public are invited to address the Council.  
No members of the public present wished to address the Council.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from P Wait.

**100. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

- It was proposed by P Davies, seconded by P Barnes and agreed unanimously that J Parrin be elected as Chairman for a further year.
- It was proposed by P Davies, seconded by P Barnes and agreed unanimously that D Thrower be elected as Vice Chairman for a further year.

**101. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008.  
Were approved and signed as a true record.

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

**103. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda  
P Barnes declared a personal interest on items 106b and 109c.  
C Thrower declared a personal interest on item 109c.  
C Bellamy declared a personal interest on items 106 d, e and f.  
T Fowler declared a personal interest on item 106f.

**104. FENLAND LINKS**  
There was no report from Fenland Links.

**105. POLICE MATTERS**

- Report by the Community Beat Officer who stated that there continues to be theft of or theft from motor vehicles. The Councillors were requested to continue to report problems.
- Several questions were asked by the Councillors including concerns about vandalism within Murrow and shooting from Railway Bank into Gull Road.
- P C Coales stated that the bullying threats at Murrow are being dealt with.

**106. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- Correspondence from Planning regarding planning application F/YR08/0296/F 8 Dwellings at Bevis Lane for which we have not received the plans, but requesting the Parish Council views. **Clerk advised that the Councils views had been passed on to the FDC planning as agreed at the Parish Council meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.**
- Correspondence from Anglian Water Services Limited regarding proposed vacuum Sewerage Pumping Station off High road, Guyhirn in order that first time sewage treatment can be provided to this community requesting comments. **Noted, but no comments made.**
- F/02004/08/CC CCC Head of Strategic Planning acknowledgement to our comments regarding proposed erection of a replacement pre-school Children's Centre at Murrow Primary School **Noted but no comments made.**
- F/YR07/0333/O Appeal land south of Dixie Lodge, Black Drove, Tholomas Drove erection of one dwelling appeal against FDC refusal. Appeal dismissed. **Noted.**

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

- (a) F/YR08/0377/F erection of car port and garage to side of existing dwelling Durcombe 9 Front road, Murrow.  
Applicant K Weall. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR08/0395/O erection of a dwelling involving demolition of existing building Old Village Hall, Front Road, Murrow.  
Applicant D Barnes. Agent David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (c) F/YR08/0390/O erection of a dwelling land East of Leylandi, The Pidgeons, Murrow. Applicant J Morton. Agent David Broker. **We recommend refusal of this development due to the site is over developed and it is next to a very dangerous bend in the road.**

- (d) F/YR08/0385/F erection of a 2 bed detached bungalow with associated parking involving removal of existing treatment plan land east of 8 Walnut Close, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Kempston Homes Limited. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (e) F/YR08/0384/F erection of a 4 bed detached house with detached double garage involving demolition of existing dwelling The Bungalow, Rummors Farm, North Brink, Wisbech. Applicant Mr Bass. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (f) F/YR08/0398/F change of use of land to touring caravan site (5 caravans) and erection of toilet facilities block land of Common Right Farm, Splash Drove, Tholomas Drove. Applicant T Fowler. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

107. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Cambridgeshire Learning Disability Partnership Community Newsletter. **It was agreed that when the clerk compiles the next newsletter an article be included concerning this initiative.**
- (b) CALC Extraordinary General Meeting Proposed Constitutional Changes Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008 from 10.30 am at the Sports and Recreation Pavilion, Histon and Impington. **Noted.**
- (c) P D Carpenter resignation from the Parish Council. **Noted.**
- (d) Letter from Adrian Christmas Solicitors regarding the purchase of a piece of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary. **It was agreed that the clerk look into who is renting this piece of land and report back to the next meeting.**

