

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 8th November 2010 at Thorney Toll Village Hall

PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	P Barnes	B Britain	P Davies	J Fish	T Fowler
	C Fryett	J Hall	J Parrin	B Payne	R Scrimshaw	
Visitors	P C J Coales					
Parishioners	T Coleman	T Jennings	J Picton	B Reay		

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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

- A campaign is being set up to reduce speeding through the villages throughout Fenland. The Fenland Road Campaign are requesting funding for posters to be distributed throughout our Parish. A quotation has been received for A3 size of 100 - £100, 200 - £165 and 500 - £250. An additional cost for laminating would be £100 for up to 1,000 sheets.
- Some concerns were voiced regarding the planning application for the erection of 6 dwellings land west of the Manor House, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary as this is outside the Planning Development area and that it would destroy the setting of a listed building, which has been there for 219 years.

179. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 11th October 2010

The minutes of the 11th October 2010 were signed as a true record.

180. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

The clerk stated that there had been no response from Roddons regarding the House in Front Road, Murrow opposite old Church where numerous cars are parked outside and traffic movement in and out 24/7.

181. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

Mr B Payne declared a personal interest on item 184e.

Mr J Parrin declared a personal interest on item 187j.

Mr P Davies declared a personal interest on item 191a.

182. FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

There was not a report by Community Development Officer.

183. POLICE MATTERS

Report by the Community Beat Officer. Crimes that had been reported were Wisbech St Mary domestic common assault and damage to a vehicle, Murrow domestic common assault and shed theft, Guyhirn damage to a vehicle, 2 shed burglaries and criminal damage, Thorney Toll no crimes reported. It was reported that crimes within the rural were down and the main cause for concern were burglaries from shed and out buildings. There had been hay stack and bale fires in Levering and Wisbech St Mary. They are believed to be arson and the police and fire service were working together by making additional patrols to the villages. Extra patrols are being made out of hours to visit post offices.

The meeting was advised of a meeting on the 17th November 2010 at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre at 7.30 for farmers and land owners. Severing organisations have been invited such as Fire Service, National Farmers Union and Fenland District Council regarding fly tipping. The Panel Meeting is to be held on the 29th November 2010 at the Queen Mary Centre at 7.30 pm and is a joint meeting for the town and rural areas.

A discussion took place regarding the broken windows at the Chapel East Guyhirn. This is an ongoing problem, which started with the breaking of one window and it was reported to the police with the name of the culprit. This was followed by the breaking of 8 windows and then a further 3 windows and the question was asked of the police how long have we got to wait before this matter is resolved. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Chief Constable stating that we are not happy and the team of police officers is not big enough to cover all incidents and extra patrols would be appreciated. P C J Coales stated that it is important that incidents are reported and the importance of an active Neighbourhood Watch.

184. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

- (a) F/YR10/0742/RM erection of 3 dwellings comprising of 2 x 2 bed semi detached and 1 x 2 bed detached houses with associated parking land North of 155 Front Road, Fronting Back Road, Murrow. Applicant Mr C Boston. Agent Mr Ken Elener. **We support this development and recommend approval, but we would request that you consider extension of the pavement and consider the width of the road.**
- (b) F/YR10/0726/F siting of 3 no static caravans to be used in conjunction with existing commercial fishing lake Lakeside Manor Seadyke Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mr G Patrick. Agent Mr C Walford. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (c) F/YR10/0747/F erection of 2 x 2 bed semi detached houses with associated parking land North of Plym Cottage, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant R Feary. Agent J Burton. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

- (d) F/YR10/0798/O erection of a dwelling land south of Westbury, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Ms S Buinn. Agent Miss A Grainger. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (e) F/YR10/0795/O erection of 6 dwellings land west of Manor House, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant J Humphrey. Agent C Walford. **Recommend refusal as this development is outside the development area.**

185. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Norfolk Green Bus Services in Murrow. Changes of services from the 1st November 2010. **Noted. Mr Scrimshaw distributed bus timetables.**
- (b) Peterborough City Council Minerals and Waste Plan – Examination of the Core Strategy. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC Posters for the Mobile Library Service. **Poster were distributed for the notice boards.**
- (d) Norfolk CC Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste development Management Policies. **Noted.**
- (e) Invitation from Vital Communities to celebrate Vital Communities 2005-2010. **Noted.**
- (f) Details of estate inspections from Roddons Housing Association. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk contacts Roddons for dates and times of the visit to their properties within the Parish in order that representatives from the Parish Council if required could meet with them. It was agreed that the clerk ask for feed back on the meeting on the 2nd November 2010 at The Pidgeons, Murrow. The clerk was also requested to obtain an update regarding the use of the front gardens at The Pidgeons for parking and the state of the plots of allotment land at Thorney Toll.**
- (g) CCC Vital Communities Research Report. **Noted.**
- (h) School Governors' One Stop Shop requesting to display posters for School Governors. **Noted posters distributed for Notice Boards.**
- (i) FDC proposed changes to the opening hours of the Fenland @ your service shops, Contact Centre and Business Reception. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

The Clerk September 2010

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186. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Details from Highways Agency regarding the repair of pot holes on the A47. **Noted.**
- (b) The clerk read a letter from a parishioner regarding the unauthorised cutting of trees and hedges adjacent to the foot path between Front Road and Back Road. **This had been reported on a previous occasion by a parishioner, but we were unable to ascertain who was carry out this destructive work. Mr Scrimshaw agreed to visit the householder resident in the house next to the footpath at 10.00 am on the 9th November 2010.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Pavement at the entrance to the bottle bank at Guyhirn in need of repair.
2. The curbing at the back of the fish shop needs replacing. This is now very dangerous as there is a car parked opposite side of the road so all traffic has to use this side of the road.
3. Panswell Corner hedges and tress now right across the road.
4. Hedges Sandbank from Bellamy Bridge to the Travellers Site overgrown. They need cutting back significantly as it is matter of Health and Safety as you cannot see the children coming out of the Traveller site.
5. Pidgeons Corner, Murrow the road surface has completely worn away.
6. Seadykes near Patricks the road is now completely covered in water all of the time and has caused the road to collapse and it is now like a pond all of the time. This is due to the fact that the dyke has been filled in and the water cannot drain away.
7. Road sign to Parson Drove at Sand Bank has broken off.
8. Sign "Bunkers Hill" at the Bridge Inn Wisbech St Mary has been broken off and the posts are now sinking into the dyke.
9. House in Front Road, Murrow opposite old Church has numerous cars parked outside and traffic movement in and out 24/7. **Mr Scrimshaw stated that the residents and cars do not belong to Roddons, but is a property of Multi occupancy and the tenants work for sub contractors who carry out work for Roddons. This matter has been reported to FDC and the occupiers have been found alternative accommodation and therefore this matter will shortly be resolved. The Parish Council thanked Mr Scrimshaw for all his efforts in trying to resolve this matter.**

187. FINANCE

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2010/2011 year to date. The balance recorded was £127185.46.
- (b) FDC Concurrent Functions 2011/2012. **Agreed that the clerk complete this on behalf of the Parish Council requesting 2 street lights as additional items as in previous years. It was agreed that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to ascertain where streetlights were required in the Parish.**
- (c) Recycling credit £42.34. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(d) Clerk November salary

£533.33LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**

(e) Tax & NI

£157.78LGAct 1972 S11**Agreed.**

To approve payment of grants

(f) MAGPAS

This request was declined. LGAct 1972 S137

(g) Murrow Pre School	£500.00 LGAct 1972 S137 Agreed.
(h) Guyhirn Cemetery Committee	£350.00 LGAct 1972 S214(6) Agreed.
(i) CAB	£1000.00 LGA 1972 s142(2A) Agreed.
(j) Wisbech St Mary Play Group	£350.00 LGAct 1972 S137 Agreed.
(k) Victim Support	This request was declined LGA 1972 S137

188. **REVIEW OF CLERKS SALARY 2011/2012**

Review Clerk's salary prior to setting the Budget and Precept for 2011/2012.

At this point the clerk left the meeting.

It was agreed that no increase be made to the clerk's salary, but that it should be placed in the minutes that the Councillors were happy with the work that was carried out for them.

189. **REVIEW OF ALLOTMENTS 2011/2012**

After a discussion it was agreed that an increase be made to the rents in 2012/2013. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss what the increase should be according to the size of each allotment.

190. **BUDGET SETTING – PRECEPT FOR 2011/2012**

After a discussion it was agreed that the Precept be kept the same as the last three financial years £43732.00 and the following budget was set.

Administration	£16682.00
Councillors Expenses	£520.00
Grants	£18200.00
Capital Expenditure	£1000,00
137	£3640,00
Maintenance	£2600,00
Streetlights	£1040.00
Allotment Expenses	£50.00

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

Parish Property Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors

- (a) Quote from Drive Time for Guyhirn Playing Field Security Fencing £2250 and Chain Link Fencing £1580.00.
Mr Payne read out a copy of a letter received from the Vicar of Wisbech St Mary Church to be sent to the Ely Diocesan regarding the erecting of this fencing to separate the play area from the Chapel of Ease Graveyard at Guyhirn. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.
- (b) Mr Parrin advised the meeting that Mr Mark Fryett had agreed to clean the bus shelters throughout the parish, but to date this work had not commenced. Mr Parrin agreed to contact Mr Fryett to clarify when this work would be undertaken.
- (c) The clerk was requested to contact CCC Tree consultant regarding the dangerous trees in Tholomas Drove. This is now very urgent as it is matter of Health and Safety and if this matter is not dealt with as a matter of urgency someone is going to get badly hurt or even killed.

192. **GUYHIRN POND**

1. Request from the Pond Committee for the payment of the Public Liability Insurance.
2. Discussion re dredging of the Pond to increase size of banks.
3. Fen Ditching Company regarding constructing a barrier at a cost of between £5000 and £6000. **It was agreed that this was too costly and an alternative would be to fill part of the pond with hardcore and backfill with top soil. The clerk was requested to contact FDC Environmental Health for permission and advice on how this work should be carried. Mr P Davies agreed to meet with a representative from the Environmental Health to discuss this matter.**

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

Discussion regarding building of a new bus shelter in Bunkers Hill.

Quotations from Aces Shelters.

No quotations received and no reply from Highways regarding permission for the erection of this bus shelter to go ahead. The clerk was requesting to contact Highways for clarification as to when they were going to carry out their survey to enable this work to go ahead.

194. **Winter Gritting arrangements**

Acknowledgement that the Gritting bin to be placed at Lindens Close cannot be serviced by CCC as it is a private road and will have to be stocked by Roddons. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk advise FDC that we still wish to go ahead with the purchase of the gritting bin to be placed at Lindens Close. The meeting was advised that the local farmers who had put their names forward to help with snow road clearing had not heard from FDC regarding the training. It was agreed that the clerk contacts FDC to try and clarify when this will take place.**

195. **PARISH PLAN**

- (a) Response from FDC to enquiry from T Wadsley regarding Dog Fouling. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk distribute copies of the up dated Parish Plan to all Councillors for discussion at the next meeting.**

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

1. The meeting was reminded of the Memorial Services on Sunday, 14th November 2010 Wisbech St Mary 10.55 am Mr B Payne to lay the wreath, Murrow at 12.00 Mrs D Thrower to lay the wreath and Guyhirn 12.30 Mr P Davies to lay the wreath.
2. The meeting was advised that the Guyhirn Church is on the market for sale.
3. Mr Allen advised the meeting that he had enjoyed his day at the North Level Drainage Board.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

197. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 6th December 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

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

Monday, 10th January 2011 – Murrow Village Hall
Monday, 7th February 2011- Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday, 7th March 2011- Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday, 4th April 2011 – Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 9th May 2011 - Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by AGM at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday, 6th June 2011- The Chequers, Tholomas Drove
Monday, 4th July 2011- Murrow Village Hall
Monday 1st August 2011- Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday, 5th September 2011- Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday, 3rd October 2011- Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday, 31st October 2011- The Chequers, Tholomas Drove
Monday 21st November 2011- Murrow Village Hall
Monday, 19th December 2011- Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday, 16th January 2012- Thorney Toll Village Hall