

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 12th October 2009 at Murrow Village Hall

PRESENT

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

OPEN FORUM

- A comment was made by a parishioner that Wisbech St Mary Parish Council should look at an article in the Village Voices on procedures for co-opting Councillors.
- A comment was made regarding the Planning Application at agenda item 175 e submitted by a parishioner on trees on Parish Council land. The clerk stated that anyone can submit planning applications on any land, but it still needs the permission of the owner before the work can be carried out.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from B Payne, J Fish, C Bellamy, T Wadsley and P C J Coales

170. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 14th September 2009
The minutes of the 14th September 2009 were signed as a true record.

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

172. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
Mr P Barnes declared a personal interest on item 176h.
Mr J Parrin declared a personal interest on item 179i.
Mrs D Thrower declared a personal interest on item 176h.

173. **FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**
There was no report from T Wadsley the Community Development Officer.

174. **POLICE MATTERS**
There was no report by the Community Beat Officer.

175. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- FDC Planning F/YR09/0528/CERTLU Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) Siting of a mobile home Oak Tree Farm, Fen Road, Guyhirn, Wisbech. **No one was able to confirm that this mobile had been on site for 10 years. Some concerns were voiced that this letter had only just been received by the clerk as the 21 days in which to make a comment had already expired.**
- Agenda for the Fenland Traffic Management Area Joint Committee on the 16th October 2009 at 2.30 pm when the Wisbech St Mary Traffic Calming will be discussed. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk contact Mrs Harris of The Wheel Public House, Wisbech St Mary to advise her of this meeting and that if she wishes to speak at this meeting she should contact the clerk of this committee.**
- It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Chief Planning Officer Steve Robshaw requesting when the Enforcement Notice on Cunningham Cars will take effect.

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

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- (a) F/YR09/0537/F erection of a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling Brooklyn, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant R M Hodson. Agent Mr David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (b) F/YR09/0559/F erection of a conservatory to side and detached triple garage/store to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory and garages The Vicarage High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mrs S Russell. Agent Miss T Radley. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (c) F/YR09/0574/F change of use of shop to form additional living accommodation and erection of 2 storey rear extension existing dwelling, involving demolition of existing garage. Applicant Mr M Judd. Agent Mr Chris Walford. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (d) F/YR09/0598/A display of 2 internally illuminated singled sided free standing poster signs (Retrospective) Auto Pitstop Thorney Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr M Swindles. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (e) F/YR09/0608/TRTPO felling of 1 willow tree and works to 2 willow trees covered by TPO 1/1995.The Village Pond, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr R Reed. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

176. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- are
- (a) CCC regarding change of Norfolk Green services 46, 50, 60, 63, 66 and Carnell's Service 50. **Noted.**
 - (b) North Level Internal Drainage Board stating that the dyke alongside Barton Road, Wisbech St March stating that they are in discussion with the landowner who filled in this dyke without permission. **Noted. Mr B Britain advised the meeting that this dyke has now been piped.**
 - (c) Councillor J Tuck CCC Traffic Calming Wisbech St Mary advising that this will be discussed at the next meeting of the Fenland Traffic Management Area Joint Committee in October. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Dr R Hewson to see if he wished his letter to become part of the Wisbech St Mary Petition.**
 - (d) Cambridgeshire ACRE Impact Report 2008/2009. **Noted.**

- (e) Reply from Guyhirn School stating that they have not removed any documents from the Notice Board. **Noted.**
- (f) Notification of the CPALC AGM on the 21st November 2009. Any council wishing to submit motions for this meeting need to submit them to CPALC office by the 15th October. **Noted.**
- (g) Meet the Funders FCVS at Peckover House 3rd November 2009 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. **Noted.**
- (h) Murrow Playing Field Association regarding the Cambridgeshire Play Pathfinder funding and that they should know if their bid for £30,000 has been successful by the end of October. This will be paid to the Parish Council in two instalments. **Noted.**
- (i) FDC requesting a site for a banner advising the forthcoming Community Fairs. **Noted.**
- (j) Reply from the Police regarding speeding at Bunkers Drove. **In this letter it was stated that we would be receiving a letter from P Vale, Cambridgeshire Highways. To date we have not received a reply nor have we heard any further details from him regarding the moving of the 40 mph sign further along Gull Road. Funding had been secured for this by Mrs T Wadsley our Community Development Officer. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Jill Tuck regarding these matters.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

Community Action Autumn 2009

Streetscene Newsletter September 2009

Vital Communities new phase of projects

177. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) CCC Highways re items passed to them from previous Parish Council meetings. **Noted.**
- (b) Letter received from the Environment Agency regarding the footpath along the Guyhirn river bank and that they were unable to erect waste or dog bins. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Fenland District Council to find out the cost of waste bins.**

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. Pidgeons Corner cars parked causing an obstruction. Write again to Roddons to see if front gardens can be used as parking for residents.

At this point the Clerk left the meeting.

178. **REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY**

Review Clerk's salary prior to setting the Budget and Precept for 2010/2011. **After discussions it was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by 3%, which is £250.00 per annum with effect from the 1st April 2010.**

179. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. **The balance of the Account is £99420.13.**
- (b) To set Budget and Precept for 2010/2011. It was agreed that the Precept be kept the same 2009/2010 £43732.00 and the following budget was set.

Administration	£16682.00
Councillors Expenses	£520.00
Grants	£18200.00
Capital Expenditure	£1000,00
137	£3640,00
Maintenance	£2600,00
Streetlights	£1040.00
Allotment Expenses	£50.00

- (c) Allotment rents received to date. **The clerk advised the meeting that 2 Allotment rents had been received totalling £11.00.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (d) Clerk October salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (e) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (f) Crowson & Ward £10.90 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**

To approve payment of grants

- (g) The Cambridgeshire Regiment Association £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **It was decided that as we are unable to ascertain how many parishioners would benefit from this we would decline the request.**
- (h) Victim Support £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **It was agreed that the clerk writes to try and ascertain how many parishioners would benefit from giving a grant to this organisation.**
- (i) Wisbech St Mary Sports & Community Centre £2500.00 to be agreed LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 **After a discussion it was proposed by P Barnes, seconded by T Fowler and agreed by 8 votes with one abstention that a grant of £2500 be given to help with grass cutting of the playing field.**

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

- make (a) Painting of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign by Whitemoor Prison. **It was agreed that the clerk writes again to arrangements for Mr Parrin to take the Village sign to the prison.**
- (b) It was suggested that a seat be placed in the Bus shelter outside The Wheel, Wisbech St Mary. **It was agreed that the clerk obtain three quotations for this work to be carried out.**

181. **GUYHIRN POND**

- Notification from N Adams that Mr Reed at 3 Spencer Drove has submitted an application to fell one tree and do works to two others at the pond on land owned by the Parish Council. **Noted.**
- Letter from C Summers stating that they cannot wait another 6 months for work to be undertaken on the trees and is therefore proceeding with an application to get them cut and will bill the Parish Council for this. **Noted. It was agreed to continue to obtain quotations for the work on these trees to be carried out.**

182. **POWER OF WELLBEING**

Power of Wellbeing Training on Wednesday 7th October 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Pavillion. **It was agreed that this course had been worthwhile and that Councillors that had been unable to take part would attend other training as and when they became available in order that we have 80% of our Councillors trained in order that we are able to use this power after the next Parish Council election.**

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

- Attendance of Councillors on the Parish Council stand on Saturday, 17th October 2009 from 10.00 to 4.00pm. **Mr Parrin and Mr Davies agreed to attend from 10.00 am to 12 and Mr Carney from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Other Councillors would attend as and when they were able to do so.**

184. **FUTURE JOBS FUND**

Discussion as to whether we take part in the scheme by employing a Grounds Maintenance Operative to be shared with Parson Drove and one other Parish Council. **It was agreed that this was a good idea, but no further action would be taken until we heard from Parson Drove, who had submitted an application to take part in this scheme.**

185. **LIST OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2010/2011**

The following dates and venues were agreed :-

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 Villae Hall

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

Monday, 11th October 2010

Monday 8th November 2010

Monday, 6th December 2010

Monday, 3rd January 2011

It was agreed that the venues for the meetings not yet arranged be discussed towards the end of the summer 2010.

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

1. Clerk to arrange for 3 wreaths for Armistice.
2. The meeting was advised that the Crime Bus would be in our Parish on the following dates:-
Station Road, Wisbech St Mary – 27th October 3.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Thorney Toll lay-by - 10th November 3.00 pm to 6.30 pm.
High Road, Guyhirn – 10th December 3.00 pm to 6.30 pm.
Murrow Village Hall – 17th December 3.00 pm to 6.30 pm.
3. The clerk was requested to contact Mrs T Wadsley our Community Development Officer to ascertain what progress is being made with the Parish Plan.
4. The Chairman advised the meeting that Booklets had been received regarding the Future of Primary Care Out of Hours Service for residents in Cambridgeshire. The consultation period is from the 28.09.09 to 21.02.2010.
5. Mr Fowler and Mr Fryett advised the meeting that they had attended an Open Day at the North Level Drainage Board and it had been very informative.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

187. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 9th November 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Playing Field Pavillion

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

Monday, 7th December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

Monday, 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall

