

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 2nd February 2009 at 7.00 pm The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)	K Bagg	P Barnes	B Britain	J Carney	P Davies	J Fish
T Fowler Parishioners	C Fryett J Martin	B Payne T Purdy	D Thrower		R Scrimshaw	

OPEN FORUM

The meeting was advised that since the pavement outside the Guyhirn Village Hall had been repaired the water now drains towards the village hall and not into the drain.

APOLOGIES

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

19. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 5th January 2009
The minutes of the 5th January 2009 were signed as a true record.
20. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)
The meeting asked if Mr Parrin knew whether the defibulator had been purchased. Mr Parrin stated that it had not been purchased as the Wisbech St Mary Village Hall committee had not decided how it is going to be used and where it is to be kept.
21. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda
P Davies declared a personal interest on item 27g.
J Fish declared a personal interest on item 27h.
B Payne declared a personal interest on item 27j.
T Fowler declared a personal interest on item 27k.
D Thrower declared a personal interest on item 27f.
P Barnes declared a personal interest on item 27f.
22. **FENLAND LINKS**
There was no report from Fenland Links
23. **POLICE MATTERS**
P C J Coales was not at the meeting, but had telephoned the clerk to ask her to remind the meeting of the Police Panel meeting at Elm C of E Primary School, Elm on the 10th February 2009.
24. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
 - Reply from Planning regarding reports being sent out that no reply has been received from the Parish Council. **The clerk was requested to write again asking that the website be updated with the Parish Council's comments as and when they were received.**
 - Appeal decision APP/DO515/A/08/2086863 land west of Beats Lodge, Hooks Drove, Murrow. Appeal Dismissed. **Noted.**
 - At this point of the meeting a discussion took place in respect of a letter Mr P Davies had received from S Penney a Development Officer in Fenland District Council, Planning Department regarding a development next to his home. The Planning Application number was F/YR09/0044/RM. This letter was dated the 29th January and received on the 2nd February 2009 and the closing date for objections was the 29th January 2009. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Planning Department pointing out these details sending a copy to R Scrimshaw and J Tuck.**
 - A discussion took place in respect of a planning application F/YR08/0980/F, which the Parish Council discussed at their meeting of the 1st December 2008 and supported. The FDC Planning Department are saying that the Parish Council's comments have not been received.

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

List of Planning Enforcements.

- (a) F/YR08/1098/TE1erection of a 6.0 metre high Telemetry Aerial, kiosk and ancillary works Murrow Sewerage Treatment Works Station Avenue, Murrow. Applicant Anglian Water Services Limited. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

25. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Letter from W Wuttke re affordable housing to stop families having to move away from the area. **The meeting agreed with the contents of this email and that smaller houses should be built in the parish to enable family members to remain in the villages. The Poores Allotment Charity was trying to do just that by using their money to build affordable housing on exception sites. It was agreed that the clerk sends a copy of this email to Mr P Davies Chairman the Charity and Mr R Scrimshaw. At this point of the meeting Mr R Scrimshaw stated that the FDC**

future Housing Policy was trying to build affordable housing on exception sites and he encouraged the Councillors to try and recognise such sites within our villages.

- (b) Reply from FDC re our response to development in Bevis Lane. **Noted see item 25e.**
- (c) Statement from CPALC regarding the Road Safety Compliance Consultation. Deadline for submissions is 27.02.09. **Noted.**
- (d) Reply from John MacMillan regarding the Pocket Park drain. **Noted. Mr Parrin to meet with the Drainage Board and B Britain to try and rectify the problems with the dyke in the Pocket Park in Wisbech St Mary.**
- (e) FDC name the development in Bevis Lane as Jackson Close. Rev H Jackson was the first Vicar of the newly formed parish of WSM in 1854. **Noted and agreed with the suggested name of Jackson Close.**
- (f) Thank you letter from Wisbech St M Sports and Community Centre for the grants of £2500 and £900 for the defibulator. **Noted.**
- (g) Information Pack for the French Drove Wind Turbines. **Noted.**
- (h) Next Panel meeting Elm C of E Primary School Main Road, Elm Tuesday, 10th February 2009 at 7.30 pm. **Noted.**
- (i) Thank you letter from Guyhirn Cemetery Committee for the grant of £350.00. **Noted.**
- (j) CPALC AGM Minutes from the AGM held at Bluntisham Village Hall on 6th December 2008. **Noted.**
- (k) Peterborough City Council new sites proposed for mineral and waste development through the recent Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste (Preferred Options 2) Plan consultation. **Noted.**
- (l) FDC advance notice that the Standards Committee Seminar will be held on Monday, 16.03.09 at 6.30 pm. Venue yet to be agreed but it will possibly be held in Wisbech. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

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26. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Reply from Peter Vale stating that this schedule was accepted by the County's Cabinet as a working document and schedule and as such the County cannot review Gull Road Speed Limit Extension until B1187 gets to the top of the list. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes again asking how far are we on the list.**
- (b) Letter from a parishioner concerning flooding of the pavement outside Walnut Cottage, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. blocked drained was reported to Highways from the minutes of January 2007 Item 8 number 4. **Noted. Clerk to write to the parishioner stating that we will be writing to CCC Highways reporting this problem. It was agreed that a copy of this letter be sent to Mr R Scrimshaw.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

- 1. Drain blocked outside Walnut Cottage, High Road, Wisbech St Mary.
- 2. Since the pavement outside the Guyhirn Village Hall had been repaired the water now drains towards the village and not into the drain.
- 3. A47 top surface is breaking away from Guyhirn Bridge to the Cromwell Road roundabout.
- 4. The Bank, Murrow deep hole close to a drain.
- 5. Dog bin required outside the village hall Murrow.
- 6. Murrow Bank sign at the top of Mill Road knocked down by grass cutters and taken away and it has never been replaced.
- 7. Pidgeon Corner, Murrow van parked on the corner and sometimes on the pavement. This is a safety matter and will eventually cause an accident.
- 8. The Bunkers Hill sign needs replacing. We have reported this on numerous occasions. It has now been pushed into the hedge.
- 9. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary back of the fish shop there is flooding.
- 10. Road junction Churchfields, Wisbech St Mary and Church Road road is breaking away.
- 11. A47 outside pit stop and pull off junction is subsiding.
- 12. Gull Drove near horseshoe bend trees across the road.
- 13. Electric cable from property adjacent to Horse Meadow trailing across the highway.
- 14. Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove road breaking up.
- 15. Seadyke to Bellamy Bridge side of road collapsing especially bade between Gary Patricks and Bostons.
- 16. Footpath outside Green Acres, Gull Road, Guyhirn is disintegrating, if fact there is no footpath left.
- 17. Front Road, Murrow Barhales are damaging the roadway and the pavement.
- 18. Follays Drove numerous large and deep pot holes.

27. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the year to date. **The clerk advised the meeting that the balances of the accounts total £169358.61,**
- (b) FDC Recycling credit £37.47. **Noted. It was agreed to hold this until the next recycling credit and then give a grant to one of the schools.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (c) The Chequers Hire of Hall £15.00 LGAAct 1972 S134 **Agreed**
- (d) Clerk January salary £495.66LGAAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**

- (e) Tax & NI £174.62LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- To approve payment of grants**
- (f) Murrow Playing Field Association £to be agreed LG Mis Prov 1976 S196
- As a grant had already been given in this financial year, it was agreed to hold this request until the 1st April, 2009, the new financial year.**
- (g) Guyhirn Playing Field £2500.00 LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 **Agreed**
- (h) Thorney Toll Village Hall £5000.00 LGAct 1972 S133 **Agreed.**
- (i) Vital Communities £500.00 LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed**
- (j) Village Voices £400 LGAct 1972 S137. **Agreed. At this point of the meeting Mr Payne advised that Village Voices was being reorganised and will be sent to outside printers.**
- (k) Guyhirn Village Hall £2500.00 LGAct 1972 S133 **Agreed**

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

- (a) Date to be arranged for Parish Risk Assessment. **It was agreed that this be carried out during the Easter holiday. Date to be arranged at the next meeting.**
- (b) Meeting regarding the Chapelfield Avenue, Guyhirn Bus shelter alterations to help the disabled. **Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he was meeting with the builder and CCC Highways on Thursday to discuss what action needed to be taken after he had met with the disabled parishioner.**
- (c) Mr Fish advised the meeting that the front of Thorney Toll Notice Board was broken. Mr Fryett has a spare board and he will liaise with Mr Fish to see if the front of this can be used in the Thorney Toll Notice Board.

29. **GUYHIRN POND**

There was no progress report received.

30. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

To date the clerk had not received any further information regarding progress in purchasing the land from FDC.

31. **ALLOTMENTS**

- (a) Progress re the sale of land at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary. **No response had been received from the parishioner wishing to purchase this land and it was agreed that this item be taken off the agenda.**
- (b) Letter from Parson Drove Parish Council advising that several of our parishioners had replied to an advertisement by them regarding vacant allotments. **Noted.**
- (c) Letter from D and S Kennelly regarding an allotment. **It was agreed that the clerk writes advising them that there was an allotment free at Mouth Lane, Wisbech St Mary.**

32. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY**

After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to adopt this Policy.

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

1. Mr Payne advised the meeting that he understood that the Wisbech Magistrate Court would be closing and moving to King's Lynn. It was agreed that no action be taken until a formal notification was received.
2. Mr Payne advised the meeting that the BBC Country File Programme would be on Travellers.
3. The Clerk mentioned that her computer was again causing problems and due to the age of this would be obtaining quotations for a new one to be presented to the next meeting.
4. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that he had attended a meeting at Parson Drove on Thursday evening concerning updating Village Action Plans. Guyhirn village have already updated their Action Plan and it was important that Murrow, Thorney Toll and Wisbech St Mary up dated their Action Plans. It was agreed that parishioners were involved in this process and public meetings should be arranged.

34. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 2nd March 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

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

- Monday, 30th March 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
- Monday 27th April 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
- Monday, 18th May 2009 Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by AGM at Thorney Toll Village Hall.
- Monday, 15th June 2009 at Murrow Village Hall
- Monday, 13th July 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Playing Field Pavillion. (change of venue)**
- Monday 17th August 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
- Monday, 14th September 2009 at Guyhirn Village Hall
- Monday, 12th October 2009 at Murrow Village Hall
- Monday 9th November 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Playing Field Pavillion (change of venue)**
- Monday, 7th December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove
- Monday, 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall

