

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Murrow Village Hall

### PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	P Barnes	B Britain	P Davies	T Fowler	
	J Parrin	B Payne,	R Scrimshaw			
Visitor	G Booth					
Parishioners	F Bliss	J & S Claydon	T Coleman	T Jennings	A Purdy	B Reay

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from J Fish, C Fryett and PC J Coales

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

- The meeting was advised that the Fenland Council for Volunteer Services will continue as the Trustees are taking it over to try and keep it going.
- Two residents of High Road, Wisbech St Mary asked for the Parish Councils support regarding an unauthorised caravan parked behind Poppy House.

### 48. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

The minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 were signed as a true record.

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

- The reported car parked in High Road, Wisbech St Mary for some three weeks was now in St Mary's Close, Wisbech St Mary and it now had flat tyres.
- The clerk stated that she had reported the Highway matters to Councillor Tuck, but to date had not received any reply.

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

Mr B Payne declared a personal interest on item 57e and 57 i.

Mrs D Thrower declared a prejudicial interest on item 54c and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

Mr T Fowler declared a personal interest on item 57f.

Mr P Barnes declared a prejudicial interest on item 54c and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

Mr P Barnes declared a personal interest on item 57 g.

### 51. FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

There was no report by the Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team.

### 52. POLICE MATTERS

There was no report by the Community Beat Officer, but the following matters were discussed:-

- It was agreed that the clerk report the car parked in St Mary's Close to CCC Highways Department.
- A discussion took place regarding the website ecops, which Councillors could go to where they could find out more details of crimes committed in their areas.
- Mr Fowler advised the meeting that he and Mr Allen had attended the Police meeting held at Gorefield and organised by the Countryside Watch. This had been well attended and will be arranged on a quarterly basis.

### 53. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Request for consideration received from Mr N Watson of Wisbech St Mary

Request for consideration received from Mr M T Walsh of Wisbech St Mary

Request for consideration received from Mrs J Hall of Wisbech St Mary.

The clerk read letters from Mr N Watson and Mr M T Walsh regarding their request for consideration. After a discussion it was proposed by Mr J Parrin, seconded by T Fowler and agreed unanimously that Mrs J Hall be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

### 54. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVE

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

- (a) F/YR10/0031/F erection of a 2 storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving part demolition at Cherry Cottage, Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. **Application withdrawn.**
- (b) F/YR10/0159/F siting of a mobile home and office and erection of 2no stables, chick nursery, chicken shed, glass house, 2 no poly tunnels and kennels/store Wayland Farm, Bevis Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Miss C Bartrum. Agent Mr N Lowe. **It was recommended that this be refused and to ask them to return the site to its original condition.**
- (c) F/YR10/0147/F erection of a 6 metre high piece of play equipment Playing Field and Pavilion Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Murrow Playing Field Association. **We Support this development and recommend approval.**

### 55. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Norfolk Green Bus Service advising of new bus services and where information can be accessed. **The clerk advised the meeting that she had requested information leaflets, but to date they had not been received.**
- (b) CPALC regarding Future Jobs Fund. **Noted as this matter to be discussed under item 55d.**
- (c) Service change to Stagecoach services. **Noted.**

- (d) Future Jobs Fund Update. The Future Job Fund has been successful and Job Centre Plus is ready to deploy candidates to councils for interview. **At this point of the meeting Mr G Booth was asked to speak as Chairman of the Parson Drove Parish Council, who are the successful Parish Council for this scheme. The meeting was advised that the Job Centre had received 6 applications for this position to work 25 hours per week. This person would be deployed within Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Parish working 4 days for 6 hours per day carrying such duties as litter picking. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that Mr D Thrower would join with Parson Drove on the Interview Panel. Once a selection had been made the successful applicant would have to be added to the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance.**
- (e) Thank you Letter from Southea with Murrow and Parson Drove Parochial Church Council for the grant of £350.00. **Noted.**
- (f) Update from FDC regarding our nominated liaison officer Tim Mills. He will not be able to attend evening meeting until after July 2010. **Noted.**
- (g) Thank you letter from the Volunteer Centre for the grant of £100.00. **Noted.**

#### Correspondence in folder for information only

The Clerk March 2010-03-08  
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#### 56. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Update from CCC Highways regarding items passed to them from Parish Council meetings. **Mr Parrin met with Mr N Band from CCC Highways and toured the Parish. The matter of the hedge at Sheraden House, High Road, Guyhirn was discussed and that Highways would be writing to them. The clerk has written on several occasions. Mr Davies agreed to visit. An option open to the Parish Council is to place this matter in the Village Voices.**

##### Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Numerous pot holes at the top of Churchfield Road and Church Road, Wisbech St Mary.
2. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary behind the fish shop road collapsing. A kerb needs to be installed to alleviate this problem.
3. South side of Road between Bunkers Hill and Hoptoft subsiding.
4. Speed indicator in High Road, Guyhirn facing towards the pond and not the road.
5. Dog fouling in Church yard, High Road, Guyhirn.
6. Manhole inspection chamber in Tholomas Road is off. There is now a fence around it.
7. Footpath outside the bottle Bank at Guyhirn needs repairing.
8. Manhole covers rattle when cars drive over them in High Road, Guyhirn.
9. High curb outside chapel in Front Road, Murrow.
10. The Pidgeons, Murrow numerous pot holes where it joins Seadyke Bank and Front Road, Murrow.
11. Road collapsing from Walnut Cottage to the Church in Front Road, Murrow.
12. Pot holes in Seadyke Bank outside traveller site.
13. Numerous pot holes on the slip road Gull Road, Guyhirn
14. Very large pot hole in the middle of the road outside The Bell, Front Road, Murrow.
15. Mill Road, Murrow a large pot hole towards Murrow Bank.
16. Unauthorised car sales at The Firs, Gull Road, Guyhirn.

#### 57. FINANCE

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. **Balance of account reported £104,354.29**
- (b) Notification of External Audit 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010. **Noted.**

##### To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (c) Bowles Tree and Garden Services               | £3500.00 LGA 1894 S81i <b>Agreed.</b>                     |
| (d) M Parren seat in the bus shelter              | £230.00 LGA 1894 s81i <b>Agreed.</b>                      |
| (e) Village Voices                                | £200.00 LG Financial Provisions Act 1963S5 <b>Agreed.</b> |
| (f) Wicksteed Playscopes for Murrow Playing Field | £34075.00 LG Mis Prov 1976 S196                           |

##### To approve payment of grants

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| (g) Guyhirn Village Hall – new floor.        | £5000.00 LGAct 1972 S133 <b>Agreed. It would not be paid to the Village Hall committee until it was known if the balance required for the work to go ahead had been secured.</b> |
| (h) Murrow Methodist Church                  | £2000.00 LGAct 1972 S137 <b>Agreed.</b>  |
| (i) Murrow Sunshine Club                     | £100.00 LGAct 1972 S137 <b>Agreed.</b>   |
| (j) Wisbech St Mary PCC Upkeep of Churchyard | £350.00 LGAct 1972 S214(6) <b>Agreed.</b>  |

#### 58. PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS

- (a) Painting of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign by Whitemoor Prison. **Mr Parrin advised the meeting that it had been arranged for him to take the sign to the prison.**
- (b) Parish Risk Assessment – **It was agreed to undertake a risk assessment on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Wisbech St Mary by Mr J Parrin at 9.00 am, Guyhirn Mr B Britain at 10.00 am and Murrow by Mrs D Thrower at 10.45 am.**

59. **GUYHIRN POND**  
Progress on work on the Pond area and Public Liability Insurance. **Due to the wildlife no further work will be undertaken until June or July. No Public Liability Insurance has yet been taken out as they are joining the PTCV organisation at a cost of £35 to enable them to purchase this Insurance at a reduced rate.**
60. **COMMUNITY FAIR AT WISBECH ST MARY 24.04.10.**  
Discussion regarding a stand and a rota to enable the Parish Council to take part in this event.  
**Mr J Parrin agreed to attend the fair all day with other Councillors attending during the day. The clerk agreed to try and take photographs of different sites of the Parish to set up a display.**
61. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**
- Mr Parrin stated that he had been advised by the site manager that AWA will be sending out leaflets to households in Guyhirn at the end of March and that the sewerage system in Guyhirn should become active by the end of April.
  - Mr Parrin stated that he had tried to get the rubbish bin outside the shop in Wisbech St Mary emptied more than once a week. It is emptied on a Thursday but it is overflowing by Monday. It was agreed that the clerk would try and get this bin emptied at least twice a week.
  - Leaflets were distributed about the Fenland Handy Person Service.
  - Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.**

62. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove
63. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2010/2011**  
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