

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 10th August 2015 at 7pm in Thorney Toll Village Hall.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), D Broker, P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, T Jennings, J Newland, B Reay, D Scrimshaw, District Councillor G Booth. 1 member of the public was present.

OPEN FORUM – Parishioners are invited to address the Council.
None

Item 2 was taken first in order not to delay Rebecca Robinett unnecessarily.

2. STREET PRIDE

Rebecca Robinett, Fenland District Council (FDC) Street Pride Coordinator was welcomed by the Chairman. Rebecca circulated some pictures of what groups has achieved and explained that Street Pride was commenced in 2005 and the first community Street Pride project commenced in 2006. There are now 20 groups. It has developed from targeting litter to include planting and other activities that groups identify and generates community ownership. Groups include 'In Bloom' and enables a coordination of activities that are mutually beneficial.

It is first necessary to identify those interested, adopt a constitution with Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer and commence a programme of meetings. Once constituted groups can apply to FDC for funding and to other organisations. FDC provide limited funds and provide items such as high visibility jackets.

There followed a question and answer session:

Rebecca suggested an article in Village Voices inviting expressions of interest.

Organise a get together day to identify ideas

A Street Pride grant was available from FDC

Rebecca will provide a draft constitution

FDC pay for insurance to cover the group and activities

Once set up the group can operate independently of FDC

For Wisbech St Mary there could be one group covering the Parish or a separate group for each village/hamlet.

The Chairman thanked Rebecca for her time and effort.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. Knight and Allen.

3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 13th July 2015.

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

Nil

5. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda.

Items 6.2 (c) Cllr Broker.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning applications determined by Fenland District Council.

(a) F/YR15/0846/F Appeal Hearing 15 July 2015. Change of use of land to form a single gypsy and traveller pitch with associated sleeping shed (retrospective) at Land West Of Ponderosa Farm Garden Lane Wisbech St Mary.

Appeal Reference APP/D0515/W/15/3006758. **Refused**

(b) F/YR15/0492/F Erection of 2no agricultural sheds. Redgate Farm Fen Road Guyhirn.

Pending Consideration

(c) F/YR15/0502/O Erection of 50 dwellings. Land North Of Orchard House High Road Wisbech St Mary. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR14/0980/F Revised Proposals. Erection of a single-storey extension to existing Community Centre at Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre Limited Playing Field Beechings Close Wisbech St Mary. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR15/0528/RM Reserved matters application relating to the detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR15/0175/O (Erection of a dwelling). Plot 1 Land South Of French Cottage High Road Tholomas Drove.

Applicant Mr M McInerney. Agent Mr H Chapman. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR15/0540/F Installation of external wall insulation to existing dwelling. 9 High Road Wisbech St

Applicant Mrs L Wade. Agent Miss Eloise Davis Taylor. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Broker left the room.

(c) F/YR15/0554/F Change of use from residential C3 to mixed use C3/A1 (Hairdressing salon). Eastlands High Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs AR Holmes. Agent Mr David Broker. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Broker returned

(d) F/YR15/0567/F Conversion of former pumping station to 2-storey 1-bed dwelling. Building At Former Pumping Station Mouth Lane Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr Paul Sharman. Agent Miss Grace Humphrey. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/YR15/0573/TRTPO Works to an Ash Tree covered by TPO 34/1972. Sheraton House High Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr N Smith. Agent n/a. **Recommend Approval**

(f) F/YR15/0577/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling. The Signal Box Mill Road Murrow.

Applicant Mr A Westall. Agent Mr C Walford. **Recommend Approval**

(g) F/YR15/0578/F Erection of a first-floor side extension, single-storey rear extension, bay window and porch canopy to front and alterations to the height and design of existing roof to existing dwelling and demolition of existing garage. The Old Police House Church Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Brooks. Agent Mr J Griffin. **Recommend Approval**

(h) F/YR15/0587/F Erection of a 3-storey 5-bed dwelling with attached garage, detached workshop and the temporary siting of 2 x mobile homes involving the demolition of existing dwelling (part retrospective). Bridge House 22 Front Road Murrow.

Applicant Mr & Mrs D Cormican. Agent Miss K Clarke.

Following discussion members considered the proposals to be over development, not in keeping with the adjacent properties. **Recommended Refusal**

(i) F/YR15/0588/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling, involving demolition of existing sunroom. Forget Me Not Church Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs M Pateman. Agent Mr H Chapman. **Recommend Approval**

(j) F/YR15/0603/F Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling. Ravens Farm Plash Drove Tholomas Drove.

Applicant Mr & Mrs S Mann. Agent Mr J Griffin. **Recommend Approval**

3. F/YR15/0189/F Email from Gareth Edwards, Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.

The Clerk read the email that confirmed that the client would accept paying a one off sum of £4,000 for a bus shelter.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted FDC to clarify what the procedure was in these circumstances. A reply had not yet been received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Planning Training for Town and Parish Councils. Email from FDC. **Noted**

(b) Mervyn Lambert Co. – road closure. **Noted**

(c) Street lighting. Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). **Noted**

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Highways and streetlight reports from Councillors on problems causing *immediate concerns*.

(a) Highways.

Cllr Davies enquired if any progress had been made regarding permission to maintain the grass adjacent to the Chequers PH at Tholomas Drove, between Plash Drove and High Road. The Clerk reported that Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) had replied that the area was not recorded as part of the public highway and that it was not registered with Land Registry.

Cllr Davies proposed that it be registered as Wisbech St Mary Parish Council land. **Agreed**

(b) Streetlights.

nil

(c) Street Pride.

Following the presentation by Rebecca Robinett it was agreed that this item remain on future agendas.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (d) Clerk July salary | £575.32 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (e) Tax and NI | £159.13 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (f) Citizens Advice Rural Cambs | £78.70 LG Act 1972 S137 Agreed |

The Clerk advised that invoices had been received for the 'Bobbin' swing and the shed had been delivered to Murrow Bowles Club both previously approved.

The Clerk advised that FDC had requested that the Parish Council fund the hire of the hall for the Golden Age Fair. Agreed

Grant application

none

10. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Parish Notice Boards: (i) 'In Memorium' Mrs C Jobson. Wording and size were agreed for the 6 notice boards, with the scalloped design. **Agreed**

(ii) Quotations for maintenance. Not yet arrived.

(b) Bus Shelter maintenance.

It was suggested that Street Pride could be involved. Subject to further discussion.

(c) Defibrillator.

Cllr Broker reported that he had details of the 'responder' who lives at Murrow. Discussions raised various issues, how many should we provide, what type and where? They need to be accessible to the public but protected from vandals. Cllr Broker agreed to explore the possibilities further and report back.

11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported:

- a. Tina Gamble is the new 'independent person'.
- b. Cllr Will Sutton is now Deputy Leader
- c. Review of street cleansing concluded that it should be kept in house, review of landscaping progressing.
- d. The possibility of sharing the Planning function with Peterborough City was being explored as this could aid FDC during periods of peak demand which had been a problem.
- e. CCC Boundary review – comments had gone to the Boundary Commission.

12. POLICE MATTERS

nil

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

Cllr Fish – requested a letter to Roddons as no maintenance work has been carried out.

- Queried the situation with the Wind Farm. Cllr Booth clarified that a Board would be set up consisting of councillors from Councils within a 6km radius. They would consider grant applications. There may be opportunities to input next year. Cllr Britain supported the idea of play equipment at Thorney Toll.

Cllr Britain – pathway between Waveley Close and the Play Area. Cllr Davies agreed to look at the condition and frequency of cutting and report back.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th September

Guyhirn Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016

Monday 12 th October	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 9 th November	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 14 th December	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 11 th January 2016	Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday 8 th February 2016	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 14 th March 2016	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 11 th April 2016	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 9 th May 2016	Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting: Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman