

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 15th June 2009 at Murrow Village Hall

PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	P Barnes	B Britain	J Carney	P Davies	T Fowler	C Fryett
J Parrin	B Payne	C Bellamy				
Parishioners	J Martin	E Neale	T Purdy	J Upton	R Upton	
Visitor	N Brown (FDC)					

OPEN FORUM

Mr Neale spoke on behalf of Mr and Mrs R Upton regarding their property in Murrow Lane, which they commenced approximately 3 years ago. They have been notified by the Enforcement Officer that this property, which is not yet completed will have to be knocked down. The Chairman stated that this is not in the Parish Councils remit and they would have to speak to the Planning Department to see if this could be resolved. The Parish Council agreed to look at any amended plans submitted by them through Fenland District Council Planning.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from J Fish, R Scrimshaw, J Tuck and T Wadsley.

103. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 18th May 2009
The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 2009 were signed as a true record.

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

105. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
There were no members declarations of interest.

106. **FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**
Mrs T Wadsley was unable to attend the meeting, but had advised the chairman that funding of £1,000 had been agreed by Fenland District Council to enable the 40 mph sign to be moved in Gull Road, Guyhirn. She was unable to advise us when this work would go ahead.

107. **POLICE MATTERS**
Report by the Community Beat Officer

P C J Coales advised the meeting that the majority of the crime in the parish was from garden sheds and the theft of garden ornaments. These thefts are taking place in the day time as well as in the evenings.

The meeting was reminded of the Panel meeting on the 24th June at Elm School at 7.00 pm.

A discussion took place in respect of a stolen mower from Guyhirn Playing Field. It had been reported that this had been found but before the Police officers on duty were able to seize it the mower had disappeared. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Chief Constable to ascertain who makes the decisions over the officers on duty on such incidents.

108. **NIGEL BROWN FDC – SIGNAGE IN BEECHAMS CLOSE, WISBECH ST MARY**
Mr Brown outlined details of the use of Beechams Close as the main entrance to the new Community Centre at Wisbech St Mary. Whilst this is being built all the construction vehicles are to be escorted and will only be aloud between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. It is expected that this Centre will be completed by December 2009 and it is at this time when the residents of Beechams Close feel that there could be a problem as the now entrance to the Sports Pavillion at the rear of Beechams Close will be closed. A meeting is being held on Tuesday, 23rd June at the Sports Pavillion at 5.00 pm to try and come to some agreement as the best way forward with the support of the Parish Council. It was agreed that speed limits will take time and that it would be better to try and get the conditions on the planning permission to be varied by allowing the track at the rear of Beechams Close to continue to be used by implementing a one way system. It is understood that the ownership of this track is shared between Fenland District Council and Roddon.

109. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

- (a) F/YR09/0332/F Siting of a mobile home and office and erection of 2no stables, chick nursery, chicken shed, glass house, 2 no poly tunnels and kennels/store Wayland Farm, Bevis Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Miss C Bartrum. Agent Mr Nigel Lowe. **We decline this application as this is in the wrong situation. Numerous complaints have been made in the past, but they have never been enforced. We recommend that the site be cleared.**
- (b) F/YR09/0335/RM erection of a 5 bed detached house and detached triple garage with storage above Towers Farm House, Thorney Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr Tony Mott. Agent Mr D Upton. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

A discussion took place in respect of the Planning on the FDC website and that you cannot get access to the detailed plans. When FDC had been contacted to find out why the parishioners are being told that there is not enough staff to scan in the paper work. Even staff at the One Stop Shop were unable to get access to this information. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Chief Executive with a copy to the Leader of the Council.

110. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- discuss
- (a) Fenland Links celebration of their achievements Thursday, 16th July 2009 at The Oasis Centre Wisbech. **Noted.**
 - (b) Letter of resignation from Mr Kevin Bagg. **Noted, clerk to write thanking him for his work. It was agreed to discuss the matter of his replacement at the next meeting once we had received the official letter from FDC Electoral Services that they had not received any nominations and that we could co-op. The clerk advised the meeting that the Electoral Officer had advised her that they had received only one enquiry from J Hall.**
 - (c) Letter of thanks from Murrow Primary School. **Noted.**
 - (d) Vital Communities events. **Noted.**
 - (e) Thank you letter from EACH for our donation of £500.00. Included with this was an invitation to the Milton Hospice Open Day on the 8th October 2009. **Noted.**
 - (f) Thank you letter from the Wisbech St Mary Luncheon Club for the donation of £100.00 **Noted.**
 - (g) Thank you letter from Guyhirn Friendship Club for the donation of £100.00 **Noted.**
- Correspondence in folder for information only**

