

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 21st June 2010 at Thorney Toll Village Hall

PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	B Britain	P Davies	J Fish	T Fowler	C Fryett
	J Hall	J Parrin	B Payne	R Scrimshaw		
Parishioners	M Abbs	T Coleman				

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from P C J Coales and C Suckling.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

97. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 24th May 2010.

The minutes of the 24th May 2010 were signed as a true record.

98. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

There were no matters arising.

99. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

Mr J Parrin declared a personal interest on item 102f.

100. FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Report by Community Development Officer re progress being made by Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team was distributed at the meeting and the following items were discussed.

1. Fenland Road Safety Group meeting on the 6th July at Wisbech St Community Centre at 7.30 pm.
2. Rural Neighbourhood Board meeting on the 15th July at 7.00 pm at FDC Council Chambers. This meeting is designed to keep Councillors up to date with matters in each of the villages. Mr Parrin is unable to attend this meeting, but any of the other councillors are able to attend.
3. A copy of the Parish Plan had been sent to the Chairman and it was agreed that the clerk send a copy to each Councillor and to place this on the agenda for the next meeting when a date will be arranged for a meeting to be set up to update each of the village plans. It was agreed that this should be an evening meeting.
4. Half Term holiday activities held at Wisbech St Mary Playing was a great success attended by 100 people.
5. Summer holiday activities are in the process of being co-ordinated and are aiming to hold 2 activities in each village if possible. The full programme will be circulated to us by our meeting on the 19th July.

A discussion took place as to why Mr Suckling was unable to attend Parish Council meeting. It was understood that if he was helped out of his car or into the venue and they hurt themselves they would not be insured and therefore the reason why he was not attending meetings was due to Health and Safety matters. Some concerns were voiced as the FDC knew of his disability when he was employed. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Fenland District Council for clarification as he attended other meetings at Thorney Toll Village Hall and Wisbech St Mary Community Centre and was able to access the venues without help.

At this point Mr C Fryett joined the meeting.

101. POLICE MATTERS

Report by the Community Beat Officer was received by the clerk and the following crimes were reported.

- Wisbech St Mary common assault, criminal damage to motor vehicle, criminal damage, theft and shed burglary.
- Murrow burglary, theft and theft from motor vehicle.
- Guyhirn criminal damage and theft.
- Thorney Toll no recorded crime.
- The car is still parked in St Mary's Close, Wisbech St Mary. FDC have been contacted requesting that they chase DVLA.

A discussion took place as the tax disc expires at the end of June. It was agreed that the clerk contacts FDC Environmental and if we did not receive any information by the end of June we will contact the Press.

The meeting was advised that the money had been received from the Police for the mower that had been stolen from the Guyhirn Playing Field.

It was stated that the dates and venues for the Crime Buster Bus had been advertised until the end of September and the different agencies that will be available on the Bus.

102. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

- (a) F/YR10/0332/RM erection of a 3 bed detached chalet bungalow with associated parking land east of Leylandi The Pidgeons, Murrow. Applicant Mr L Sommers. Agent Mr D Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

- (b) F/YR10/0381 erection of a 2 storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling involving part demolition Cherry Cottage, Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr and Mrs I Smith. Agent Mr Ken Elener. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (c) F/YR10/0382/F erection of a 3 bed dwelling Takoradi, 124 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mrs M Ludlow. Agent Miss A Grainger. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR10/0366/F proposed timber sectional bungalow Hayden Farm, Bunkers Hill, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr J Purse. Agent Mr David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (e) F/YR10/0364/F change of use to skip Hire Business land West of Primula, Hooks Drove, Murrow. Applicant Mr N Ahmed. Agent Mr A Brand. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (f) F/YR10/0398/F variation of Condition 6 and removal of Condition 7 of planning permission F/YR08/0348/F (Erection of a community hall) to allow one-way access into the site from the byway south of Beechings Close Playing Field, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr P Albutt Malaby Lodge, Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary. Agent Mr R Briscoe. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (g) F/YR10/0396/RM erection of a 5 bed detached house with attached garage land South West of St Helier, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr A Holmes. Agent Mr David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (h) F/YR10/0386/F erection of a 4 bed detached chalet bungalow with integral garage land North of Jaydel, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr C Clare. Agent Mr Nigel Lowe. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

103. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Cambridgeshire ACRE New Products and Services Guide. **Noted.**
- (b) FDC free training for developing effective play spaces on the 14th July at Wisbech St Mary community centre 10.30 – 2.30 pm. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC Wisbech Cycle Map. **A copy distributed to all councillors.**
- (d) Return of letter from Fern House, High Road, Guyhirn. **Noted.**
- (e) Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service Free training for voluntary and community groups in the Fenland Area. **Noted.**
- (f) Norfolk County Council Minerals & Waste Local Development Framework. **Noted.**
- (g) Tim Mills FDC regarding attending Parish Council meetings. **Noted.**
- (h) Items passed from the Community Fair at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre. **It was agreed that the clerk contacts FDC requesting how long are items “on going” before they are resolved.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

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104. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Update from CCC Highways regarding items passed to them from Parish Council meetings. **Noted.**
- (b) Letter from D & B Lane Murrow Bank regarding the traffic along Murrow Bank. **The residents asked for speed restrictions in Murrow Bank and CCC Highways installed them and therefore the Parish Council do not have any responsibility for this. It is therefore incorrect that County pass such queries to the Parish Council as there responsibility. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Peter Vale CCC Highways and Councillor Tuck**
- (c) CCC Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2011-12 Bidding Round. **It was agree to put 2 bids as follows:**
 - **New footpath in Station Road from Church Road to High Road, Wisbech St Mary by reclaiming backfill land from residents adjacent to the road and use this as a footpath and cycle way.**
 - **Erect chevrons at Bunkers Hill and Slow Warning road signage from Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary and Footpath, Bridal Way and horse warning signs.**
- (d) An anonymous email regarding the overgrown hedge fronting High Road, Guyhirn outside Sheraton House. **Noted. This matter is in hand and we are in the process of contacting Councillor Tuck to advise her that the 28 days has now expired.**
- (e) Email from Councillor Jill Tuck regarding a number of issues from the Parish Council meeting on the 24th May 2010. **Noted.**
- (f) Reply from Peter Vale regarding the moving of the 40 mph speed limit on Gull Road, Guyhirn. **Noted.**
- (g) Request from CCC regarding the position of the trees at Panswell Corner. **Clerk to reply on the bend between Miletree Lane and Panswell Lane.**
- (h) Streetlight quotation from FDC regarding the replacement of the street light at Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn £1072.12. **This streetlight does not belong to the Parish Council.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Thorney Toll Council House have a serious problem of rats. – Clerk to contact Roddons, Environment Health and Jill Tuck.
2. Guyhirn Pit stop advertising board for Doddington Show obstructing road junction.
3. Gull Drove, Guyhirn road needs resurfacing
4. Barhales needs to reset the manhole outside Woodland Gardens, at the junction of Gull Road and High Road as it was sunk.
5. A47 road is sinking outside the property previously the Little Chef.
6. Road from the A47 to Gull Road pot hole across the whole junction.
7. Black Drove onto the A47 grass needs cutting back as you cannot ee out of the junction.

8. Road sign to Parson Drove on the High Road, Wisbech St Mary near the Bridge Public snapped off.
9. Large hole behind fish shop needs repairing. Cannot wait to see this repaired properly.
10. All road signs throughout the parish need cleaning up, old ones renovating or new signs installed as you cannot read the existing signs. It is OK for locals, but it is not a very advertisement for visitors to the area.
11. Large pot hole on Pidgeons Corner Murrow.
12. Guyhirn roundabout needs cutting
13. The Bridge outside The Chequers Tholomas Drove has three wooden steps and on these steps there are steel stakes sticking up about 2 or 3 inches.
14. The curb against the Black Hart, Thorney is dangerous as it is broken and forms part of the disabled ramp. This matter was first highlighted in January 2010 and is a matter of Health and Safety and if someone falls and hurts themselves it will not look very good in the law course. The Highways Agency came and put in a new slab on the other side of the Black Hart but left the broke one.

105. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2010/2011 year to date. The clerk reported that the balance of the account stands at £111097.82.
- (b) HM Revenue refund of VAT 2009/2010 financial year of £6094.97. **Noted.**
- (c) Cheque received from Guyhirn Playing Field for £1817.40 to cover the cost of the play equipment £2135.45 less VAT. **Noted.**
- (d) Acknowledgement from the Moore Stephens that the Annual Return Form had been received. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (e) Clerk June salary | £533.33 LGAct 1972 S112 | Agreed. |
| (f) Tax & NI | £157.78 LGAct 1972 S112 | Agreed. |
| (g) Aviva Insurance Commercial Combined | £1728.79 LGAct 1972 S111 | Agreed |
| (h) North Level Drainage Rates | £11.09 LG (Financial Provisions Act 1963) | Agreed. |
| (i) DMH Solutions Risk Assessment | £101.27 (LGAct 1972 S111) | Agreed. |

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

Parish Property Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors

1. Notice Board in Wisbech St Mary close to the shop needs repairing. It was agreed that the clerk contacts Paul Tibbs to get this repaired.
2. Wisbech St Mary village sign has not been taken down for painting as the flower bed on which it stands has been replanted with summer bedding plants. Once these are finished Mr Parrin agreed to take this to the Whitemoor Prison Workshop for this work to be undertaken.
3. Hedge on the Guyhirn Playing Field adjacent to the Chapel of Ease graves needs cutting. It was agreed that Mr Davies contacts Mr David Rowell for this work to be undertaken.
4. It was agreed that the clerk contacts Councillor Tuck to advise her that the 28 days has expired regarding the cutting of the hedge at Sheraton House, High Road, Guyhirn.

107. **GUYHIRN POND**

No further information received regarding the progress on work on the Pond area and Public Liability Insurance.

108. **FUTURE JOBS FUND**

Have not received any further information regarding appointing another handyman. The meeting was advised that it is understood that this scheme is no longer available.

109. **REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

Discussion regarding Standing Orders.

It was agreed that the clerk updates the new Standing Orders in line with the decisions made when adopting the original Standing Orders. These will be discussed at the meeting on the 19th July 2010.

110. **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Discussion of items from the Parish Assembly

It was agreed that the clerk contacts CCC Footpath office for Murrow to see if they have been able to ascertain who the person is that is cutting down the trees and hedges on the footpath near the Church between Back Road and Front Road, Murrow.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

112. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 19th July 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

113. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2010/2011**
Monday 16th August 2010 – Murrow Village Hall
Monday, 13th September 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.
Monday, 11th October 2010 – Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday 8th November 2010 – Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday, 6th December 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday, 10th January 2011- Murrow Village Hall