

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 5th January 2009 at 7.00 pm The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman) P Barnes B Britain J Fish P Davies T Fowler B Payne

D Thrower J Tuck R Scrimshaw
Visitors T Wadsley (Fenland Links)

The Chairman welcomed Mr B Britain to the Parish Council who had completed his Acceptance of Office prior to the meeting. The Chairman welcomed Mr R Scrimshaw to the meeting as the new Fenland District Councillor.

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Councillor J Tuck gave statistics regarding accidents on the Fenland Roads. The consensus of public opinion is that barriers would stop deaths by preventing vehicles going into the rivers, but some of the statistics showed that this was not the case.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg, J Carney, C Fryett, C Bellamy and P C J Coales

1. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 1st December 2008
The minutes of the meeting of the 1st December 2008 were approved and signed as a true record.
2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
Mr Payne advised the meeting that according to the Fenland District Council they had not received any reply from the Parish Council regarding the Planning Application F/YR08/0980/F erection of a 15.0 metre high (hubheight) wind turbine with 5.5 metre rotor diameter Pitt Farm, Spence Drove, Guyhirn. Applicant R Gilbert. The Clerk stated that all the planning applications discussed at the meeting on the 1st December were sent to Fenland the next day the 2nd December 2008. It was agreed that the clerk send a copy of the planning application emails to Mr R Scrimshaw.
3. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
D Thrower declared a personal interest on item 11h.
B Payne declared a personal interest on item 11i.
R Scrimshaw declared a personal interest on item 9.
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.
 - Posters were distributed for the Community Forum Meeting on the 29th January 2009 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm at St Marks Church Hall, Parson Drove, Road Safety and Fenland Links Community Training in January 2009.
 - Meetings by Cambridgeshire ACRE on the 19th January 2009 for community leaders re updating Parish Plans and a similar meeting for parishioners on the 29th January 2009. Posters and leaflets have been distributed through the Village Voices.
 - A question was asked as to what had happened and where could the information be found regarding the Community Mapping Information.
5. **POLICE MATTERS**
No Report by the Community Beat Officer as she was unable to attend.
The clerk stated that PC J Coales had reported to her that there had been two thefts of heating oil from Murrow School and Murrow Village Hall.

The meeting was reminded of the Police Panel meeting at Elm C of E Primary School on Wednesday, 7th January 2009 at 7.00 pm.
6. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.
List of Planning Enforcements.
 - (a) F/YR08/1053/F erection of a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling Walnut Cottage High Road, Bunkers Hill, Wisbech. Applicant Ludlow Property Restorers Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (b) F/YR08/0894/O residential development (Max 6 dwellings) involving demolition of existing dwelling land fronting Back Road and 49 Front Road, Murrow. Applicant Mrs Neville. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates. **AMENDED INDICATIVE DESIGN AND ACCESS. We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (c) F/YR08/1024/F erection of a 2 bed detached house with associated parking land south of French Cottage, High Road, Tholomas Drove. Applicant Creese Homes Limited. Agent Vawser and Co. **We recommend refusal as this is a too small a site for any development.**

- (d) F/YR08/1066/F conversion of garage to additional living accommodation The Reeds 3 Spencer Drove, Guyhirn. Applicant R Reed. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Thank you from Murrow Pre School for the donation of £500.00. **Noted.**
- (b) CCC re Pocket park in Wisbech St Mary. **It was agreed that the clerk reply requesting a site meeting with North Level Internal Drainage Board with Mr J Parrin, Mr B Britain and John MacMillan the Rural Estate Manager CCC.**
- (c) FDC Street Naming Depot land North of the Poplars Bevis Lane, Wisbech St Mary. **It was suggested Bevis Close or Bevis Court.**
- (d) CCC Village benefits Advice Service leaflets. **Leaflets distributed.**
- (e) Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust thank you for donation of £500.00. They attended 3 burglaries in the parish and a further 5 Pro-active visits to vulnerable parishioners over the age of 65. Each visits cost the CPS Trust about £120.00. Leaflets also enclosed outlining the costs of visits to parishioners. **Noted and leaflets distributed.**
- (f) Declaration of result of Poll for FDC and Parish Council. **Noted.**
- (g) Bus routes suggested in July not viable at this time. **Noted.**
- (h) Invite to Parish Planning in Fenland in Guyhirn on the 19th January 2009 6.30 to 9.00 pm. **Noted.**
- (i) Reply regarding power cuts in Gull Road, Guyhirn. **Noted.**
- (j) Applications for Register of Electors for Councillors own use. **Applications distributed to all Councillors present.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

leaflets	CCC Annual report for the financial year 2007-2008.	CCC Winter Gritting Snow Clearing
	The Wildlife Trusts Training Workshops 2009	Community Action Winter 2008
	Local Council Review January 2009	Cambridgeshire Community Services In Touch
	Fenland Council for Voluntary Services Training Feb-April 2009	Fens Leap Leader Plus Program
	Communities and Local Government A Consultation	

8. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

Reply from P Vale CCC Highways regarding the moving of the 40mph sign in Gull road, Guyhirn stating that all A and B roads are being surveyed within the next few years up to 2011 and Gull Road is part of this survey and will have to wait until this has been carried out. **It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that this is not an acceptable reply.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Mill Road, Murrow large pot hole.
2. Long Drove very uneven.
3. Bellamy Bridge large pot holes.
4. Hole in road at the junction of Churchfield Road and Church Road, Wisbech St Mary
5. Road outside back of fish shop in Church Road, Wisbech St Mary in very bad state of repair.
6. No Through Road sign knocked down at Churchfield Road, Wisbech St Mary.
7. Trees need trimming on the A47 at the junction of Gull Road as you cannot see down the road to Guyhirn Bridge.
8. Gull Drove and Gull Road Junction cannot see as the junction is obscured by trees and heavy brambles.
9. Murrow Bank side of the road needs building up.
10. Cants Drove onto Gull Road triangle grass area needs removing and made solid.
11. Burst pipe has caused the road to subside at Fort Farm, Gull Drove. This work was promised some two years ago.
12. Front Road and Back Road Murrow needs gritting.
13. A47 slip road from Gull Road, Guyhirn road surface breaking up.
14. A47 Guyhirn Bridge to Cromwell Road, Wisbech road surface breaking up.
15. Follies Drove, Murrow to Tholomas Drove very uneven road and numerous pot holes.
16. Chapel Avenue road surface breaking up.
17. Large pot holes in Garden Lane.
18. Murrow slow down/S Bend sign and then the 40mph sign. The 40 mph sign needs moving approximately 30 metres on the approach before the S bend sign.
19. Outside Post Office and shop High Road Wisbech St Mary a bollard has been broken off approximately 2/3 inches above the path.

9. REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT RENTS

It was agreed that the Allotments be reviewed prior to the October 2009 Allotment Rent Reminders being sent out to give tenants 12 months notice of any increase.

10. REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY

Review of clerk's salary as a result of clerk's appraisal carried out on the 5th January 2009 by Mr J Parrin and Mrs D Thrower.

The clerk left the meeting for discussions to take place.

It was agreed in view of the fact that the Precept had not been increased that the clerk's salary would remain at its present level for the next twelve months.

11. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date. Balance of accounts £158363.79.
- (b) FDC Second instalment of Concurrent functions £2905.00. **Noted.**
- (c) Barclays Treasury Deposits £100,000 invested 24.11.08 to 24.12.08 interest £172.60. **Noted**
- (d) Barclays Treasury Deposits £100,000 invested 24.12.08 to 26.01.09 Interest rate 1.05% £94.93 interest. **Noted. Clerk to investigate a longer term investment with higher interest rate.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (e) The Chequers Hire of Hall £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed**
- (f) Clerk January salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (g) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (h) Murrow Book Café hire of hall for website meeting £10.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed**

To approve payment of grants

- (i) Guyhirn Cemetery Committee £350.00 LGAct 1972 S214(6) **Agreed**

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

- Mr Parrin stated that he had made arrangements to meet with the disabled lady who uses the Guyhirn bus stop

13. **GUYHIRN POND**

No Progress report had been received.

14. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

The clerk stated she had been advised by Fraser Dawbarns that they were proceeding with the purchase of land at Guyhirn from the FDC at a cost of £10,000.00 with the 75% claw back clause.

15. **ALLOTMENTS**

Progress re the sale of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary.

The clerk stated that she had written to the parishioner's solicitors wishing to purchase this land stating that the valuation was £5,000, but to date had not received a reply.

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

- Mr Parrin advised the meeting that the clerk and he attended a Standards Board Information evening and they both agreed that this had been a very informative and enjoyable evening. It had certainly had allayed any doubts that any one group of people made the final decisions.
- It was agreed that the clerk arranges a meeting for the Police to visit the Parish to inform parishioners about the Smart Water. It was agreed that this should be held on a Tuesday at the end of March in two village Halls on the same evening, Wisbech St Mary 6.00 to 7.00 pm and Guyhirn from 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 2nd February 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

18. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2009/2010**

Monday, 2nd March 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
Monday, 30th March 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
Monday 27th April 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
Monday, 18th May 2009 Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by AGM at Thorney Toll Village Hall.
Monday, 15th June 2009 at Murrow Village Hall
Monday, 13th July 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Village Hall
Monday 17th August 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
Monday, 14th September 2009 at Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday, 12th October 2009 at Murrow Village Hall
Monday 9th November 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Village Hall
Monday, 7th December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
Monday, 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall

