

**MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at Thorney Toll Village Hall

**PRESENT**

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	P Barnes	B Britain	P Davies	J Fish	C Fryett
	J Parrin	B Payne,	R Scrimshaw			
Visitor	P C J Coales					
Parishioners	M Abbs	T Coleman	T Jennings	S Mead	A Purdy	B Reay

**APOLOGIES**

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

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

- It was pointed out to the meeting that there is a large puddle outside the village hall and since the pavement was repaired by CCC Highways this water now drains towards the village hall and not into the road.
- The meeting was told that the Guyhirn Village Hall needs a new roof and a letter was handed to clerk concerning a grant towards this.
- The roundabout on the A47 near the Guyhirn Bridge is covered in weeds and why was it not allowed for a local business to sponsor this as with other roundabouts in the country.

**18. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were signed as a true record.

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

Mr Payne advised the meeting that he had suggested to Ann Marie Waterston of the Murrow Children's Centre that if she would like to let him have an article outlining their work he would place it in the Village Voices. The article he received was simply a list with no description so it was not placed in the magazine.

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

Mr John Parrin declared a personal interest on item 23c.

Mr C Allen declared a personal interest on item 29b.

Mr P Davies declared a personal interest on item 29b.

**21. FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

A report was sent to the clerk by Carl Suckling our new Neighbourhood Community Development Officer on progress being made by Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team.

- They will be working on the update of the parish plan between February half term and Easter.
- Rural Neighbourhood Boards are meeting every six months and so far there have been three meetings the last one being held in January. Dates and invitations for the next one will be circulated in due course.
- The next Neighbourhood Farm covering Wisbech St Mary will be held in the new Wisbech St Mary Community Centre on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April between 11.00 and 2.00 pm.
- They continue to support various groups in the parish a Youth Club at Murrow, holiday activities, Guyhirn Village Hall and the Children's Centre at Murrow.
- The following events are being held during half term:-  
Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am to 12.00 Children's Centre Sessions Guyhirn Village Hall  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am to 12.00 Children's Centre Sessions Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.  
Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am to 12.00 Children's Centre Sessions Thorney Toll Village Hall.  
Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 pm Community Cinema – Up Guyhirn Village Hall  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 pm Community Cinema – Up Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

**22. POLICE MATTERS**

**A report by the Community Beat Officer regarding incidents within the Parish.**

There had been 2 reported thefts in Thorney Toll, 1 making off without payment in Guyhirn, garage burglary, theft of milk in Murrow, 4 thefts from motor vehicle, one criminal damage and 1 robbery in Murrow and one criminal damage, 3 thefts from motor vehicles and 1 distraction burglary in Wisbech St Mary. It was again reiterated the importance of telephone the police if anyone sees anything unusual.

The Police bus is out in the villages with a change of times to fit in with the school runs. It was agreed that these bus visits must be better advertised and that if it is stated that represents from organisations are going to be there they must be there. The next villages to be visited are Parson Drove 2<sup>nd</sup> February am and Christchurch 3<sup>rd</sup> February am.

A discussion took place in respect of the constant road traffic accidents at Bellamy's Bridge and Swann Bridge. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Head of the County Council with copies to Jill Tuck, Neil Band CCC Highways and Peter Vale and John Richards requesting improved road signage and coloured tarmac and to request a visit for them to meet with the Councillors.

**23. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVE**

Reply from FDC Planning regarding the Section 106 monies for Guyhirn. As this was not a standard request the Parish Council would not have been consulted. **The clerk had written again as it was felt that local consultation in these matters was vital but to date we have not received a reply.**

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

- (a) F/YR10/0020/F conversion of part of barn to 1 x 2 bed self catering unit with associated parking (amendment to planning permission F/YR04/4263/F) Barn at Trafford Farm, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mrs C Desborough. Agent Mr David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR09/0476/F erection of a 2 bed detached house with associated parking at Land East of the Firs Mill Road, Murrow. Revised proposal. **As previously we recommend refusal as the access to the development and safety on the road junction is totally unacceptable.**
- (c) F/YR09/0832/F variation of Condition 6 and removal of Condition 7 of planning permission F/YR08/0348/F to allow one way access into the site from the byway south of Beechings Close Playing Field Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant P Albutt. Agent R Brisco. **We Support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR10/0028/F erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling Station Farm, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant P Wait. Agent Brian Shemeld. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

#### **24. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Archaeological Project Services requesting a signed Transfer of Title letter for the items found in Guyhirn to be passed to the Wisbech & Fenland Museum. **It was agreed that the clerk sign the Transfer of Title on behalf of the Parish Council.**
- (b) Application from CCC for the Parish Path Partnership. **Noted. Mrs Thrower to complete this on behalf of the Parish Council.**
- (c) Certificates of attendance to the training on the Power of well being on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009. **Noted.**
- (d) Thank you letter from Citizen Advice Bureau for the grant of £1000.00 **Noted.**
- (e) FDC Town and Parish Council Liaison. **It was agreed that the clerk writes requesting that we would like a senior officer from Fenland District Council at all of our Parish Council meetings.**
- (f) War Memorial Trust conference Cambridge 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010. **Noted.**
- (g) CCC Consultation of Cambridgeshire's Third Local Transport Plan. Exhibition 24.02.10 at Rose & Crown Hotel. **Noted.**
- (h) Bus Service changes from 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010. **Noted. Mr Scrimshaw distributed up to date timetables.**
- (i) Futures Job Fund going ahead. Parson Drove asking whether we are interested as they will not have enough work just in Parson Drove for someone all week for 6 months. **It was agreed that the clerk writes to Parson Drove stating that we would like to share with them in this project.**
- (j) Returning Officer has decided that a small fee of £50 will be charged to all Parish and Town Councils for future uncontested by elections. **Noted.**
- (k) Gorefield Parish Council asking if any of our Councillors would like to join with them for Training. **It was agreed that the clerk contacts Gorefield Parish Council stating that we were not interested in joining them for this training.**
- (l) Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre Grand Opening Weekend 27.02.10 from 12.00 to 4.00. **Noted.**

#### **Correspondence in folder for information only**

COPE Newsletter January 2010  
FCVS Newsletter January 2010

The Clerk January 2010  
Clerks and Councils Direct January 2010

#### **25. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) FDC Environmental Services regarding litter and dog bins advising that the council has funds available for one dog bin, but any additional bins would cost £200 to purchase and fit. **After a discussion it was agreed that the one dog bin available would be placed at Selwyn Corner and to purchase one to be placed at the bridge thus covering the exit and entry to the public footpath along the river bank. It was agreed that a litter bin be placed by the bottle bank at Guyhirn. The Parish Council thanked Councillor Scrimshaw for his help in this matter.**
- (b) Reply from Highways regarding matters passed from the Parish Council. **Noted.**
- (c) Cambridgeshire Highway advising that ongoing negotiations with Anglian Water regarding resurfacing scheme is due to be undertaken next week at Back Road. **Noted.**
- (c) FDC Senior Community Development Officer regarding new bus shelter in Guyhirn and whether the Parish Council would take on the long term maintenance. **It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that we will take on the long term maintenance of this bus shelter, but that it is important that it be placed in the position where the children wait for the school buses, opposite the old post office.**

#### **Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

1. Follies Drove pot holes the entire length of the road.
2. Disabled ramp broken down by Elgoods Brewery lorries at the Black Hart, Thorney Toll. This was reported about three months ago and is a matter of Health and Safety as disabled residents have to travel on the road.
3. Mr Parrin reported that the 3 lights in the gravel Jetty at Wisbech St Mary are now working.
4. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary behind the fish shop road collapsing. A kerb needs to be installed to alleviate this problem.
5. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary near Mayfair Gardens and Sayers Field pot holes.
6. Road uneven in Gull Road, Guyhirn after Plash Drove and before the bowling green, Guyhirn side of Cants Drove.
7. Hedge needs cutting from kGarden Lane to Humphreys Farm.

8. Murrow Bank edge of road subsiding.
9. Seadyke near fish farm road subsiding and a crack right across the road.
10. Pot holes on the A47 at the T junction with Gull Road slip road.
11. Bank Farm railings and crash barrier over the foot path near the Oliver Twist, Guyhirn. This is very dangerous as there are no streetlights near this area. These were damaged by a lorry.
12. Bank Farm water drain inspection has sunk and when cars go over this it vibrates the whole of the property.
13. The joints of the road bridge over the river at Guyhirn are subsiding and need attention.
14. The leylandi hedge at Sheraden House, Guyhirn needs cutting as it obscuring the bus stop and also the pavement.
15. Carnell Road near Black Drove off A47 gullies are block and need clearing.

26. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. Balance of account £111436.16.
- (b) Recycling credit from FDC of £71.08.

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

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| (c) Clerk February salary | £495.66LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>                  |
| (d) Tax & NI              | £174.62LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>                  |
| (e) S Layton website      | £68.14LGFinancial Provisions Act 1963S5 <b>Agreed.</b> |

**To approve payment of grants**

- (f) Guyhirn Play Equipment £5,000.00LGMis Prog1976 S196**Agreed.**

**Cheque for £4347.83 received from the Guyhirn Playing Field Association to offset costs. The balance being VAT of 652.18, which will be reclaimed by the Parish Council.**

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| (g) Guyhirn School recycling | £110.08 LGAct 1972 S137   |
| (h) Guyhirn Cemetery         | £350.00LGAct 1972 S214(6) |

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

- (a) Painting of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign by Whitemoor Prison. **No response received the clerk agreed to continue to try and contact the prison.**
- (c) Progress on the wooden seat in the bus shelter next to the Wheel public House, Wisbech St Mary. **To date this work has not been undertaken.**

28. **GUYHIRN POND**

- (a) Progress on the work to remove or trim trees around the Pond. **Mr Davies advised the meeting that he has obtained Mr Gilberts permission for the contracts to have access and this work should be carried out shortly.**
- (b) C Summers requesting confirmation that she is able to take out one of the willow trees which is deemed as dangerous and cut back the other two. **The clerk advised the meeting that she had replied stating that the Parish Council have now employed a contractor to carry out the work we are allowed to do. This work should be carried out in the next couple of weeks weather permitting.**

29. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

- (a) Progress on the work regarding the hard standing for the recycling bins and the roadway. **No progress to date.**
- (b) Details of the Playing Field boundary. **The clerk advised the meeting that Fraser Dawbarns have no measurements on the land purchased from FDC and it was agreed that Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council be contacted to see if they can throw any light onto the boundary.**

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

- The clerk was requested to contact the Anglian Water Authority to see when the sewerage system in Murrow and Guyhirn becomes live.
- Mr Britain advised the meeting that the pipes and drains to the Wisbech St Mary pit have been cleared and this appears to have solved the matter of any flooding and therefore no further work is necessary by the North Level Internal Drainage Board. The Parish Council will therefore not incur any costs.
- The clerk was requested to place the minutes of the 14th March 2008 on the Wisbech St Mary website.
- The clerk advised the meeting of an invitation by Vital Communities to the event Spotlight at the Angles Theatre on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm.

31 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

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

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Murrow Village Hall  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove  
Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – Guyhirn Village Hall - Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by the Annual General Meeting  
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 – Thorney Toll Village Hall  
Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavillion  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – Murrow Village Hall  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.  
Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010  
Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011

