

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 7th December 2009 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman) C Allen P Barnes B Britain P Davies T Fowler B Payne,
 R Scrimshaw
Parishioners T Jennings B Reay

OPEN FORUM

- A Parishioner thanked the Parish Council for having the barbwire removed in Guyhirn.
- A member of the Guyhirn Pond committee presented the Parish Council with the name and address of a company that was interested in carrying out the work on the trees around the Guyhirn Pond at a figure of approximately £1800.00. This was a verbal quotation.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from J Carney, J Fish, C Fryett, J Parrin, C Bellamy and J Tuck

204. **P SHARMAN from NORTH LEVEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**

Mr Paul Sharman advised the meeting that the drainage scheme from Rummings Lane to the back of Holmes garage in High Road, Wisbech St Mary was not viable as the cost would be in the region of £25,000. It was therefore, necessary to find an alternative route. Work on jetting the existing pipes was to be carried out in the near future to ascertain any breaks and to install a new length of pipe across the road. CCC Highways have agreed to replace any damage to the road. Enforcement Notices under the Land Drainage Act has been issued to the residents in High Road to clear the water course. If this work is not carried out the Internal Drainage Board will carry out the work required and then invoice the cost. It is hoped that all this work will be undertaken before the end of March in this financial year.

205. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 9th November 2009

The minutes of the 9th November 2009 were signed as a true record.

206. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

207. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda

Mr P Davies declared a personal interest on item 213b.

208. **FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

There was no report by T Wadsley from the Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team.

209. **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no report by the Community Beat Officer

210. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVE**

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

- (a) F/YR09/0707/F erection of 2 x 3 bed semi detached houses with associated parking land south east of 3 – 5 Homelands, Guyhirn. Agent C Walford. Applicant Mr S Brown. **Over development of plot suitable for only one house.**
- (b) F/YR09/0704/RM erection of 2 x 3 bed semi detached houses with associated parking and 2.1 metre high close boarded fence land west of Salix, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary. Agent Mr Keith Hurst. Applicant Mr K Dunkley. **Over development of plot suitable for only one house.**
- (c) F/YR09/0694/A display of 2 externally illuminated wall mounted signs and 2 flood lights (retrospective) Oakdene, Thorney Road, Guyhirn. Agent Mr M Bonner. Applicant Mr B Dickson. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR09/0741/F erection of 1 x 3 bed detached house with integral single garage & 1 x 3 semi detached house with associated parking and sewerage treatment plan (amendment to planning permission F/YR05/1405/RM) plots 9 11 Sayers Crescent Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr I Long. Agent Miss A Grainger. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (e) F/YR09/0732/F erection of 2 x 3 bed detached bungalows with single garages (amendment to F/YR03/0446/F plots 3 and 5 land east of Three Gables, Front Road, Murrow. Applicant N Ogden. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

211. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Archaeological Project Services regarding Archaeological Investigations, Guyhirn High Street. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that as these artifacts were found in Guyhirn should they not go to the Wisbech and Fenland Museum.**
- (b) CCC Parish Paths Partnership Applications are being invited to help protect, improve, maintain & promote local Rights of Way paths networks. **It was agreed that the clerk writes requesting an application for the footpath next to the Church between Front Road and Back Murrow.**
- (c) Murrow Pre School thank you letter for the donation of £500.00. **Noted.**
- (d) Reply from FDC regarding the Rural North Community Fair. **Noted.**
- (e) Wisbech St Mary Community Centre thank you letter for the donation of £2500.00. **Noted.**

212. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) CPALC HCV Issues & Countywide Advisory Freight Map. **The Freight map had not been received and therefore it was agreed that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.**
- (b) Reply from CCC Highways regarding the moving of the 40mph speed limit sign on Gull Road. This was declined as Gull Road is part of the ongoing review of Speed Limits on A and B roads requested by Central Government. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC Highways advising us that our Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements bids were unsuccessful. **Noted.**
- (d) The Fenland Road Safety Campaign progress report. **Noted**
- (e) CCC Highways regarding carriageway resurfacing & associated works Chapel Road, Wisbech between 15th and 18th February 2010. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

- 1. Silt Pit Lane (Murrow Lane to Plash Drove Tholomas Drove) more pot holes than road.
- 2. Overgrown leylani hedge Sheraton House, High Road, Guyhirn. Agreed clerk to write to Highways and to the occupier.
- 3. Pot holes at Pentelows Corner, Murrow.
- 4. Outside The bell, Murrow a very large pot hole.
- 5. Numerous pot holes at Pidgeons Corner.
- 6. Seadyke surface water on the road.
- 7. Road collosing near the fishing Lakes Seadyke Road, Murrow.
- 8. Back Road, Murrow the whole of the road is flooded.
- 9. Sayers Close pot hole reappeared has already been filled in.
- 10. Junction of Churchfield Way and Church Road pothole and 5 pot holes in Church Road.
- 11. Church Road back of fish shop road in need of repaid. The installation of a curb would help to resolve the problem.
- 12. A very large puddle on Front Road near Methodist Church to Osborn House. This is a matter of Health and Safety. This is very close to the bus stop for the school children and is opposite to a reoccurring pot hole.

213. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. The balance of account is £116017.42.
- (b) Cheque for £404.04 received from J E Scrimshaw regarding the installation of the seat in memory of his father. **Noted.**
- (c) FDC Recycling credit £47.45 **Noted.**
- (d) Completion of the 2008/2009 Audit. **Noted completion of Audit notices to be placed in the village notice boards.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (e) Clerk December salary £495.66 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (f) Tax & NI £174.62 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (g) Postage £46.50 LG Act 1972 S143 **Agreed.**
- (h) Internet Now transfer of date re clerks computer £50.00 LG Act 1972 S143 **Agreed.**
- (i) Clerks & Councils Direct £10 per subscriber £40.00 LG Act 1972 S143 **Agreed.**
- (j) Society of Local Council Clerks Membership £106.00 LG Act 1972 S143 **Agreed**
- (k) Moore Stephens £460.00 Accounts & Audit **Agreed**
- (l) FDC Election recharge 11.12.08 £2506.34 Representation of the People Act 1983 36(5) **Agreed.**
- (m) Compass Shredder £149.97 LG Act 1972 S143 **Agreed**

To approve payment of grants

- (n) Victim Support **No decision made as we have still not received the statistics for Wisbech St Mary Parish to enable the Council to make an informed decision.**
- (o) CAB £1000.00 LGA 1972 S142 (2A) **Agreed.**
- (p) Guyhirn Playing Field £2500.00 LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 **Agreed.**

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

- (a) Painting of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign by Whitemoor Prison. **To date we have not received any further information.**
- (b) Quotations for wooden seat in the bus shelter next to the Wheel public House, Wisbech St Mary. **To date we have not received two quotations. It was agreed that we make a decision at the next meeting.**
- (c) It was agreed that the clerk writes to try and obtain two waste/dog bins in High Road, Guyhirn.

215. **GUYHIRN POND**

Since the last meeting we have received two tenders to remove or trim trees around the Pond. The North Level Drainage Board has agreed to provide the third quotation. It was agreed that we make a decision at the next meeting.

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

- (a) Mr Payne advised the meeting that Malcolm Moss would be visiting The Chapel of Ease in Guyhirn on Friday for its 40th Anniversary.
- (b) It was requested that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting regarding the Guyhirn Playing Field. This is to discuss the hard standing for the recycling bins and the roadway.

- (c) It was requested that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the number of lorries using Murrow Bank, Murrow.
- (d) The clerk was requested to try and ascertain before the next meeting details of measurements of the Playing Field in order to ascertain the boundary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

217. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall. Speaker from the Murrow Children's Centre.

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

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