

**MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

**PRESENT**

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	P Barnes	B Britain	J Carney	P Davies	J Fish
	C Fryett	J Parrin	B Payne	R Scrimshaw		
Parishioners	R Boyce	S Gathercole	B Gray	L Gray	B Harrison	L Harrison
	T Jennings	D MacCullough	T Purdy	B Reay	K Stanford	J Stanford

The Chairman welcomed Mr C Allen as the new co-opted member on the Parish Council. Prior to the meeting he signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**OPEN FORUM**

- A parishioner requested a streetlight in Station Drive Wisbech St Mary. It was suggested that the tenants contact Roddons to see if they would erect a streetlight.
- A number of parishioners were present at the meeting to speak about the speeding along High Road, Wisbech St Mary. They handed in another petition. The clerk advised them that the first petition had been sent to the Fenland Area Joint Committee and in order for them to speak at their meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 2.30 pm at Fenland Hall, March the petition must have not only names but addresses.
- A parishioner voiced concerns at the state of the wire fence along the river bank at Guyhirn.
- A number of parishioners voiced concerns at the number of unregistered businesses such as car sales, hair dressers and beauty salons. Mr R Scrimshaw requested that they let him have an up to date list and he would pass the information to the Planning Enforcement Officer at Fenland District Council.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from T Fowler, C Bellamy, J Tuck, T Wadsley and P C J Coales.

138. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009.  
The minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were signed as a true record.

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

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

141. **FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**  
There was no report from the Community Development Officer. The meeting was advised that Helen Turner the Neighbourhood Services Manager is secondment to Cambridgeshire County Council and in her absence Mrs T Wadsley is taking on her role. Mrs T Wadsley was unable to attend the meeting due to the fact that she was at Murrow updated their Village Plan

142. **POLICE MATTERS**  
PC Julie Coales was unable to attend due to the fact that she was on annual leave.

- A discussion took place in respect of the fact that the Residents Association at Thorney Toll have written 4 letters to the Chief Constable regarding the speeding along the A47 through Thorney Toll and they have not received any replies. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Chief Constable stating that they have not received any replies and request a meeting to be set up with the Residents Association.
- Mr Barnes voiced concerned at the parking at Pidgeons Corner, Murrow and cars without tax.
- Mr Davis advised the meeting that the Guyhirn Playing Field Association had received a letter from the Police regarding the theft of the mower stating that with forethought they should have taken the mower until proof of ownership had been received. The meeting was advised that action is being taken to obtain the refund of the cost of the mower from the Police. The clerk has not received a reply to her letter and to state this in the letter to the Chief Constable.

143. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- Planning Enforcements report for July 2009. **Noted.**

**List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.**

- (a) F/YR09/0456/F land North East of Glendale, Murrow Lane, Murrow Part demolition of unauthorised bungalow to form day room. Applicant Mr J Upton. Agent Miss A Grainger. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR09/0447/F Open Space at Waverley Close, Guyhirn part change of use of public open space to form 5 no parking bays with 2 no planters and 0.9 metre high timber posts. Applicant Mr G Breame. Agent Mrs T Adams. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (c) F/YR09/0459/F Common Right Barns, Common right Farm, Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove change of use of 2 no holiday lets to 1 x 1 bed and 1 x 2 bed dwellings. Applicant Mrs T Fowler. Agent Mr G Edwards. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

- (d) F/YR09/0463/F Common Right Farm, Plash drove, Tholomas drove change of use from holiday let to residential dwelling. Applicant Mrs T Fowler. Agent Mr G Edwards. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (e) F/YR09/0476/F erection of a 2 bed detached house with associated parking land east of The Firs, Mill Road, Murrow. Applicant Mr C Wilson. Agent Mr C Walford. **Recommend refusal as the access to the development and safety on the junctions is totally unacceptable.**

144. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Details of the Neighbourhood Team. **Noted.**
- (b) CCC requesting help from the Parish Council in setting up centres to distribute medicines for patients with swine flu. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC position statement Children's Centres Development in Cambridgeshire. **Noted. It was noted that the Centre at Murrow was not listed.**
- (d) R Yule CC regarding the submission of the petition from the residents of Wisbech St Mary. **Noted. This information was passed on the organisers of this petition in the Open Forum.**
- (e) Nalc confirming the attendance on a course by C Jobson regarding the Power of Wellbeing. **Noted.**
- (f) Cambridgeshire ACRE invitation to consultation workshop "Ensuring a Vibrant Future" on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to 5.00pm at The Boathouse Business Centre, Nene Parade, Wisbech. **Noted.**
- (g) Cambridgeshire ACRE Fens Adventurers Rural Development Programme. **Noted.**
- (h) FDC Dial a Ride Service. **Noted**
- (i) FDC Crimebuster bus to attend Guyhirn 10.00am to 12.30 pm and Thorney Toll 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009. **Noted. It is understood that very few members of the public are visiting the bus. It was suggested that more poster are needed to advertise the visits to the villages and they should be more along the lines of the Golden Age Fairs.**
- (j) Elgood and Sons Limited notification of change of tenant The Bell Inn Murrow from Mr Henery and Ms Witney to Mr Andrew Kedziora. **Noted.**
- (k) FDC Delivery of New Community Fairs (Neighbourhood Forums) Parson Drove Village Hall 17.10.09 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. **Mr Parrin advised the meeting that these Community Fairs are replacing the Police Panels and that it is important that this Parish Council is represented. It was agreed that the clerk writes requesting a stand, which will be manned by the Councillors.**
- (l) FDC 2010/2011 Community Grants scheme is now open closing date 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk request applications for the three villages and two hamlets.**
- (m) Thank you from Murrow Book Café for the donation of £500.00. **Noted.**

**Correspondence in folder for information only**

FCVS Newsletter July 2009

Cope Newsletter 58 August 2009

Cambridgeshire ACRE News Digest

145. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Environment Agency at Spalding to request that the wire fence along the Guyhirn river bank be removed or replaced as this is in need of repair and is now a matter of Health and Safety.

- (a) Cambridgeshire Highways Information Leaflet 4 setting out how highway maintenance work is managed across the county. **Noted.**
- (b) Request from Fenland for authorisation for CCC to undertake the replacement of Streetlight FPC3 Sandbank Wisbech St Mary at a cost of £1300.00 as this has been hit by a vehicle. **It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that the Cambridgeshire County Council erected this light when they developed the traveller site and therefore it is their responsibility to replace it.**
- (c) Martin Collings FDC stating that they require evidence that the streetlights FPC1, 2 and 3 Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary do not belong to the Parish Council. **It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that the Parish Council will not fund the replacement of the three streetlights in Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary as we have not had any notification of any changes to the agreement made in the late seventies and suggest they prove that it is the Councils responsibility to replace the lights.**
- (d) Reply from G Harper regarding matters from the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Guyhirn Roundabout and Streetlights in Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that the Guyhirn Roundabout is not a sponsored roundabout and perhaps the way forward is to make it one.**
- (e) Dr R Hewson regarding measure to reduce problems in High Road, Wisbech St Mary. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk sends a copy of this letter to the Police, Councillor J Tuck and Malcolm Moss. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary Schools requesting that they see if they can obtain traffic calming through the Safer Routes for Schools Scheme as this is where the funding came for the traffic calming outside Murrow School.**

**Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

1. Front Road, Murrow Willow Tree at Alisan Lodge is obscuring the streetlight.
2. Seadyke, Murrow numerous holes in the road.
3. Very large hole in the road at Pentelows Corner, Murrow Bank.
4. Bushes overgrown in the Little Jetty, Wisbech St Mary (High Road to Church Road)

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5. Trees at Worrel House, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary over the path.
  6. Roadside rails in Guyhirn need paint. It was agreed that the clerk contacts the Community Services Payback to see if are able to help with this work.
  7. The dyke adjacent to the Chapel of Ease at Guyhirn was boarded but the boards have now been taken away.
  8. The pile of earth in Barton Road (righthand side of the road as you leave the village of Wisbech St Mary) has been put into the dyke. It was agreed that the clerk contacts Mr P Sharman of the North Level Drainage Board.
  9. Hedge adjacent to Manor House, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary is a metre over the footpath.
  10. The junction of Gull Road with Gull Drove round the old pit is blocking the junction.
  11. Pot hole near the School, Guyhirn.
  12. Waste bins and dog bins on the A47 Thorney Toll have still not been emptied.
  13. Gull Drove junction trees and bushes across the road.
  14. Trees opposite corner to Play2day are over the road.
  15. Graffiti on the Gull Road sign and chevron sign on the bend for High Road.
  16. Live electric cable across the road near Tall Trees, Gull Road, Guyhirn.
  17. Pot hole outside Ray Popes Wisbech St Mary.
  18. Bushes obscuring junction Cants drove and Murrow Bank.
  19. Side of road subsiding from the Old School House, Front Road, Murrow to Bellamy's Bridge.

146. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. **Balance of the account £101540.54.**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

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| (b) Clerk August salary    | £495.66 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>                 |
| (c) Tax & NI               | £174.62 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>                 |
| (d) Postage and Stationery | £115.44 Financial Provisions Act 1963 S5 <b>Agreed.</b> |

**To approve payment of grants**

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| (e) Murrow Youth Club | £500.00 LG Act 1972 S137 <b>Agreed.</b> |
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147. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS**

Mr Parrin advised the meeting that Whitemoor Prison has agreed to paint the Wisbech St Mary village sign. It was agreed that the clerk writes to make arrangements for the sign to be taken to the prison.

148. **GUYHIRN POND**

Guyhirn At this point the meeting was closed to enable a member of the reformed group calling themselves the Friends of the Pond Committee to give a report on progress.

The group have been able to gain access to the pond due to unsafe trees, but whilst waiting have been in touch with Kate Armstrong from FDC with regard to funding to enable them to continue their work. On her advice and that of Jeanette from street Pride are writing their own constitution. They are in the process of contacting the Manea Pit Committee who have successfully transformed their water pit into a village pond. As soon as they can have access to the pond Street Pride have agreed to help with volunteers to clear the site and replanting, FDC can help with funding, FDC and North Level can help with water quality and FDC Engineer, Environmental Agency and North Level will be asked for help with stepping the banks around the pond using free earth from Barhale. Finally the meeting was advised that the Friends of Guyhirn Pond were winners of an award Community Groups category and received a certificate and a £50 voucher.

The meeting was opened and Mr C Fryett and Mr P Davies advised the meeting that the trees near the pond are diseased and need cutting down. It was agreed that Mr Fryett obtain 2 quotes for this work to be undertaken for the next meeting in order that further discussions can take place and an informed decision made as how to move this project forward.

149. **POWER OF WELLBEING**

Parson Drove would prefer Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October for the training.

Certificate received to confirm that the Clerk attended a recognised NTS training session on Power of wellbeing on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

**It was agreed that a training evening be set up at Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavillion at 7.00 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

151. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Guyhirn Village Hall

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

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

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

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