**Correspondence in folder for information only**

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108. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- Acknowledgement from CCC Highways regarding the bus shelter in Guyhirn stating that they are checking as to whether it is possible for the parish to carry out the work themselves. **It was agreed that Mr Parrin contact Mr Mark Fryett to obtain a quotation for this work.**
- Acknowledgement from CCC regarding Fieldview House, Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. **Noted**
- Reply from Inspector R Sissons regarding the accidents at Feildview House, Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. **Noted. Included in this letter was a request for the Parish Council to distribute Anti-Speeding leaflets. It was agreed that the clerk contact the parishioners who distributed the Village Voices to see if they were able to distribute these leaflets at the same time as they deliver the newsletters.**
- Letter from a resident concerning parking outside Murrow School. **It was agreed that the clerk contacts the County Highways Department to see what action they are able to take ie to place some bollards on the grass in front of this property the same as the neighbours.**

**Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

1. The clerk to contact Ian Tidbull of Wilson and Scott for a quotation to place school road markings both sides of Guyhirn School.
2. Numerous pot holes in the road from Gull Road to the A47.
3. From Ringsend to the Guyhirn roundabout a 50 yard gully in the road.
4. Pot hole in Station Road, Wisbech St Mary at the entrance to the sports field entrance.

109. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report of year end. **The clerk advised the meeting that the balance of account is £149388.05.**
- (b) Barclays Treasury deposit Interest on Maturity £397.81 on the 27.05.08. Interest rate 4.4%. **Noted.**
- (c) Approval of accounts for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 including the Audit Commission Annual Return. **It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk and Chairman sign the Audit Commission Annual Return.**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

- (d) Hire of Hall £0 LGAct 1972 S134 **No charge was made by the Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavilion for the hire of the hall.**
- (e) Clerk May salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (f) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (g) J Parrin expenses to visit Land Registry at Peterborough £32.40 LGAct 1972 S 15(5) and 35(5) **Agreed.**

**To approve payment of grants**

- (h) Young Lives £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **Declined as agreed to give grants to Guyhirn Youth Club and Murrow Youth upon producing proof that they run their own Bank account.**
- (i) Murrow Playing Field Association £2500.00 LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 **Agreed after presentation of Accounts.**
- (j) Murrow Youth Club £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed that Clerk writes requesting proof that they run their own Bank account before a grant is agreed.**

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

As agreed at previous meetings Mr Parrin stated that he will take Mark Fryett around the bus shelters to see what work is needed.

111. **GUYHIRN POND**

Mr P Davies advised the meeting that he had spoken to Mr Gilbert the owner of the property adjacent to the Pond. He had agreed that the Pond boundary was the row of trees and to speak to members of the Pond Committee to try and move the improvement of this area forward.

112. **HOUSING ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES**

The clerk advised the meeting that the person nominated by the Parish Council for the vacancy in Chapel Avenue upon viewing the property had decided not to take up the tenancy. The clerk stated that she had contacted the next person on the list who had also declined. It was agreed that the clerk advise Mr Parrin of the person next on the list for him to contact them to see if they were still looking for a property to rent.

113. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

The clerk advised the meeting that Fenland District Council had agreed to sell this land to the Parish Council. After a discussion it was proposed by D Thrower, seconded by B Payne and agreed unanimously that we buy this land for the Guyhirn Playing Field and the clerk to contact the FDC.

114. **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

Items from the Annual Assembly that need discussion and action.

1. Trees are being cut by the resident of 120 Back Road, Murrow which border the footpath from Back Road to Front Road Murrow and the cut branches are being thrown onto the footpath. This footpath also needs the grass cutting. The clerk to report this to Cambridgeshire County Council Footpaths.
2. The new owners of the Church, Front Road, Murrow are taking their boundary to the highway and contravening planning by taking up the grass and damaging the 2 beech trees. They are also digging footings for a garage. The clerk to report this to Fenland District Council Planning Department.
3. Numerous pot holes in Back Road and Front Road, Murrow. Clerk to report this to CCC Highways.
4. Complaints were received concerning the Turf End Bridge Traveller site. The Chairman advised the meeting that he had been advised by David Bailey the Traveller representative that any Traveller contravening the rules of this site were to be evicted and the site tidied up.
5. A caravan has been placed on Sweet Briar, Back Road, Murrow. It was agreed that the clerk contacts FDC Planning to ensure that this has planning permission.

The clerk was requested to contact the CCC department for the footpaths to request that the footpath between Front Road and Back Road, Murrow needs clearing.

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

116. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

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

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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