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111. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Wilson and Scott (Highways) Limited on the 19.05.09 stating that the School sign at Guyhirn will be repaired in the next week. **Work to date has not been carried out.**
- (b) CCC Highways Carriageway Surface Dressing Programme Long Drove 11.06.09 and Hooks Drove 10.06.09. **Noted.**
- (c) Acknowledgement from Malcolm Moss regarding Thorney Toll stating that he has written to the Chief Executive of the Highways Agency and will get in touch once he has received a response. **Noted.**
- (d) Response from the Highways Agency regarding the A47 through to Thorney Toll. **Noted. Copy to be forwarded to J Fish.**
- (e) Reply from CCC Highways on matters passed to them from previous meetings. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Trees overhanging junctions at Murrow Lane, Murrow, Bunkers Hill, Leverington Common and Fenland Lodge Rest and Chaney Bridge, Leverington Common.
2. Roundabout at Guyhirn Bridge on the A47 needs the overhanging branches and shrubs cutting back.
3. Large hole in the road in Church Road, Wisbech St Mary at the back of the fish shop. The problems is being made worse as there is a car parked on the opposite side of the road forcing you into this side of the road.

112. FINANCE

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. **Balance of account £**
- To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**
- (b) Clerk June salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (c) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (d) MF Haulage & Plant Hire Limited Refurbishment of bus shelters £1140.00 LG1894 S8 (1i) **Agreed**
- (e) Aviva Combined Insurance £1645.35 LGAct 1972 S111 **Agreed**
- (f) Paul Tibbs Limited Repair of Thorney Toll Notice Board £256.45 LG1894 S8 (1i) **Agreed**
- (g) North Level Drainage Rates £11.09 LG (Financial Provisions Act 1963) **Agreed**

113. PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS

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- (a) Meeting regarding the Chapelfield Avenue, Guyhirn Bus shelter alterations to help the disabled. **Work will be undertaken as soon as the other contractors have finished in the area.**
 - (b) Letter from Fraser regarding to cancellation of the sale of the allotment land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary. **Noted. It was agreed that Mr Parrin contact the parishioner wishing to rent this land advising him that due to the condition of this land he could have it for 2 years rent free and then at £30 a year rent.**
 - (c) Prior to October 2009 it had been agreed by S Carroll of CCC Highways Department to pay half the cost of resurfacing the footpath near the old Church, Murrow. A quotation of £660 had been received from D Rowell, but before this work could be carried out Mr Parrin had been advised by EDF Energy that they needed to run a cable along this footpath and once this had been done they would resurface this. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that it looks as if the cable work has been carried out but the area has not been resurfaced. It was agreed that the clerk contact CCC Highway to make sure this is case and we will then have to go back to our original plan to get D Rowell to undertake this work with half the cost being paid by the Highways Department.

114. GUYHIRN POND

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- (a) Report from Nigel Adams Guyhirn Pond Group. **After a discussion it was agreed that the Guyhirn Pond be taken back from the Guyhirn Pond Group as it would appear that they did not take out the Public Liability Insurance agreed. It was agreed that the clerk set up a meeting with the Guyhirn Parish Councillors and the tree specialist**

from FDC to enable the necessary work to be undertaken on the 8 trees in this area, 6 of which are subject to a Tree Preservation Order. This matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to decide what other work should be undertaken and whether to employ a contractor with the necessary Public Liability Insurance.

- (b) Letter from a parishioner regarding the trees adjacent to the Pond. **It was agreed that the clerk reply to this letter advising that the Parish Council are contacting a tree specialist for any necessary work to be undertaken.**

115. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Licence received from Anglian Water Services Limited regarding rent of land as a storage area for the Guyhirn Sewerage Scheme up to the 31st October 2009. **Noted.**

116. **POWER OF WELLBEING**

It clerk advised the meeting that she had received several dates from CPALC for an evening training on the Power of Wellbeing. Parson Drove Parish Council had agreed to join us. After a discussion it was agreed on two dates 7th October or the 4th November. Mr Parrin agreed to find out whether the Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavillion was available on either of these dates.

117. **MATTERS FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY ON THE 18th May 2009**

The clerks advised the meeting that the following items had been passed to the relevant authorities.

1. Complaints were received concerning the Turf End Bridge Traveller site. The Chairman advised the meeting that he had continued to be advised by David Bailey the Traveller representative that any Traveller contravening the rules of this site was to be evicted and the site tidied up. It was reported that the fires continue, but the police are unable to act until they have evidence against particular individuals.
2. Dog bins required in Front Road, Murrow at the entrance to the public footpath opposite the old Church and near the Village Hall, Murrow.
3. Parking at the Pidgeons continues to be a problem with cars and vans parked on this dangerous bend. It was agreed that the clerk contacts Roddons suggesting that when the bungalows become vacant as part of their process to get them ready for letting that they should drop the curb and surface the front gardens for residents parking. It is understood that there is one vacant at the moment

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

1. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he had read in the Wisbech Standard that there was a meeting at the FDC by the Transport Commission on the 17th June 2009 regarding transport within Fenland and that District and Parish Councillors had been invited to take part. It was agreed that the clerk find out why there had been no one invited from Wisbech St Mary Parish as certain parts of our parish had little or no public transport.

119. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 13th July 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Playing Field Pavillion.

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

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 Playing Field Pavillion
Monday, 7th December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
Monday, 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall