

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at 7.00 pm The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

### PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)	P Barnes	B Britain	J Carney	P Davies	J Fish	T Fowler
	B Payne	D Thrower	C Bellamy	R Scrimshaw		
Visitors	P C J Coales	T Wadsley				
Parishioners	J Martin	T Purdy				

### OPEN FORUM

There were no matters discussed in the Open Forum

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg, C Fryett and J Tuck

36. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009  
The minutes of the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.
37. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)  
Mr Payne advised the meeting that the Standards Committee Seminar to be held Monday, 16.03.09 at 6.30 pm will be held at Exchange Towers, Wisbech all are welcome.
38. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda  
P Davies declared a personal interest on item 41a.
39. **FENLAND LINKS**
- Mrs Wadsley advised the meeting that she is now an employee of Fenland District Council working within areas that are deemed to be deprived.
  - The meeting was advised that the FDC Crime Busting vehicle will visit Guyhirn on the 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30, Murrow at 11.00 am, 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 Wisbech St Mary and 27<sup>th</sup> March all day on the Market Place, Wisbech. This vehicle can be booked out for events.
  - Fenland Links have taken steps to have the 40 mph sign moved in Gull Road Guyhirn at a cost of £1,000. If there are no objections to this sign being moved this work will be undertaken in 2 months, but if there are objections it will 6 months. It was agreed that the clerk send a letter to Fenland Links stating that this needs to be moved towards Guyhirn approximately 25 metres from the exit of Foleys Drove.
  - Speeding Action group meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009.
  - Holding a party for older people of the parish on the 16<sup>th</sup> April at Parson Drove.
  - Wisbech St Mary Parish Plan review meeting to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.
  - Police Panel meeting priority Inconsistent and dangerous parking, reassurance of the elderly and unsocial behaviour
40. **POLICE MATTERS**  
Report by the Community Beat Officer  
Details of crimes within the parish were discussed.  
A discussion took place in respect of the moving of prisoners from Wisbech to King's Lynn and the rundown of Wisbech Police Station. It had been suggested that the Magistrates Court will be moved. It was agreed that the clerk writes a letter of concern to Malcolm Moss MP with a copy to Keith Walters of Cambridgeshire County Council.
41. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**  
Letter of apology from FDC Planning Department regarding matters passed from meetings not being recorded.  
**List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.**  
**List of Planning Enforcements for January.**
- (a) F/YR09/0044/RM erection of a 4 bed detached house with integral garage involving alterations to existing vehicular access land south west of Riverside, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant C Allen. Agent David Broker Design Services.  
**We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR09/0091/F erection of a conservatory to front of existing dwelling The Cottons, Mill Road, Murrow. Applicant Mr Fryett. Agent N Fairbanks. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (c) F/YR09/0108/F erection of a 4 bed detached bungalow with detached garage/store involving demolition of existing dwelling Pinewood, Garden Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant D Paine. Agent Mr David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
42. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
- (a) Fenland Road Safety Campaign (Charlotte's Way) from Graham Chappell. **Noted.**
- (b) Cambridgeshire Transport Commission an opportunity to let the Government know your views. Deadline for responses is 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009. **Noted.**
- (c) Peterborough City Council New sites proposed for mineral and waste development. **Noted.**

- (d) CCC Countryside Access Issues. **Noted.**
- (e) Vital Communities A Fenland Tale unveiling of a window 9<sup>th</sup> March Wisbech St Mary School 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm.
- (f) Thank you letter from Vital Communities regarding the £500.00 donation. **Noted.**
- (g) CPALC enclosing Spring 2009 Bulletin. **Noted.**
- (h) Acknowledge of payment of £50.00 from Wisbech & fenland Museum. **Noted.**
- 2.00 (i) Guyhirn C of E Primary School Governors regarding the School Travel Plan Group next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at pm. **Noted. Included in this letter advising that there are still some hedges overhanging the footpath along High Road, Guyhirn. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the occupier of Sheraton House requesting the hedge to be cut.**
- no (j) Mr Parrin advised the meeting that a letter had been received from CCC Legal Services requesting whether we had any objections to highway land in front of the Railway Bell Public House being taken away. After a discussion there were objections raised.
- at (k) Mr Parrin advised the meeting that there was a Three Tier Management Board meeting on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 5.30 pm at Fenland District Council.

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43. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Letter from Highways regarding action being taken on matters passed to them from Parish Council meetings. **Noted.**
- (b) Reply from C Mason regarding the dog bins stating that they will put forward the location of Murrow as they have dog fouling as an issue in several localities. **Noted.**
- (c) Reply from Highways regarding the B1187 Murrow Bank. This 64 on a list of 87 and the review is proposed to start 2010/11. **Noted. This matter was discussed in item 39 when the meeting was advised that Fenland Links have taken steps to have the 40 mph sign moved in Gull Road Guyhirn at a cost of £1,000.**

**Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

1. Big hole in Gull Road, Guyhirn at the start of the slip road.
2. Big hole outside Bell Public House, Murrow.
3. Still parking on the bend at the Pidgeons Corner, Murrow.
4. Back Road, Murrow has been churned up by Barhales. While it is being repaired can it be widened?
5. Gull Drove tree across road just before the old railway crossing.
6. Murrow Lane numerous pot holes the whole length of the lane.
  - A discussion took place in respect of the damaged notice boards within the parish. Mr Parrin agreed to look at these to see if they could be repaired locally or whether we would have to contact the company from whom they were originally purchased.

44. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date. **The clerk advised the meeting that the balances of the accounts total £138863.23.**
- (b) Barclays Treasury Deposit £100,000 0.55% £43.70 interest. **Noted.**
- To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**
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| (c) The Chequers Hire of Hall                              | £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 <b>Agreed.</b>                 |
| (d) Clerk March salary                                     | £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>                |
| (e) Tax & NI   | £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>                |
| (f) Postage and stationery                                 | £64.44 Financial Provisions Act 1963 S5 <b>Agreed</b> |
| (g) Fraser Dawbarns purchase of land Guyhirn Playing Field | £10,000 LGAct 1972 Sch 14 (27) <b>Agreed.</b>         |
- To approve payment of grants**
- (h) Southea Churchyard £350.00 LGAct 1972 S214(6) **Agreed. It was agreed that the clerk advise this committee that it was been brought to our attention that there is a mole and rabbit problem and are they able to take any action to alleviate this.**

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

- (a) Date to be arranged for Parish Risk Assessment. **It was agreed that this take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. Times are 9.00 Wisbech St Mary, 10.00 Murrow and 10.45 at Guyhirn.**
- due out (b) Meeting regarding the Chapelfield Avenue, Guyhirn Bus shelter alterations to help the disabled. **Meeting cancelled to weather. This will be rescheduled at a later date. The contractor felt that any work should not be carried without first discussing it with CCC Highways.**

46. **GUYHIRN POND**

No Progress report received.

47. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Cheque issued for £10,000 to Fraser Dawbarns to complete the sale. **It was reported by Mr Bellamy that Mr Hooper of FDC did not know about this. It was agreed that the clerk contact Fraser Dawbarns to see if the purchase of this land was now complete.**

48. **ALLOTMENTS**

- Fowler clients £5,000
- (a) Letter to D and S Kennelly regarding a vacant allotment. **The meeting was advised that they had met with Mr at the allotment at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary and this was too large. Mr Fowler had arranged for them to take over a part of an allotment owned by the Poors Allotment Charity.**
  - (b) Reply from Roythorne Christmas concerning the piece of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary stating that their wish to purchase this land. **It was agreed that the clerk replies advising that this land could be purchased at plus our costs.**

49. **NEWSLETTER**

February 2009 Newsletter. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk submits newsletters in February, May, September and December.**

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

- Mr Parrin advised the meeting that Mr Britain and he met with Paul Sharman from the Drainage Board and Mr Wheatley the tenant of the land. It was agreed that there was a drainage problem due to the filling of dykes.
- It was agreed that Mr Scrimshaw invites Mr Harper to attend our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the Structure of the Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

51. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

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

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 Playing Field Pavillion. (change of venue)**

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 Playing Field Pavillion (change of venue)**

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall