

**MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies received.

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

- The meeting was advised that the de-restriction signs have disappeared from each end of the village of Murrow.

**33. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.**

The minutes of the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 were signed as a true record.

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

- Mr Payne advised the meeting that the planning application 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 was being discussed at the Planning meeting on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010. As the Parish Council recommend approval and the police and representatives of the residents of Beechings Close are recommending refusal he asked whether the Parish Council should have a representative at this Planning meeting. Mr Parrin advised the meeting that Mr M Holmes was to attend this meeting to speak on behalf of the Community Centre. It was agreed that no representative from the Parish Council would attend.
- The clerk advised the meeting that she had not received a reply to her email regarding a representative from Fenland District Council attending all of our meetings.
- Mrs Thrower advised the meeting that she had completed an application for a grant for a general grant for the footpaths within the parish.

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

Mr C Allen declared a personal interest on item 44.

Mr P Davies declared a personal interest on item 44.

Mr T Fowler declared a personal interest on item 41e.

**36. FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

Report by T Wadsley and C Suckling re progress being made by Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team.

- a. The meeting was advised that the Parish Plans will be updated over the next few weeks.
- b. The half term activities had been well received with over 100 people attending the cinema sessions. They are in the process of working with Murrow Children's Centre to arrange activities for the Easter holidays.
- c. Members of the Community Development team attending the opening of the new Community Centre.
- d. On the 27<sup>th</sup> March a taster session is being held for Community Activist.
- e. The next Rural North Community Fair is being held at the Wisbech Community Centre on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm.
- f. The Community Crime Buster Bus is making visits to the villages.

Mr Fish asked why the half term visit to Thorney Toll was cancelled three days before the event. Mrs Wadsley agreed to look into this.

**37. POLICE MATTERS**

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

- It was reported that there had been 1 incident of domestic violence and 1 dwelling burglary in Murrow, 1 shed theft at Thorney Toll, 1 incident of domestic violence in Wisbech St Mary and 1 shed theft, 1 fraud, 1 theft and 1 drug offence in Guyhirn.
- The meeting was advised of a meeting on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at Gorefield Village Hall at 7.00 pm to discuss farmers and business crimes in the rural areas.
- The meeting was advised that the Crime Busting Bus was out and about in the villages.

It was reported that a car had been parked in High Road, Wisbech St Mary for some three weeks. It had been reported but no action had been taken.

**38. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

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

F/YR10/0045/F removal of condition 02 planning permission F/90/0006/F Cannon House, Seadyke Bank, Murrow.

Applicant D Boston. Agent J Maxey. **The condition 02 should not be removed and therefore recommend refusal.**

F/YR10/0031/F erection of a 2 storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving part demolition Cherry Cottage, Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr and Mrs I Smith. Agent Ken Elener. **We Support this development and recommend approval.**

### 39. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Details of CPALC Courses. **Noted.**
- (b) Probation service looking for projects for supervised work groups or 2/3 individuals to work alongside a local group where a large supervised group is not practical. **Noted.**
- (c) Thank you letter from Victim Support regarding donation of £300.00. **Noted.**
- (d) Thank you letter from the Wisbech St Mary Community Car Scheme. **Noted.**
- (e) Have your say on Cambridgeshire's Green Vision. **Noted.**
- (f) Thank you letter from Guyhirn School for the £110.08 from the recycling credits, which will be used by the Eco committee. **Noted.**
- (g) Crime Bus Guyhirn 17.03.10 and Murrow 23.03.10 . **Noted. It was agreed that more advertising was required and that its location should change to be more central in the villages.**
- (f) Peterborough City Council advising of the Planning meeting for the Nuts Grove Wind turbine project on the 9.03.10 at 10.00 am. **Noted.**
- (g) FDC regarding the Community Fairs for 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Village hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 from 11.00am to 2.00 pm. **It was agreed that we have a stand at this Fair.**
- (h) Peterborough City Council notes and DVD Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Draft February 2010. **Noted.**
- (i) Thank you letter from Guyhirn Cemetery committee for the grant of £350.00. **Noted.**
- (j) Atkins Rob Flory telephone message stating that the Guyhirn Roundabout can be landscaped and maintained by a sponsor . **Noted.**

#### Correspondence in folder for information only

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### 40. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Details from CPALC for a CCC Highways website for reporting pot holes [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com). **Noted.**
- (b) Fenland Traffic Management Area Joint Committee decision summary. **Noted.**
- (c) Reply from Highways regarding the roundabout and holes in the road. **Noted.**
- (d) Reply from M Mathews advising that the bins will a maximum of two to three weeks. **These bins have now been fitted.**

#### Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Pot hole Plash Drove S Bends after The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.
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. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary behind the fish shop road collapsing. A kerb needs to be installed to alleviate this problem.
4. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary near Mayfair Gardens and Sayers Field pot holes.
5. Road uneven in Gull Road, Guyhirn after Plash Drove and before the bowling green, Guyhirn side of Cants Drove.
6. Hedge needs cutting from Garden Lane to Humphreys Farm.
7. Front Road, Murrow pot hole in the middle of the road near the Chapel and the Bell Inn.
8. Front Road, Murrow pot hole near the Church.
9. Pot holes at The Pidgeons, Murrow.
10. Seadyke, Murrow subsidence of the side of the road.
11. Seadyke Murrow a very large pot hole end of Silvers Lane.
12. Seadyke, Murrow outside Bostons road water logged.
13. Pot holes at Bellamys Bridge.
14. More road signs at Bellamys Bridge.
15. Very uneven road Gull Road between Murrow and Guyhirn, particularly bad on either side of the junction of Cants Drove.
16. Gull Road Guyhirn, between Cants Drove and Guyhirn safety signs missing.
17. The leylandi hedge at Sheraden House, Guyhirn needs cutting as it obscuring the bus stop and also the pavement. It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that if is not cut within 28days we will have it cut and pass the invoice to them for payment.
18. Hedge needs cutting Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary after the houses to Bellamy's Bridge needs cutting.
19. End of Parnell Road oposit Black Drove drain blocked and road completely under water the whole width of road for about 12 metres.
20. Follays Drove, Guyhirn the complete service of the road disappearing.
21. Pot hole at the top of Beechings Close, Wisbech St Mary.
22. Streetlight not working on the A47 at Thorney Toll on the bus stop lay by.

Mr Parrin stated that he is meeting with Mr Band on the 15<sup>th</sup> March to ride around the Parish to point out Highway matters.

It was suggested by Mr Payne that the clerk should be more assertive when reporting Highway matters to CCC Highways. It was agreed that Jill Tuck be advised of all Highway matters reported.

41. **FINANCE**

(a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. **Balance of account reported £109,247.07**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

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| (b) Clerk March salary                            | £495.66LGAct 1972 S112  | <b>Agreed.</b> |
| (c) Tax & NI                                      | £174.62LGAct 1972 S112  | <b>Agreed.</b> |
| (d) J Jefford Plainings for Guyhirn Playing Field | £376LGMis Prog1976 S196 | <b>Agreed.</b> |

**To approve payment of grants**

- (e) Guyhirn Village Hall - Request declined for the time being until further information is received regarding the new request for the replacement floor.
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| (f) FACT                                     | Request declined LGAct 1972S137.          |
| (g) Southea with Murrow and Parson Drove PCC | £350.00 LGAct 1972 S214(6) <b>Agreed.</b> |
| (h) Volunteer Centre                         | £100.00LGAct 1972S137 <b>Agreed.</b>      |

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

(a) Painting of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign by Whitemoor Prison. **It was agreed that the clerk continues to contact the Education Department to see when they will be able to carry out this work.**

(b) Progress on the wooden seat in the bus shelter next to the Wheel public House, Wisbech St Mary. **Work completed at a cost of £240.00.**

43. **GUYHIRN POND**

(a) Progress on the work to remove or trim trees around the Pond. **Work completed at a cost of £3500.00. It was agreed that if the Pond committee present a copy of the Public Liability Insurance they could then continue with their work. The Parish Council had agreed to cover the cost of this Insurance.**

44. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Reply from John Hooper FDC regarding the boundary. Normally in the case of an open ditch the presumption is that the boundary is to the centre unless evidenced otherwise. The other "normal" assumption is that where there is a hedge on one side the whole of the ditch will be owned by whoever owns the hedge. **After a discussion it was agreed that the Hedge be the boundary of the Playing Field.**

45. **NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY**

Letter from Fenland District Council Electoral Services Manager outlining the rules to fill the casual vacancy brought about by the resignation of Mr James Carney. **The clerk advised the meeting that the FDC Electoral Services had contacted her to state that they had not received any requests for an election and the Parish Council could now co-op. Two parishioners had contacted her stating that they would be interested in being co-opted.**

**Mrs J Hall, Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary.**

**Mr Walsh, Bevis Lane, Wisbech St Mary.**

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

- Mr Britain advised the meeting that the North Level Internal Drainage Board is again this year holding their Open Day for two councillors to attend. The date and official invitation will be received in due course.
- The clerk was requested to contact the Anglian Water Authority to see when the sewerage system in Murrow and Guyhirn becomes live. The clerk stated that she had written but had not received a reply, but will try telephoning them.

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

46. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Murrow Village Hall

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

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

