

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 11th December 2017 at 7pm at Thorney Toll Village Hall.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), D Wheeler (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, M Knight, S Mann, A Patrick, D Scrimshaw.

Members of the public 4

Cambridgeshire County Council(CCC) and Fenland District Council (FDC) Cllr S King.

FDC and Parson Drove Parish Councillor G Booth.

OPEN FORUM

Ms S Jackson from Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd referred to planning applications 0223,1097, 1098, 1115, and 1125, pointed out the benefits and asked councillors to support them.

Ms S Pitcher referred to planning application 1115/F. She was accompanied by Mr R Kenworthy. Both live at High Road, Guyhirn. Ms Pitcher stated that she was representing seven other people who could not attend the meeting. Ms Pitcher stated that they opposed the application as it would mean more people, more traffic on a narrow unlit road and consequently exacerbate an already unsafe situation. Mr Kenworthy added that due to flood risk considerations footings were planned to be 0.5m above the road level such that the new properties would overlook the existing. He considered that the flooding argument made no sense as if existing properties were flooded the proposed ones would be standing in a lake. Ms Pitcher considered that if flooding were a genuine concern new housing development should not be permitted.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Nil

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 13th November 2017

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only) Nil

4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil

Cllr Patrick declared a personal interest in item 5.3 (i).

Cllr Davies declared an interest in item 9. (h) as he is a Trustee.

5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

(c) F/YR17/0787/F Revised Proposals. Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with garage and formation of raised patio and change of use of land to extend residential curtilage involving demolition of existing dwelling (part retrospective) at Leighwood Mouth Lane Guyhirn. **Granted**

(d) F/YR17/0903/F Erection of a single-storey extension to the front of existing dwelling involving demolition of conservatory at Elnathan Rummors Lane Wisbech St Mary. **Granted**

(e) F/YR17/0904/F Erection of a 1.8m high (max height) close boarded fence to boundary of existing (retrospective) at At Last High Road Wisbech St Mary **Granted**

2. Planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council (FDC). **November Meeting**

(a) F/YR17/0938/F Erection of an agricultural storage building at The Orchards Fruit Farm Gull Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(b) F/YR17/0943/TE1. Erection of a 17.5m monopole to support 6 x telecommunications antennae and the installation of 2 x dishes and 3 x ground based equipment cabinets at Land North of the Community centre Beechings Close Wisbech St Mary. **Authorised**

(c) F/YR17/0970/F Erection of a loading and unloading canopy to existing building at Bretts Transport Thorney Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR17/0974/O Erection of up to 5 no dwellings (Outline with all matters reserved) at Land South West of The Orchards Gull Road Guyhirn. **Refused**

(e) F/YR17/0975/F Erection of 2-storey rear and single-storey front extensions to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory and installation of first floor side window at Pear Tree House 114 Murrow Bank Murrow. **Pending Consideration**

- (f) F/YR17/0986/F Erection of an agricultural building (milking parlour) involving demolition of 2no sheds at Redgate Farm Fen Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**
- (g) F/YR17/1015/F Erection of 2no 3-bed dwellings involving demolition of existing outbuildings at Land South of 14 Selwyn Corner Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**
- (i) F/YR17/1033/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 33 Churchfield Way Wisbech St Mary. **Pending Consideration**
- (j) F/YR17/1046/F Erection of detached garage to existing dwelling at 13 Lindens Close Thorney Toll. **Pending Consideration**

3. Planning applications for discussion:

- (a) F/YR17/0222/F Erection of 2-storey extension to rear of existing garage at Ashmore House Gull Road Guyhirn.
Applicant Mr A Taylor. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Recommend Approval**
- (b) F/YR17/0223/F Change of use of land for the siting of 30 x static caravans for use as holiday accommodation at The Orchards Fruit Farm Gull Road Guyhirn.
Applicant Mr C Fryett. Agent Mr G Edwards Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.
Following discussion refusal was recommended by 7 votes to 0 as it was believed that some would be permanent residences. **Recommend Refusal**
- (c) F/YR17/1077/O Erection of a dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land East of Roans Devon Gull Drove Guyhirn.
Applicant Dr & Mrs Walsham. Agent Ken Elener Architectural Design.
Following discussion approval was recommended by 3 votes to 1. **Recommend Approval**
- (d) F/YR17/1097/RM Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping pursuant to outline permission F/YR17/0676/O for the erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with garage at Land North West of Drummond Lodge Spencer Drove Guyhirn.
Applicant Mr & Mrs M Gilbert. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval**
- (e) F/YR17/1098/O Erection of up to 3 x dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land West of 3 Spencer Drove Guyhirn.
Applicant Mr R Reed. Agent Mr G Edwards Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.
Following discussion approval was recommended by 8 votes to 0. **Recommend Approval**
- (f) F/YR17/1103/O Erection of up to 3 dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at Land East of Hollycroft House 180 Front Road Murrow.
Applicant Mr T Jarvis. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Recommend Approval**
- (g) F/YR17/1115/F Erection of 4 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings with detached double garages at Land North Of Thornbury House High Road Guyhirn.
Applicant Mr G Fowler. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.
Following discussion approval was recommended by 4 votes to 3. Councillors elected to seek a contribution to Parish facilities. **Recommend Approval**
- (h) F/YR17/0784/F Appeal. Erection of a 1.85m (max height) fence and the formation of a pond (to keep Koi Carp) (retrospective). Land South of Hazeldene Gull Road Guyhirn.
Applicant Mr A Combe. **Noted**
- (i) F/YR17/1125/O Erection of up to 7no dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land East of Homewood Seadyke Bank Murrow.
Applicant Mr T Rowell. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.
Following discussion approval was recommended by 5 votes to 0. Councillors elected to seek a contribution to Parish facilities. **Recommend Approval**

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Cllr S Tierney CCC – Area Champion for Fenland
The Clerk read an email from Cllr S Tierney dated 20 November 2017. It was agreed to invite Cllr Tierney to the February or March meetings.

(b) Cllr S King FDC – Street Lighting Update
The Clerk read a letter from Cllr S King dated 21 November 2017. FDC planned to have new arrangements in place for April 2018. In the interim faults should continue to be reported to assets&projects@fenland.gov.uk or 01354 654321.

The Clerk supplied Cllr King with details of lighting units awaiting repair; FPC5 Front Road Murrow, FPC11 High road Guyhirn, FPC1 Fen Road Guyhirn. Cllr Fish reported that column at Lindens Close knocked down recently by the FDC Refuse Vehicle had been made safe.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements 2018/19

The Clerk reported that the bids had been submitted, details and estimates were awaited from CCC.

8. BUDGET FOR 2018/19 PRECEPT

(a) FDC Letter 6 November 2017

The Clerk read a letter from FDC explaining that the Council Tax Support Grant for 2018/19 would be the final year of payment and that Concurrent Functions Grant would be considered by Cabinet 14 December 2017. FDC recommended that the final precept for 2018/19 be set at the January meeting.

Noted

(b) Draft Budget 2018/19

The Clerk referred to the Budget Review (9b below) and explained the figures which gave a Draft Budget for 2018/19 of £86,953. If these figures were agreed the precept could be maintained at £53,732. The final budget would be agreed at the meeting 15 January 2018. **Noted**

9. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive the Budgetary Control Report(BCR) for 2017/18 to date

The Clerk reported that a BCR could not be provided as the statement from Barclays had not been received in time. He added that the insurance claim for the vandalised bus shelter base had been received and a £4000 section 106 contribution to a bus shelter had been received from FDC. **Noted**

(b) Budget Review to 11 December 2017

The Clerk circulated a Budget Review including an estimate of expenditure to year end and revised budget for the year. The estimated balance at year end was £84,966 which should be regarded as a healthy position considering the precept and commitments. The Review included predicted income for 2018/19 of £62,054 taking into account the reduction in Council Tax Support Grant and assuming the precept was maintained at £53,732. **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(c) Clerk November salary	£636.72 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(d) Tax and NI	£198.62 LG Act 1972 Agreed
(e) K Clarke – war memorial maintenance 1923	£160.00 War Memorials (LA Powers) Act Agreed
(f) Society of Local Council Clerks subscription	£165.00 LG Act 1972 C143 Agreed

Grant applications

- (g) Parochial Church Council Emmanuel Churchyard Southea LG Act 1972 S214
Upkeep of Churchyard
Following discussion a grant of £750 was unanimously **Agreed**
- (h) Guyhirn Playing Field Association £2500 LG Misc Prov 1976 S19
Grass cutting and Insurance **Agreed**

10. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the majority of maintenance for the year had been completed. Only minor expenditure was anticipated before year end. **Noted**

(b) Bus Shelters

The Clerk reported that three litter bins had been installed, the litter bin at Thorney Toll was yet to be moved. **Noted**

(c) Defibrillators

The Clerk reported that all Parish Council defibrillators were operational and registered. He had supplied the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation with the final project monitoring data. The unit at the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre was not yet registered. Cllr Wheeler agreed to liaise with the Community First Responder to ensure the unit was registered. Cllr Wheeler confirmed that a demonstration of how they worked was planned for the new year.

(d) Planters

Following discussion it was agreed to continue to encourage those who had committed to maintaining the planters, the planter outside Wisbech St Mary Church would be replanted by S Bowles. **Agreed**
Cllr Wheeler asked the Clerk to compile a list of planters. The Clerk was asked to invoice sponsors in the new year.

11. HIGH ROAD WISBECH ST MARY – SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

Cllr Booth confirmed that at a meeting arranged by the North Level Internal Drainage Board residents had agreed to contribute to the cost. Work would commence as soon as possible in the New Year. When the cost is known the Council may need to review the financial contribution agreed.

12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr King reported that the FDC Budget process was underway and the Fenland Transport Strategy meetings would commence Thursday, he urged councillors to attend. Cllr Booth reported that FDC would meet Thursday and that Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be reviewing Roddons performance in dealing with heating problems.

13. POLICE MATTERS Nil

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

1. Cllr Davies reported that the steps at the river bank opposite Chapelfield Road were very slippery and a person has fallen.
2. Cllr Knight stressed the need to address the problem of vehicle speeds and parking near the shops at Wisbech St Mary. It was noted that physical measures would be needed before a speed limit reduction would be approved through the Local Highway Improvement process.
3. Cllr Mann reported a nameplate 'Plash Drove' at Murrow Bank pushed over.
4. Cllr Fish reported that the trees on the approach to Thorney Toll lay-by had not been pruned and understood that Clarion had taken over from Roddons.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th January 2018 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2017/18

Monday 12 th February 2018	Oliver Twist Country Inn
Monday 12 th March 2018	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 16 th April 2018	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 14 th May 2018	Annual Assembly and AGM Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman