

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Murrow Village Hall

### PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	P Barnes	B Britain	P Davies	C Fryett	J Hall
	J Parrin	B Payne	C Bellamy	R Scrimshaw	J Tuck
Visitors	T Wadsley				

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from C Allen, J Fish, T Fowler and P C J Coales.

**OPEN FORUM** – Member of the public are invited to address the Council.

There were no members of the public present.

### 130. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were signed as a true record.

### 131. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

There were no matters arising.

### 132. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

### 133. FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Report by T Wadsley who is now our new Community Development Officer re progress being made by Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team.

- The meeting was advised of the new Rural Capital Grants programme and a meeting takes place on the 19.08.10 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm at Wisbech St Mary Sports & Community Centre.
- The General Community grant scheme has been set up for grants of up to £5000 and applications have to be submitted by mid October for payment from next year's budget.
- A discussion took place in respect of the Parish Plan and that this now needs to be up dated. It was agreed that each of the village action plans have to be less ambition than the present plans and more realistic. It was felt that as we continue to call meetings for parishioners to take part in this process less and less are attending and it was therefore agreed that in the first instance Parish Councillors should meet with Mrs Wadsley. It was agreed to meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.00 pm and Mrs Wadsley agreed to book a venue within the parish.

### 134. POLICE MATTERS

P C J Coales was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report to the clerk.

- Crimes reported Guyhirn criminal damage/criminal damage to a car/theft x 3, Wisbech St Mary theft of vehicle x3/theft/shed burglary, Murrow shed burglary x 2/theft from a vehicle and Thorney Toll shed burglary. There is no set pattern or location to the crimes, but vehicle related crime seems to be the main problem. There is also an increase in distraction burglaries throughout the County and on the 14.08.10 there was one at Parson Drove where the caller claimed to be from Roddons and targeted an elderly lady.

### 135. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

- (a) F/YR10/0501/F erection of a part 2-storey, part single-storey rear extension and detached double garage to existing dwelling, involving demolition of existing single-storey rear extension and existing detached garage Chelsfield, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr F Gormley. Agent Mr Craig Brand. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR10/0497/F erection of 2 no x 8.0 metre high and 2 no x 4.00 metre high lighting poles to car park and footway of existing community centre Playing Field, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant M Holmes. Agent R Briscoe. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (c) F/YR10/0520/O erection of 3 dwellings comprising of 2 x semi detached and 1 x detached land north of 155 Front Road, Fronting Back Road, Murrow. Applicant C Boston. Agent K Elener. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR10/0513/F erection of part 2 storey/part single storey rear extension to existing dwelling The Elms, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant A B Smith. Agent Mr David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (e) F/YR10/0538/F siting of 3 additional mobile homes land south of Ponderosa Farm, Garden Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mrs I Neale. **Object to the siting of the additional mobile homes as previous enforcement orders have not been adhered to especially the one to replace the trees that were cut down before planning permission for the existing mobile homes and day room were granted.**

### 136. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Roddons Housing Association list of regular estate inspections. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Roddon advising them of their vans being parked on a dangerous bend at a property opposite the Church in Front Road**
- (b) CCC Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC Winter Service Gritting Arrangement. **Noted. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The clerk was requested to find out the cost of Gritting Bins.**
- (d) FDC Crime Buster posters. **Noted.**
- (e) North Level Drainage Board informing that Mr J Fish may attend the open day on the 13<sup>th</sup> October together with Mr Allen and Mr Davies. **Noted.**
- (f) Advance Notice of the Civic Services at Whittlesey on the 10.10.10 and Charity ball on the 04.02.11. **Noted.**
- (g) Thank you letter from Guyhirn Villa Hall for the grant of £5000.00 towards the replacement of the village hall floor. **Noted.**
- (h) Invite to the Rural Capital Grants programme 19.08.10 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm at Wisbech St Mary Sports & Community Centre. **It is understood that £600,000 is available, £200,000 over the next three years. It was agreed that Mr Parrin, Mrs Thrower and Mrs J Hall would attend this meeting.**

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### 137. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Reply from CCC Highways regarding items passed to them from previous meetings. **Noted. Included in this correspondence was a note stated that the field owned by CCC adjacent to the Guyhirn Playing Field was not for sale and they would endeavour to ensure the upkeep of this land. The clerk was asked to write for them to remove a number of bramble islands on this land.**
- (b) Letter from J W Gray regarding Vehicle speed Limits in Guyhirn area including copies of letters to the Head Teacher of Guyhirn School and CCC Highways. **Noted. A meeting is being held at Guyhirn Village Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm regarding 20 mph outside the school and traffic calming. This is being initiated by the school through the "Safer routes to school scheme".**
- (c) Highways Agency acknowledging letter regarding the cutting of the Guyhirn Roundabout. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that this roundabout is not giving a very good image to visitors to the Fenland Area and that in the 1968 Ministry of Agriculture Act thistledown should be cut down and this is not being done on the roundabout.**
- (d) Reply from the Environment Agency regarding the cutting of the river bank in Guyhirn.  
**It was agreed that the clerk acknowledge receipt and request a programme of the work to be carried out along the stretch of riverbank from Selwyn Corner to the A47 river bridge.**

#### Highways reports from Councillors on problems.

1. Pot holes at The Pidgeons corner, Murrow and these have been reported for at least 6 months.
2. Road sign for Murrow Bank was damaged by CCC Highways and taken away and has never been replaced.
3. A very deep crack across the whole width of the road at Seadyke, Murrow near the fish farm.
4. Sandbank hedges need cutting back as they are encroaching on the High Road by at least 2 feet.
5. From Bunkers Hill to Wisbech St Mary the hedges on both sides are encroaching on the road.
6. A very large pot hole in High Road, Guyhirn between the Playing Field and Selwyn Corner outside the bungalows.
7. Sign for Gull Road bent outside Bank Farm, where High Road and Gull Road, Guyhirn meet.
8. Bus stop sign in High Road, Wisbech St Mary opposite The Bridge Inn has been taken away. New bus drivers are refusing to stop without a bus stop sign.
9. Road subsiding and a drain is subsiding near to the Murrow School traffic calming. This subsidence is not helping the vibration to the neighbouring properties.
10. Cants Drove on to Murrow Bank overhanging hedges on the left-hand side making it difficult to see out of the junction.
11. Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn with the junction of Yokene Drive 8 broken curb stones with another 2 broken opposite side of the road.
12. The uneven road surface is getting worse in Gull Road adjacent to Cants Drove.
13. Seadyke, Murrow edge of road breaking away.
14. Hedge and trees need cutting Rummars Lane Wisbech St Mary from Bridge Inn 150 metre away from Bridge Inn to outside Willocks Farm.
15. River bank needs cutting. Clerk to contact Environmental Agency at Spalding, Mr Richey to report that it is a complete mess as the grass cutters are not allowed to cut within 23 metres of telephone or electric cables so there are large areas that have not been cut.
16. Beech hedge needs cutting behind old peoples bungalows Waverley Close, Chapelfield Avenue backing onto the Guyhirn Play equipment.
17. Near the Chequers, Tholomas Drove bend in the road sign parallel with the hedge not facing the traffic.
18. Hedge and trees at the junction of Gull Road and Gull Drove to the site of the old railway overgrown and trees opposite junction also overgrown.

19. Car Sales business has been set up at the old clay pigeon yard, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Has this planning permission.
20. Cunningham Car Sales has recommenced selling cars without Planning Permission.
21. Broken telephone box outside the shop at Wisbech St Mary needs to be removed.

138. **FINANCE**

(a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2010/2011 year to date. Balance to date £111746.49.

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

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| (b) Clerk August salary                             | £533.33 LG Act 1972 S112 | <b>Agreed.</b>  |
| (c) Tax & NI  | £157.78 LG Act 1972 S112 | <b>Agreed.</b>  |
| (d) Guyhirn Village Pond Public Liability Insurance | £190.63 LG Act 1972 S111 | <b>This was not agreed due to the fact that if we go ahead with dredging the pond the committee will not be able to go onto the site until it has settled down.</b> |
| (e) Moore Stephens Audit fee                        | £505.25 Accounts & Audit | <b>Agreed</b>   |

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

Parish Property Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors.  
No matters discussed.

140. **GUYHIRN POND**

Request from the Pond Committee for the payment of the Public Liability Insurance.

**It was agreed that Mr Britain would try and obtain details of a company who would be able to carry out the dredging of the pond. It was agreed that once this information is passed to the clerk she will then be able to obtain a quote for this work to be carried out.**

141. **BUS SHELTER AT HIGH ROAD GUYHIRN**

Discussion regarding the new Bus shelter installed by FDC in High Road, Guyhirn.  
Cleaning kit for this bus shelter delivered to clerk from the FDC.

**Mrs Thrower had received a letter from CCC Highways regarding the cutting of the grass 15 times a year and that would the Parish Council be willing to help with the cost of this. It was agreed that the clerk writes requesting who owns this shelter. It was agreed that as soon as this information has been received we will make a decision concerning the grass cutting, but at this time as we had not asked for this shelter we felt that we could help with its upkeep or the grass cutting. If the ownership is passed to the Parish Council we will have to include this on the Parish Council's Insurance.**

**At this point of the meeting a discussion took place in respect of the request for a bus shelter at Bunkers Hill in the lay by. It was agreed that the clerk contacts CCC Highways to see if we are able to place a bus shelter at Bunkers Hill.**

142. **DISCUSSION RE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE COUNTY COUNCILS MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE AND LIBRARY ACCESS POINTS**

Letter has been sent to the Library Service advising of our concerns of the cutting of one stop in Wisbech St Mary especially as the stop being cut is the one used by the majority of the elderly people of the village.

**There appears to have been a misunderstanding and the mobile library will continue to stop at Cannon Close.**

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

**The clerk advised the meeting that the Quality Status is due to renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 and that a new application will be completed as soon as possible.**

144. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.

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

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Guyhirn Village Hall  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – Thorney Toll Village Hall  
 Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Community Centre  
 Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011- Murrow Village Hall