

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 14th September 2009 at Guyhirn Village Hall

PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	B Britain	J Carney	P Davies	J Fish	T
Fowler	J Parrin	B Payne	C Bellamy	R Scrimshaw	J Tuck	
Visitors	T Wadsley	P C J Coales				
Parishioners	G Harvey	T Jennings	J Martin	L Mead	S Mead	T Purdy
	B Reay					

OPEN FORUM

- Details were given regarding the 40 cu ft of earth to be imported to the Pond area to enable a Bank to be erected.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from P Barnes and C Fryett

153. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 17th August 2009
The minutes of the 17th August 2009 were signed as a true record.
154. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
There were no matters arising.
155. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
Mr B Payne declared a personal interest on item 158d.
Mr J Parrin declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting at the appropriate time.
156. **FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**
Report by T Wadsley re progress being made by Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team.
- It was reported that there had been 70 activities during the summer holidays and the best attended was the one at Wisbech St Mary with 169 children and 72 adults. They are now in the process of organising events for the October half term.
 - Arrangements are well on the way for up dating the Wisbech St Mary Parish Plan with the document being more specific to each individual village.
 - Support Road Safety meeting is being held on the 30th September at St Marks Parson Drove at 7.30 pm.
 - The Community Safety Campaign meetings have been postponed until after the first round of the community Fairs to see if it is worth getting it going.
 - Community Fairs is to give the communities a voice. If a complaint is received the person will receive a response within 10 working days. There will be a bus service to the events. The Fair closes to our parish is on Saturday, 17th October 2009 from 10.00 to 4.00 pm at Parson Drove.
 - The meeting was advised that they are trying to set up detached Youth Groups in areas of unsocial behaviour in Fridaybridge, Elm and the Waterlees area.
157. **POLICE MATTERS**
Report by the Community Beat Officer
It was reported that there had been theft of and from vehicles, assaults family related and fires in bins and a house. There would be extra patrols in Wisbech St Mary. If there were any problems to continue to report them.
158. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.
- It was reported by Mr R Scrimshaw that £1500 was being spent to improve the public open spaces within
- (a) F/YR09/0500/F erection a 2 bed mobile home Hayden farm, Bunkers Hill Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr J Purse. Agent David Broker Design Services. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (b) F/YR09/0478/F Change of use of land to car sales and erection of a 2.0 metre high palisade fence to car compound and formation of a 2 bed dwelling with sales office involving part demolition of village hall, Village Hall, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant D Parrin. Agent R Briscoe. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (c) F/YR09/0495/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 David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
 - (d) F/YR09/0489/O erection of 5 terraced dwellings land North West of St Mary Magdalenes Church, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Diocesan Office. Agent R Wickham. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
159. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
- (a) Notification of Cambridgeshire ACRE AGM 29.09.09 at 5.30 pm St Ivo Centre St Ives. **Noted**
 - (b) Letter making comments concerning the procedures to fill vacant posts on the Parish Council. **Noted. The clerk advised the meeting that the procedure is set by FDC Electoral Services and has to be started as soon as the letter of resignation is received by the clerk. Some concerns were voiced that the notification of the most recent vacancy did not appear on the Guyhirn notice board. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Guyhirn School to ensure that the Parish Council notices are not removed from this notice board.**

- (c) FDC Swine Flu Vaccination Centres. **Noted. Clerk to write stating that the villages halls could be used and giving the contacts of the Management Board of each of the four village halls.**
- (d) FDC Community Fairs your chance to have a say about where you live. **Noted.**
- (e) Deputy Chief Constable regarding the stolen mower from Guyhirn Playing Field and speeding in Thorney Toll. **Noted.**
- (f) M Moss MP supporting traffic calming in Wisbech St Mary. **Noted.**
- (g) FDC Small Grants Application received. **Applications distributed to representatives of each of the 3 villages and 2 hamlets.**
- (h) CCC Older people to be given control of their social care. **Noted.**
- (i) Fenland CPALC meetings invitation 24.09.09, 21.01.10 and 20.05.10. **Noted copy of invitation distributed to all Councillors.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

FCVS Newsletter July 2009 & Sept 2009
Cambridgeshire ACRE News Digest

Cope Newsletter 58 August 2009 & 59 September 2009
Clerks & Councils Direct September 2009

160. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Environment Agency stating that the majority of the Fencing along Agency owned land at Guyhirn will be removed. **Clerk requested to acknowledge receipt of letter and thank them for their prompt action. Could signs be erected for dog owners to remove dog waste or dog bins be erected. Clerk also to write to the CCC footpaths to see if they could erect sign and/dog bins.**
- (b) FDC regarding street lighting and that our comments that the lights in question are not the Parish Councils responsibility is being investigated. **Noted.**
- (c) Councillor Harper regarding Guyhirn Roundabout and that he will follow up our suggestion to make it a sponsored roundabout. **Noted.**
- (d) J Carney on behalf of Mr and Mrs F Hopkins regarding The Firs, Mill Road, Murrow. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. 40mph sign on the pavement at head height High Road, Guyhirn. Is very dangerous especially in the dark.
2. Dips in the road at the top of cants Drove.
3. Hedges overgrown and causing a hazard at the junction of Garden Lane and Station Road. Clerk to write to landowner.
4. Mr Fish advised the meeting that he had received a letter from the Highways agency advising that they were aware that there was no signage warning of the turn into Lindens close and bus stop with no markings, but they could not afford to carry out this work. He was also advised that the speed camera at Thorney Toll would go on line very soon and that the camera at Guyhirn would be removed. Mr Fish stated that he would continue to write and invite representatives from the Highways Agency to visit the area to see for themselves the dangers.
5. Overgrown hedges at the Manor House, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary.
6. Barhales to revisit High Road, Wisbech St Mary.
7. Street Lights in the Little Jetty between High Road and Church road opposite St Mary's Close Wisbech St Mary three lights not numbered two of these not working. If they telephone Mr Parrin he will meet with them.
8. Two large pot holes High Road, Guyhirn between Selwyn Corner and the school on the bank side.
9. Request from CCC Highways what is the policy when residents do not cut their hedges and they block the pavements and highway. Does the Highways cut them and send the resident an invoice for the cost of the work.
10. Branches still overgrown at the junction of Gull Road and A47 T junction near Play2Day towards the bridge.
11. Front Road, Murrow numerous pot holes and the side of road is subsiding.
12. Seadyke, Murrow side of the road subsiding.
13. Could "Dangerous Bend" signs be re-erected at Panswell Lane, Bunkers Hill, Gadds Lane and Murrow Lane near ex council houses.
14. Letter from a resident regarding speeding through Bunkers Hill and the dangers of trying to get out of the junction at Willock Lane. Clerk to thank the resident for the letter and will write to CCC Highways. Clerk to write to the Police regarding a car parked on the bends at Bunkers Hill.

161. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date.

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (b) Clerk September salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (c) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (d) Clerk's travel to course £28.00 Financial Provisions Act 1963 S5 **Agreed.**
- (e) Hire of The Chequers £15.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**
- (f) Hire of Hall Guyhirn Village Hall on the 14.09.09 & 04.01.10. £60.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**
- (g) P Burkhill cost of fitting seat in Wisbech St Mary £39.04 LGA 1894 S81i **Agreed. Invoice for the cost of the seat and fitting to be sent to Mr John Scrimshaw in commemoration of his father.**

To approve payment of grants

- (h) The Cambridgeshire Regiment Association £to be agreed LGAct 1972 S137 **Clerk to seek advice as to whether we can give a donation to this Association and to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.**

162. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS**
Painting of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign by Whitemoor Prison. **The clerk advised the meeting that she had written to Whitemoor Prison asking them to contact Mr Parrin to arrange the delivery of the village sign to them. To date Mr Parrin has not been contacted.**
163. **GUYHIRN POND**
- It was agreed that as the trees near the Guyhirn Pond were in dangerous planning permission was not required and therefore Mr Fowler agreed to obtain quotations for their removal as soon as possible.
 - It was agreed that members of the Pond Committee could remove the weeds from the road side of the pond as long as they did not go near the trees.
164. **POWER OF WELLBEING**
Power of Wellbeing Training on Wednesday 7th October 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Pavillion.
8 Councillors agreed to attend and the cost to be split 50/50 with Parson Drove.
165. **COMMUNITY FAIRS (NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS)**
- Attendance of Councillors on the Parish Council stand on Saturday, 17th October 2009 from 10.00 to 4.00 pm. Mr Parrin agreed to attend from 10.00 am to 12.00 and Mr Carney and Mr Fowler to attend in the afternoon. The Clerk agreed to provide minutes, newsletters and Accounts etc for the stand.
 - Confirmation from FDC that our requested for a stand has been logged.
166. **ALLOTMENTS**
Increase in Allotment rents for 2010. After a discussion it was proposed by J Parrin, seconded by B Payne and agreed unanimously to increase all Allotment rents by 10%. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for the meeting this time next year for a further review as these rents have not been increased for sometime.
167. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**
- A discussion took place in respect of the sale of the Wisbech St Mary Village at £220,000 and whether as this had made double than was anticipated that we should ask for a refund of part of the grant of £45,000. After a discussion it was felt that the agreement was that this grant would only be refunded if the project of building the Community Centre did not go ahead.
 - Mr Britain advised the meeting that the North Level Drainage Board had agreed to carry out the drainage work behind the dwellings in High Road, Wisbech St Mary. This matter would appear on the agenda for their meeting in November for the work to be carried out in the next financial year.
 - Mr Britain advised the meeting that the North Level Drainage Board are insisting that the dyke in Barton Road that was filled in to be piped.
 - Mr Fish advised the meeting that the Thorney Toll Harvest Festival will take place on the 10th October 2009 at 7.30. All proceeds to go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall.
 - The clerk advised the meeting that notification had been received regarding employing a Grounds Maintenance Operative through the Future Jobs Fund. His hours worked would be shared with Parson Drove Parish Council, one other Parish Council and ourselves. It was agreed that the clerk sends details to each Councillor and place this as an item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.
168. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 12th October 2009 at Murrow Village Hall
169. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2009/2010**
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

