

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7pm in Guyhirn Village Hall.**

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), C Allen, P Davies, J Fish, S Mann, J Newland, D Scrimshaw, D Wheeler.

Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.

Members of the public 1.

## **OPEN FORUM Nil**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs D Broker, J Humphrey, M Knight.

## **2. DAVID BAILEY, FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL (FDC) TRAVELLER & DIVERSITY MANAGER**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Bailey (DB) and invited him to address the meeting. DB explained that prior to the travellers religious convention he had consulted with other agencies and checked what options were open to the Council. A licence was not required and there were no grounds on which an injunction could be secured to prevent it. Prior to and during the six day event DB had liaised with Police who had put in place a reassurance plan. As the event was held on private property it is the landowner who is ultimately responsible – so it could go ahead again if the landowner consents.

DB then took questions from Councillors:

Why is a licence not required – A licence is required for some events e.g. musical events but not for religious events.

Could the landowner be asked to contribute to the costs of repairing damage/cleansing etc? – This is very difficult to achieve unless there is specific evidence.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bailey for attending.

## **3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS** dated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)

(a) Reports of offensive odour at Guyhirn. The Clerk referred to a response from the Environmental Health Officer at FDC – NFU guidance was that material should be ploughed in within 24 hrs and action could be taken if specific fields and owners could be identified.

## **5. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on this agenda. Nil

## **6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS**

### **1. Planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council (FDC).**

(a) F/YR16/0616/F Erection of a two-storey and single-storey extensions to rear of existing dwelling. Ivyholme High Road Guyhirn. **Granted**

(b) F/YR16/0619/F Change of use of land from overflow car park to container self-storage in association with existing storage business (retrospective). Guyhirn Self Store Old Station Yard Gull Road Guyhirn. **Granted**

(c) F/YR16/0626/O Erection of a dwelling (Outline application with all matters reserved). Land North Of Madison House Station Road Wisbech St Mary. **Refused**

(d) F/YR16/0650/F Erection of a single-storey side extension and a triple garage with playroom over to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing garage and store, including the erection of a summer house in rear garden. Willock House Willock Lane Wisbech St Mary.

### **Pending Consideration**

(e) F/YR16/0703/RM Reserved Matters application relating to the detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR14/0849/O for the erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling. Land South West Of Rose Lodge Selwyn Corner Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(f) F/YR16/0719/F Erection of a 3-storey, 5-bed dwelling with detached double garage. Plot 2 Land South East Of Gore Villas Mill Road Murrow. **Granted**

(g) F/YR16/0721/F Erection of a 2-storey, 4-bed dwelling with detached single garage and 2.175m (max) front boundary wall. Land West Of 27 Mill Road Murrow. **Refused**

(h) F/YR16/0726/F Erection of a 3-storey, 5-bed dwelling with integral garage and 2.175m high (max) front boundary wall. Plot 1 Land South East Of Gore Villas Mill Road Murrow. **Granted**

(i) F/YR16/0130/F Appeal Erection of 4no 2-storey dwellings. Land South East of The Chase Gull Road Guyhirn. **Noted**

(j) F/YR16/0443/F Revised Proposals. Erection of a part single-storey, part 2-storey side and front extension to existing dwelling, formation of vehicular access to Church Road at Two Hoots Churchfield Way Wisbech St Mary. **Approved**

## **2. Planning applications for discussion:**

(a) F/YR16/0775/F Erection of 3 x buildings for light industrial and office use (Class B1) and change of use of part of the land to extend the residential curtilage (part retrospective). Land South Of Keepers Cottage Gull Drove Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr M Paine. Agent Mr C Walford. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR15/0062/F Change of use of land from B1 to B2 use involving the siting of a mobile site office, the erection of 6 flood lights and 3m high (max) gates and wall to front boundary at Aura Truck Barton Road Wisbech.

Revised proposals and response. The Clerk confirmed that a strong objection had been sent to FDC. Councillors again confirmed their objection to the proposal as they considered it a totally unsuitable location.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

(a) Mrs K Markillie – request for street light. Noted. It was agreed to add the request to the waiting list to be considered when replacement of the ageing lighting stock had been completed. The Clerk to reply accordingly.

(b) CCC Phase 2 Fenland Secondary Review. Secondary School review previously circulated. Noted

(c) CCC – Winter Health Information Pack. The Clerk read details of the pack available. Noted

(d) T Rieley – Vehicle Speeds Plash Drove. Councillors discussed the issue and concluded that it was very unlikely that a bid for a reduced speed limit would be successful. The Clerk to reply accordingly.

(e) Mrs Woollard Front Road Murrow – street light out. The Clerk read the letter and confirmed that Balfour Beatty were aware that the unit was defective. We are waiting for Balfour Beatty to provide an estimate to repair the unit. The Clerk to contact FDC.

(f) 15<sup>th</sup> Wisbech Scout Group – thanks for donation. Noted

(g) CCC - Community Gritting Volunteers. The Clerk read the email and invited volunteers to sign the form, there were none. Cllr Fish requested the grit bin at Lindens Close be replenished.

## **8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

(a) Street Lighting. Cllr Davies enquired as to progress with FPC 11 High Road Guyhirn. The Clerk confirmed that he had asked for the matter to be escalated and received a response that the Head of Service would review the case.

(b) Street Pride. Nine people turned up and litter picked at Wisbech St Mary and Murrow. They attracted some interest with some people asking what they were doing. This suggested that the publicity had not been as effective as hoped despite it being promoted in Village Voices. Cllr Wheeler suggested social media be used. Cllr Newland volunteered to explore the possibilities.

(c) Local Highway Improvement – Cllr Booth explained that there was some doubt as to whether the project could be completed within the capital available. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider increasing their contribution if that would help. Alternatively it may be possible to spread the cost over two years.

## **9. FINANCE MATTERS**

(a) To receive a budgetary control report for 2016/17 to date. The Clerk reported the receipt of the second instalment of Precept and Support Grant from FDC and to the credit in respect of an unrepresented cheque from last year. The Chairman reviewed the bank reconciliation, checked and signed it. **Noted.**

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

(b) Clerk September salary

£698.99 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

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| (c) Tax and NI                                     | £242.72 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b> |
| (d) Clerk postage and office consumables           | £93.05 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (e) PKF Littlejohn external audit to 31 March 2016 | £360 Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996 |
- s11996/590 **Agreed**
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| (f) FDC FPC 1 Murrow Lane Invoice 152929        | £452.27 Parish Councils Act 1957 S3 <b>Agreed</b>  |
| (g) FDC FPC 5 Murrow Bank Murrow Invoice 152930 | £1339.97 Parish Councils Act 1957 S3 <b>Agreed</b> |
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| (h) K Clarke – Annual notice board maintenance | £141.00 LG Act 1972 S111 <b>Agreed</b> |
| (i) C&PALC – Annual Catch-Up Day 15 July 2016  | £30.00 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>  |

#### **Grant application**

- (j) Wisbech St Mary Community Car Scheme Local Government & Rating Act 1997 S26  
The Clerk read the details of the bid. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Fish to contribute £1000. **Agreed**

### **10. PARISH PROPERTY**

(a) Maintenance – seat Chapel Avenue Wisbech St Mary. Cllr Davies declared a non-pecuniary personal interest and took no part in discussion.

The Clerk read the two quotes received, one declined to quote due to workload. It was unanimously agreed to accept the lower of the two quotes. The size of the base recommended by the supplier was discussed. It was agreed to increase the size subject to a satisfactory negotiated price with the supplier of the lowest quote. In order to expedite the matter it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman be authorised to consider and approve the revised quote if considered satisfactory.

#### **(b) Bus Shelters**

Confirmation has been received from Cllr Broker that plans had been provided to CCC highways.

#### **(c) Defibrillators**

The Clerk referred to the quotations received. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to adopt a preferred type LifePak CR Plus fully automatic defibrillator rather than a cheaper version. The Clerk read a bid received for a donation towards two defibrillators at Murrow. Following discussion it was agreed to aim to provide defibrillators at Guyhirn – Play2Day, Wisbech St Mary – to be determined, Thorney Toll – Village Hall, Murrow – The Bell PH. The Clerk was asked to apply for funding from the Wryde Cross Wind Farm local community fund.

#### **(d) Planters**

The Chairman reported that Delamore no longer have any plants that they can donate, the new company will not donate plants and have supplied a price list. Following discussion it was agreed that the planters need stripping this month and replanting with winter pansies. Councillors will explore acquiring plants from the Garden Centres at Murrow, The Gull and Spalding.

(e) Tholomas Drove green. The Chairman reported that a willow had partially collapsed onto an ash tree that in turn had partially collapsed over the buys shelter. There were overhead cables present that must be disconnected – it was hoped that this would not add to the cost. In view of the potential danger The Chairman had contacted the Clerk and agreed that immediate action was required to make safe. A budget c. £1000 was agreed.

### **11. HIGH ROAD WISBECH ST MARY – SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE**

Cllr Booth had discussed the solution with the Internal Drainage Board and would report back the costs to a future meeting.

### **12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Booth reported:

1. At the meeting 15 September FDC had decided to introduce charges for brown bins despite the opposition from the public – 12,000 responses had been received and it was the lowest ranked by the public of services to charge for.
2. Street Lighting – Cllr King said that he expected to provide answers to the questions raised next month.
3. Devolution – public response appears to be broad support for devolution, less so for Mayors.
4. Golden Age Fair was planned for 23 November.

### **13. POLICE MATTERS**

No report received

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

1. Gary Moore, FDC Enforcement Officer - The Clerk was asked to ascertain what progress had been made.
2. The Chairman and others had become concerned regarding a tree believed to be in the highway, opposite the Chequers PH. The Clerk was asked to report it to CCC Highways as a significant potential danger.
3. Cllr Mann raised the pothole opposite The Chequers – it had again become dangerous.
4. Cllr Mann suggested a new section of footway was required at the bends on the approach to the school at Murrow.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016     Murrow Village Hall

**DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Guyhirn Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman