

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 10th January 2011 at Murrow Village Hall

PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	P Barnes	B Britain	P Davies	T Fowler
	J Hall	J Parrin	B Payne	R Scrimshaw	C Bellamy
Visitors	P C J Coales				
Parishioners	B Pope				

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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

A member of the public stated that an allotment in Mouth Lane was vacant and asked whether it was possible to rent this land. The Parish Council were unaware that they had a vacant allotment but the clerk would investigate and report back to the Parish Council.

1. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 6th December 2010

The minutes of the 6th December 2010 were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

The meeting was advised that the 30 mph signs posted in Guyhirn had been removed by the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department. It was understood that the posters in questions were the ones that had been put on post next to the road. The posters displayed on private property had not been touched. The Chairman agreed to contact the chairman of the FRRSN committee to see what actions to take.

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

Mr B Payne declared a personal interest on item 10(1).

4. FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

There was not a Report by Community Development Officer

5. POLICE MATTERS

Report by the Community Beat Officer stated that at Thorney Toll there had been a dwelling burglary, theft of heating oil and theft from a motor vehicle, Murrow theft of a motor vehicle, assaults within the children's home and a shed burglary, Wisbech St Mary theft from a motor vehicle, building site theft, garage theft and Guyhirn making off without payment from the garage, theft from a motor vehicle and a dwelling burglary. In general the thefts from vehicles had been number plates and catalytic converters and dwelling burglaries had been opportune burglaries of cash and jewellery, small items that could be put in a pocket. The dwelling burglary in Guyhirn had been an elderly person and all stolen items had been recovered as they had been left nearby.

It was stated that it is imported that we look after elderly neighbours and make sure they are OK especially during the cold weather.

PC J Coales stated that she would be retiring on the 31st March 2011 from the Police Service and the Parish Council wished her well.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

- (a) F/YR10/0874/F erection of 3 x 3 bed 2 storey dwelling land west of 116 Back Road, Murrow. Applicant Argyl House, Popple Drove, Gorefield. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards. This was received on the 7th December consultation date 29.11.10. Requested to be put back until after our meeting on the 10.01.11. **Recommend refusal as the access road, Back Road, Murrow is inadequate and the plot is over developed. This was agreed unanimously.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) FDC Local Elections 05.05.11. £3394.80 if the elections are contested and £220 if the elections are uncontested. **Noted.**
- (b) ACRE Digital TB Switchover Project 03.11. Training volunteer to help vulnerable people. **Noted.**
- (c) Crimebuster posters. **Posters distributed to be displayed on village notice boards.**
- (d) Peter Humphrey Associates Limited Affordable Rural Housing. **Two of the three sites highlighted for development were in Parson Drove Parish Council and the one in Murrow Lane it was agreed that we would support for development for affordable rural housing.**
- (e) Thank you letter from Citizen Advice for the grant of £1000.00. **Noted.**
- (f) Thank you letter from Guyhirn Friendship Club. **Noted.**
- (g) Cambridgeshire Community Services consultation on becoming a community NS Foundation Trust. **Noted.**
- (h) CPALC outlining The Localism Bill. **Noted. Clerk agreed to send a copy to all Councillors.**
- (i) CPALC prayers at Council meetings – a briefing paper. **Noted.**

8. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) CCC Highways regarding Winter Service and the Localism Agenda Opportunities for Third Party Working. **It was agreed that the clerk request more information as to whether villages would be given supplies of salt and to date the farmers who volunteered to help clear roads had not been trained and the roads not salted that we had requested to be salted ie Front Road Murrow and Sandbank Wisbech St Mary.**
- (b) Correspondence from a Parishioner reporting the wanton vandalism of trees along the public footpath linking front Road and Back Road. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk inform the parishioner that according to Cambridgeshire County Council the trees belong to the householder and therefore were not in a position to stop them being removed.**
- (a) CCC reminder that road closures for charity or community events in 2011 by 31st January 2011. **Noted.**
- (b) CCC thank for support provided during difficult winter period and outlining details of the salt situation. **Noted. It was agreed that the contents of this correspondence, but in doubt that villages would be given supplies of salt to enable parishioners to keep footpaths and cycle ways clear of snow and ice.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

- 1. Large hole in road outside the Bell Inn, Front Road, Murrow.
- 2. Large hole in road at Pidgeons Corner, Murrow.
- 3. Numerous pot holes in Seadyke, Murrow. This is made worse as this road is constantly being flooded due to lack of drainage.
- 4. Bellamys Bridge towards Bridge Inn hedge encroaching across road.
- 5. Foleys Drove, Guyhirn outside Hollyoak Farm, west side of the road a very deep pothole.
- 6. Road from Bunkers Hill to Tholomas Drove side of the road collapsing and numerous pot holes.
- 7. Water on pavement outside Guyhirn Village Hall. This pavement had been repaired, but the repair had directed the water towards the village hall and not onto the road to enable it to drain away.
- 8. Footpath outside bottle bank at Guyhirn in need of repair.
- 9. Two drains still blocked, one near Walnut Cottage, High Road, Wisbech St Mary and one outside the cottage at the Jetty opposite Holmes garage.
- 10. Hedges obstructing the road at Panswell Bend at the top of Miletree Lane.
- 11. Large puddles in front of The Chequers Tholomas Drove and the opposite side of the road adjacent to road in front of The Chequers.
- 12. House opposite old Church in Front Road, Murrow still numerous cars parked outside day and night obstructing the road.

Highways reports from Councillors on streetlights

- 1. A parishioner has requested an additional streetlight in Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn. It was agreed that Councillors who live in Guyhirn would identify where this streetlight should be sited and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

9. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2010/2011 year to date. The balance recorded was £123231.68.
- (b) NALC Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2010/11 £6.15 and 2011/12 £6.44. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC Mark Lloyd The County's Plans and Budget 2011/12 to 2015/16. **Noted.**
- (d) CCC presentation to the CC Councillors on the 3.12.10 outlining the County's budget plans for the coming year. **Noted.**
- (e) Statement from BT showing a credit of £3.00. **Noted.**
- (f) FDC Concurrent Functions £3525. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (g) Clerk January salary £533.33LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (h) Tax & NI £157.78LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (i) CCC Salt Bins x 2 £218.55 LGMis Prog1976 S196 **Agreed, but before payment sent Clerk to ensure that the salts bins have been delivered to site Murrow Bank at the junction of Front Road near war memorial and Ratt Row, Bunkers Hill.**

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

Parish Property Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors. **There were no items to report.**

- 1. Fence to be erected at the Chapel of Ease to allow access to the Play area. **The clerk advised the meeting that a letter had been sent to the Vicar of Wisbech St Mary Church supporting the erection of the fence. Mr Payne stated that to date the valuation of the land had not taken place. A quotation for the erection of the fence had been received, but until the valuation of the land had been received this project could not move forward.**
- 2. Reply from Chief Constable Simon Parr regarding the damage to the Chapel of Ease, Guyhirn and after investigation there was insufficient evidence to proceed and as all lines of enquires have now be completed the investigation has been closed. **Noted.**

11. **GUYHIRN POND**
Work on the Pond to increase Bank area. **It was agreed that the clerk contact CCC Environment Department again for advice on how to move this work forward.**
12. **BUS SHELTER AT BUNKERS HILL**
1. Discussion regarding building of a new bus shelter in Bunkers Hill. **It was agreed that the clerk contact CCC Highways again for permission for this work to go ahead.**
 2. Quotations from Aces Shelters. **It was agreed that the clerk contact Ace Shelters for a quotations and to contact a further Company for a quotation.**
 3. Letter from a resident of Bunkers Hill requesting a bus shelter. **It was agreed that the clerk advise the parishioner that we are in the process of erecting a bus shelter, but are waiting for CCC Highways to agreed for the work to go ahead.**
13. **PARISH PLAN**
Discussions regarding the updating of the Parish Plan. **As the FDC Neighbourhood Community Development Officer was not at the meeting it was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.**
14. **QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE**
It was agreed that the clerk liaise with the schools within the parish to enable us to work together. It was also agreed that the clerk contact the village hall committees to ensure that they are available for evening events on the
15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**
1. Mrs Hall advised the meeting that a Speed Watch had taken place in Guyhirn on the 10th December over 100 metres and out of 200 cars three had been speeding.
 2. Mr Scrimshaw advised the meeting that Mr Tim Mills was leaving FDC and as he was our representative it was suggested that we contact FDC to request another representative to attend our meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday, 7th February 2011- Guyhirn Village Hall
17. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2010/2011**
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