

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7pm in Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), D Wheeler (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, P Davies, J Humphrey, M Knight, S Mann, D Scrimshaw,  
Members of the public nil  
Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth. County Councillor S King from 20.19.

### OPEN FORUM Nil

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs J Fish and J Newland due to ill health. Cllr A Patrick. The Chairman reported that following surgery John Fish was in good spirits and hoped to attend the October meeting.

**2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS** dated 14th August 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)

- (a) Street Lighting – a reply was sent to Fenland District Council (FDC) 25 August 2017. Further details were requested from Electrical Testing Ltd 30 August 2017. **Noted**
- (b) Murrow Playing Field Association Grant – letter sent 17 August 2017. **Noted**
- (c) Bus Shelters – a letter was sent to objectors 15 August 2017. **Noted**
- (d) Bus Shelters – a formal request was sent to Poors Allotment Charity 21 August 2017. **Noted**
- (e) High Road Wisbech St Mary Drainage – a request for the highway drainage to be checked and repaired as necessary was sent to Cambridgeshire County Council(CCC) 22 August 2017. **Noted**
- (f) Wisbech St Mary road traffic collision – The damaged litter bin was reported to FDC 22 August 2017 and the damaged CCC Public Footpath post and sign reported 22 August 2017. **Noted**
- (g) Pigeons Corner missing direction signs and nameplates – requests were sent 22 August 2017 to FDC requesting new nameplates and to CCC requesting two new direction signs. The Clerk reported that FDC had agreed to provide two new nameplates and CCC to replace the missing finger signs. **Noted**

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

### **5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS**

- 1. Planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council (FDC).
  - (a) F/YR17/0632/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory. Portman Lodge Church Road Wisbech St Mary. **Granted**
  - (b) F/YR17/0676/O Erection of 1no dwelling (outline with matters committed in respect of access only). Land North West of Drummond Lodge Spencer Drove Guyhirn. Applicant Mr R Gilbert. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards. **Pending Consideration**
- 2. Planning applications for discussion:
  - (a) F/YR16/0775/F Appeal. Erection of 3 x building for light industrial and office use (ClassB1) 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. **Noted**
  - (b) F/2002/17/CW Retrospective change of use to proposed inert waste processing facility and erection of modular two-storey office. MSB Contracting Ltd, Thorney Road, Guyhirn. **Recommend Approval**
  - (c) F/YR17/0783/F Erection of a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling. Leylandii The Pigeons Murrow. Applicant Mr K Bridges. Agent N/A. **Recommend Approval**

Councillors agreed to consider two additional applications that had arrived after the agendas had been sent out.

(d) F/YR17/0784/F Erection of a 1.85m (max height) fence and the formation of a pond (to keep Koi Carp) (retrospective) at Land South of Hazeldene Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr A Combe. Agent n/a. **Recommend Refusal:** a) the proposals show two accesses – only one has been approved previously, b) much of the boundary (red line) is on the highway, c) The

proposed fence is too close/within the highway such that it reduces the width of the highway and obstructs visibility and is consequently dangerous.

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

Applicant Mr & Mrs C Smith. Agent Mr D Broker. **Recommend Approval.**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) East of England Ambulance Service – thank you. **Noted**

## 7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Bellamy Bridge – Options received from CCC circulated to councillors 30 August 2017. The Clerk referred to a meeting being arranged by CCC Cllr S Count for Sept/October. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Wheeler and Cllr Humphrey would attend.

(b) Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements 2018/19  
The Clerk referred to a meeting planned for 13 September. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Wheeler, Humphrey and possible Scrimshaw would attend.

(c) Street Lighting - FDC email 25 August 2017  
The Clerk referred to a quotation received from FDC for the renewal of pole mounted brackets at Front Road Murrow and High Rod Guyhirn for £254.75 each. **Agreed unanimously**

## 8. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) Mandate and Additional Community Account.

The Clerk explained that Barclays Bank plc have now updated the Mandate; Cllrs Britain, Davies and Allen are signatories, all cheques must be signed by two councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Allen seconded by Cllr Mann that Cllr D Wheeler also be a signatory. **Agreed unanimously**  
The Clerk confirmed that an additional account had been opened for the charity funds which would shortly be transferred.

### To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk August salary	£636.92 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(c) Clerk postage and office consumables	£150.59 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(d) Tax and NI	£198.42 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(e) Mark Knight – Land Registry charges	£23.94 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(f) ProEdge Construction Ltd – bus shelter bases	£9198.00 LGMisc Prov Act 1953, S4 <b>Agreed</b>
(g) FDC Election charges	£5297.19 LG Act 1972 S111
Cllr Wheeler queried whether an election had been necessary as the co-option process had been used successfully on previous occasions. It was explained that in this case a candidate had petitioned for an election and consequently the full democratic process must be followed. <b>Agreed</b>	
(h) SR Signs – sponsorship signs	£60.00 LG LG Act 1972 S11 <b>Agreed</b>

### Grant application Nil

The Clerk advised that details of equipment required at Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre had been received and would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

## 9. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

The Clerk reported quotations received for tree work at Guyhirn Pond; Bowles Tree & Garden Services £1200, DKO Wheatley £1650. Bowles quotation was accepted unanimously.

(b) Bus Shelters

Cllr Knight reported progress; the base at Guyhirn had been vandalised which had been logged with the police and subsequently replaced with a reinforced structure, the shelters will be installed by the end of September. It was noted that some of the existing shelters had graffiti – it was unanimously agreed that those that are painted should be repainted with Reed Green 6013.

(c) Defibrillators

Cllr Wheeler reported that all four defibrillators had been registered. It was noted that the proprietor of the Bell Murrow was moving on.

(d) Planters

A quotation for the supply of plants by Bank View Nursery was discussed.

The Clerk was asked to invoice Bank View Nursery for the sponsorship of one new planter from

January 2018.

It was proposed by Cllr Knight seconded by Cllr Wheeler that S Bowles be asked to quote for replacing the damaged planter with a new planter outside the Bridge Inn Wisbech St Mary and a new planter be constructed outside Bank View Nursery. **Agreed unanimously**

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

Cllr Booth reported that he was attending a meeting at North Level Internal Drainage Board 20 September 2017.

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

Cllr Booth reported;

- a) The next Council Meeting at FDC 14 September would include petitions regarding street drinking and reports from Portfolio Holders.
- b) CCC had been advised that verges at Guyhirn had not been cut.

Cllr Britain added a complaint regarding the appearance of Guyhirn roundabout.

CCC Cllr King reported;

He had met with the Bridge Engineer and Highways Engineer. An option was for a potential improvement to be included in the Fenland Transport Strategy - this would depend on the number of accidents that had occurred and included persons killed or seriously injured. Details of such had been requested by CCC Leader Cllr Count. An alternative option was for Parish Councils to jointly fund outside of the Local Highway Improvement initiative.

The Chairman thanked Cllr King for his input and presence and pointed out that other County and District Councillors had not attended meetings.

#### **12. POLICE MATTERS**

Report circulated 1 September 2017

#### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (for information only)

- a) Cllr Wheeler reported that the FDC schedule Register of Member Interests was out of date.
- b) Cllr Wheeler reported that the councils web site cannot be easily accessed. It was agreed that this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost of an improved web site.
- c) Cllr Mann questioned whether a defibrillator could be provided at The Bridge Inn.
- d) Cllr Mann reported a damaged highways sign at Tholomas Drove.
- e) Cllr Humphrey reported the very poor condition of A47 from Thorney Toll east to Redgate Farm.

#### **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017      Oliver Twist Country Inn

#### **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2017/18**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Oliver Twist Country Inn

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman