

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 9th November 2009 at the Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavillion

PRESENT

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

OPEN FORUM

There were no matters discussed in the Open Forum.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from B Payne, C Fryett, T Wadsley and J Tuck

189. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 12th October 2009
The minutes of the 12th October were signed as a true record.
190. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
There were no matters arising.
191. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
Mr P Barnes declared a personal interest on item 197h.
192. **FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**
There was no report from T Wadsley the Community Development Officer.
193. **POLICE MATTERS**
Report by the Community Beat Office stated that the majority of crimes within the parish were theft from sheds and garages. PC J Coales stated that there had been an increase in theft from the elderly and this type of crime had also been reported by the Norfolk and Lincolnshire Police.
- The following were reported to the Police:-
- Mr Parrin requested whether there were any minutes from the Police Panel meetings as the Fenland Traffic Area Joint Committee had stated to the Wisbech St Mary Group who had presented a petition to them regarding speeding in High Road, Wisbech St Mary that they had never received any indication from the Parish Council that there was a problem in this area. Mr Parrin stated that he had not been aware of this Committee and had reported problems to the Police Panel meetings. It had been stated at the Fenland Traffic Area Joint Committee that Mr Peter Vale of Cambridgeshire County Council Highways would be looking into this.
 - Mr Fish stated that he had requested a new Neighbourhood Watch sign for Thorney Toll and had been told that they would have to purchase these themselves.
 - It was reported that a number of cars in High Road, Guyhirn were parking without lights, some of which the opposite way of the traffic flow.
194. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
- Reply from S Robshaw regarding unauthorised activity at a property in High Road, Wisbech St Mary. **Noted.**
 - Peterborough City Council regarding appeal construction of wind farm at Wrydecroft, Peterborough and Nuts Grove Farm, Thorney on 24.11.09 at 10.00 am at Bridge House, Town Bridge, Peterborough. **Noted.**
- List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.**
- (a) F/YR09/0641/F erection of 2 x 3 bed semi-detached house involving demolition of existing dwelling, formation of vehicular accesses Ferry Farm Cottage, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr and Mrs Bliss. Agent Mr Grahame Seaton. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR09/0654/F siting of a 2 bed mobile home Takoradi, 124 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mrs C Rowe. Agent Miss A Grainger. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
195. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
- (a) CPALC AGM on 21st November 2009. **Noted.**
- (b) FDC Consultation of Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy. A Proposal to relocate the Wisbech Taxi Rank. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes objecting to the moving of the taxi rank in Wisbech from the Horsefair to outside The Case.**
- (c) FDC Consultation on Review of Gambling Act. **Noted.**
- (d) Invitation to a meeting concerning A1101 Sutton Road Accident Blackspot on 23.11.09 at 6.30 pm at Tydd St Giles Community Centre. **Noted.**
- (e) Murrow Children Centre to attend a Parish Council meeting. **Agreed to invite a representative from the Centre to the Parish Council meeting on the 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

CCC Future Cambridgeshire – Response on the Regional Strategy
Norfolk CC Norfolk Minerals & Waste Local Development Framework

Cope Newsletter No. 61 Nov/Dec 09

196. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Reply form P Vale CCC Highways regarding letter from Mrs V White, Bunkers Hill. **Noted. Agreed to place road markings on the Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvement bid as an addition to the Bunkers Hill Footpath bid in 2011/12.**
- (b) Reply from Alan Westlake Roddons re parking at Pidgeons Corner, Murrow. **Noted.**
- (c) Reply from T Whitmore Roddons re parking at Pidgeons Corner, Murrow. **Noted.**
- (d) CPALC HCV Issues & Countywide Advisory Freight Map. **Place this item on the agenda for the next meeting when the Freight Map has been received.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

- 1. Drop on side of road Murrow Bank between Plash Drove and Pentelows Corner.
- 2. Murrow Bank sign still now been replaced after being removed by CCC Highways.
- 3. The footpath between From Road and Back Road, Murrow near Church grass and trees need cutting back.
- 4. Dips in road Gull Road Guyhirn to the top of Cants Drove.
- 5. Streetlight being obscured by willow Trees at Alasan Lodge, Front Road, Murrow.
- 6. Broken branches on the side of the road at Panswell Corner. The trees also need cutting back.
- 7. Outside the Black Hart at Thorney Toll the curbing has been smashed. This is very dangerous as the area has sunk about a foot.
- 8. Fort Farm, Gull Drove dip in the road causing damage to car exhausts.
- 9. Murrow Bank a large crack in the road.
- 10. Request from Highways their Policy on Hedge Cutting.
- 11. Manhole covers being pushed off. One in Station Road Murrow and one Plash Drove Wisbech St Mary junction.
- 12. Water Hydrant broken Gull Bank end of Foleys Drove outside The Chimneys.
- 13. Overgrown leylani hedge Sheraton House, High Road, Guyhirn. Agreed clerk to write to Highways and to the occupier.
- 14. Water on the road outside the Chequers an ongoing problem. Area needs piping as it was the site of the old pond.
- 15. Front Road, Murrow needs resurfacing and line markings replaced. This is a particular dangerous area as there are no streetlights.

197. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. Balance of account £117432.25
- (b) Allotment rents received to date. **Only one allotment rent outstanding.**
- (c) FDC Concurrent Functions Grant **Agreed that the clerk completes the Concurrent Functions Grant form requesting one additional street. It was agreed that the clerk points out once again that Wisbech St Mary consists of three villages and two hamlets.**

(d) Notification that meetings at The Chequers Inn will be charged at £30 per meeting. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (e) Clerk November salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (f) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (g) Dell Computers £630.20 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (h) Murrow Village Hall Hire for meeting 12.10.09 £25.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed**
- (i) CPALC Councillor Training £175.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed**

To approve payment of grants

- (j) Victim Support £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed**
that clerk writes stating that the statistics they have given are for Wisbech and not for Wisbech St Mary Parish.
- (k) Murrow Pre School £500.00 LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed**
- (l) Royal British Legion Poppy wreaths £49.50 LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed**
- (m) Wisbech St Mary Primary School Breakfast Club £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **Decline this request.**

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

- (a) Painting of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign by Whitmoor Prison. **It was agreed that Mr Parrin would contact the prison.**
- (b) Quotation from T Gamble re wooden seat in the bus shelter next to the Wheel public House, Wisbech St Mary. **Noted. Agreed that we should have more than one quotation and it was agreed that we contact Mr M Parrin for a quotation.**
- (c) Bus stop at Thorney Toll needs lighting and it was agreed that Mr Fish find out how much it would cost to fit a solar light.
- (d) Trees at Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove unsafe. This has been reported on numerous occasions to the CCC Highways. It was agreed that the clerk contacts the Press requesting they get in touch with Mr Fowler.
- (e) Drainage in High Road, Wisbech St Mary is causing problems and it was thought that this had been resolved by improving the drainage by way of a drain behind the properties near the Wisbech St Mary Village Hall, but one resident would not give permission for this pipe to go across their property. It was therefore necessary to find an alternative and

this would be to put a pipe from the Wisbech St Mary Pit to a drain on the opposite side of the road. North Level Internal Drainage Board has agreed to pay half of the cost, which would be in the region of between £7,000 and £10,000. It was agreed that whilst this work was being undertaken that perhaps CCC Highways would like to contribute towards the cost to extend the pipe to cover the drain outside Walnut Cottage, High Road, Wisbech St Mary.

199. **GUYHIRN POND**

Tender to remove or trim trees around the Pond from D Humphrey & Son £8000 plus VAT. **Noted. It was agreed that further quotations should be obtained. Mr B Britain agreed to contact North Level Internal Drainage Board for a quotation for this work. Mr Fowler was also in the process of contacting a further contractor to see they were interested in carrying out this work.**

200. **COMMUNITY FAIRS (NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS)**

It was agreed that the clerk writes to FDC Han Horn requesting how successful were the Community Fairs, a break down of the problems raised and the answers given. Were there plans for further fairs in our area.

Items from the Fair.

1. Street Lights in Jetty between High Road, Church Road opposite St Mary's Close are not working and they need to be numbered and cleaned. **Clerk to contact CCC Highways again. This has already been reported on several occasions.**
2. Where is the £1500 given to Guyhirn for green spaces? **Mr Scrimshaw stated that this money is to be used to improve the green space in Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn. It was felt this money could have been better spent and why were the Parish Council not involved in this decision. It was agreed that the clerk writes to FDC Planning Wendy Holland.**
3. Residents of Walnut Close, Wisbech St Mary have problems with Kempston Homes re sewerage and open area. **Mr Fowler to visit this area and to report back to the next Parish Council meeting.**

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

It was reported that there were about five parishioners per day using the bus service through Murrow. It was felt that this could be better advertised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

202. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 7th December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

203. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2010/2011**

Monday, 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall

Monday, 1st February 2010 – Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday, 1st March 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavillion

Monday, 29th March 2010 – Murrow Village Hall

Monday 26th April 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

Monday, 24th May 2010 – Guyhirn Village Hall - Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by the Annual General Meeting

Monday, 21st June 2010 – Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday, 19th July 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavillion

Monday 16th August 2010 – Murrow Village Hall

Monday, 13th September 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.

Monday, 11th October 2010

Monday 8th November 2010

Monday, 6th December 2010

Monday, 10th January 2011

