

WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
September 2009 NEWSLETTER

During the year there has been a Parish Council election brought about by the resignation of Mr P Wait and Mr Barry Britain was duly elected. Mr K Bagg has resigned from the Parish Council due to work commitments and Mr C Allen was co-opted as his replacement. We would like to thank both Mr P Wait and Mr K Bagg for their support and to welcome Mr B Britain and Mr C Allen onto the Parish Council.

List of Councillors

Name	Address	Telephone Number
Mr C Allen	Halls Farm, Wisbech Road, Guyhirn, Wisbech, Cambs	01733 849300
Mr P Barnes	Westview, 38 Murrow Bank, Murrow, PE13 4HB	01945 700200
Mr B Britain	Fort Farm, Gull Drove, Guyhirn, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 4BH	01733 849262
Mr J Carney	52 Murrow Bank, Murrow PE13 4HD	01945 700569
Mr P Davies	Riverside, Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn, Wisbech PE13 4ED	01945 450234
Mr J Fish	17 Lindens Close, Thorney Toll, Wisbech PE13 4AR	07887754869
Mr C Fryett	Llanberis, Gull Road, Guyhirn PE13 4ER	01945 450340
Mr T Fowler	Bramble corner, Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove, PE13 4SP	01945 410425
Mr J Parrin	Paradene, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4RN	01945 410539
Mr B Payne	7 Churchfield Way, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4SY	01945 410755
Mrs D Thrower	Acquest, Front Road, Murrow PE13 4JQ	01945 700213

List of Parish Council Meetings for 2009 and 2010 at Village Halls and The Chequers

Monday 17 th August 2009 at The Chequers	Monday 9 th November 2009 at W St Mary
Monday, 14 th September 2009 at Guyhirn	Monday, 7 th December 2009 at The Chequers
Monday, 12 th October 2009 at Murrow	Monday, 4 th January 2010 at Guyhirn

Parishioners are invited to attend any of the above meetings. Please do attend and voice your opinion on any subject relevant to the Parish during the Open Forum at the beginning of every meeting.

Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly took place Monday, 18th May at the Thorney Toll Village Hall. There were 10 Councillors, 5 parishioners, PC J Coales our Community Police Officer, Councillor Jill Tuck and Councillor C Bellamy present. It was Parishioners chance to let the Parish Council know their opinion on any subject relevant to the Parish. At this meeting the Parish Council accounts, together with those of the Poores Allotment Charity and the John Bends Charity were available. Details of these Accounts are:

John Bends Charity Account for the year ending the 5th April 2009

The income was £7318.61 and the dole payout was £4480 to 112 people and the balance carried forward was £2218.09.

Poores Allotment Charity Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2009

The income was £19942.66, expenditure £14955.22 and the balance carried forward to the next financial year was £427289.34. Mr Davies Chairman stated that further education grants will be considered as and when they are requested. If you are in further education whatever your age, please contact the clerk of the Poores Allotment Charity, Mrs C Jobson in writing when applying for grants to help with fees, books etc. Please enclose copies of invoices etc in order to allow

the Trustees to make an informed decision. Depending on when you apply there may be some delays to allow for interest on investments to be received.

The Chairman stated that they continue to investigate the possibility of building affordable house for the parishioners of Wisbech St Mary Parish and that a London Solicitor who specializes in charity law has been employed to try and get the terms of their scheme changed in order that the Charity Commissioners allow these funds to be used for this purpose.

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2009

The income was £54394.37 and expenditure was £97183.08. Included in the expenditure figure were grants of £22329.81 given to the following organisations within the Parish.

Royal British Legion	£49.50
Wisbech St Mary Playing Field	£2540.16
Guyhirn Cemetery	£350.00
Southea PCC re Churchyard	£350.00
Guyhirn Playing Field	£2540.15
Murrow Playing Field	£2500.00
Thorney Toll Village Hall	£6500.00
Murrow Village Hall	£5000.00
Guyhirn Village Hall	£2500.00

Also included in the expenditure was £4700 spent on Section 137. Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972 as amended enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £5.86 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. The limit for this Council in the year ended 31st March 2009 was £16759.60 (2860 x £5.86). The following organisations benefited.

Murrow Pre School	£500.00	Guyhirn Little Lambs	£500.00
Guyhirn Friendship Club	£100.00	Voluntary Bureau	£100.00
Cambs Police Shievalry	£500.00	Vital Communities	£500.00
Wisbech St Mary Luncheon Club	£100.00	Village Voices	£400.00
Murrow Sunshine Club	£100.00	Young People Guyhirn	£1000.00
Difibulator for Wisbech St Mary	£900.00		

Also included in the expenditure was £55,000 spent on Capital items, £10,000 on purchase of land at Guyhirn for the Guyhirn Playing Field and £45,000 towards the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

The Annual General Meeting followed the Parish Assembly and Mrs D Thrower was elected as Chairman and Mr B Payne as Vice Chairman for twelve months.

Other items discussed at the Parish Assembly were:-

- Problems at the Turf End Bridge Traveller site.
- Additional dog bins required at the entrance to the public footpath opposite the old Church in Murrow and near the Village Hall, Murrow.
- Parking at the Pidgeons and that it was felt that Roddons should look at providing parking and it was suggested that the curb should be dropped and the front gardens surfaced for this purpose.

Notices and Agendas of meetings together with Council minutes are displayed on all the parish notice boards and the Wisbech St Mary website on www.wisbechstmary.org.uk.

Mrs C Jobson

Clerk to the Council

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