

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7pm in Thorney Toll Village Hall.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), Cllr M Knight (Vice Chairman), C Allen, P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, J Newland, D Scrimshaw.
Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.

OPEN FORUM – Nil

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Nil

2. CO-OPTION

The following have expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor: Gareth Edwards, Tony Fowler, Stephen Mann, Brian Sandall, David Wheeler and Ray Bush.
Due to the need for confidentiality it was agreed to discuss the process after the main meeting had closed.

3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 14th March 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)

Street lighting and Bellamys Bridge would be discussed under items later on the agenda.

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/YR16/0074/F Erection of 2 x 2-storey 3-bed and 2 x 3-storey 4-bed dwellings with detached garages involving demolition of existing dwelling. Fern House Gull Road Guyhirn.

Pending Consideration

(b) F/YR16/0079/RM Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling – Reserved Matters application relating to the detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR14/0849/O (Erection of a dwelling)

Land South West Of Rose Lodge Selwyn Corner Guyhirn. **Withdrawn**

(c) F/YR16/0086/F Erection of a single-storey 3-bed dwelling involving the demolition of the existing dwelling. Bank View Gull Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR16/0087/CERTLU Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing): Occupation of a dwelling at The Paddocks Follies Drove Guyhirn. **Certificate Issued**

(e) Appeal Decision. Ref. APP/D0515/W/15/3006758 The appeal is allowed and planning permission granted. **Noted**

(f) F/YR16/0127/F Erection of 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with detached garage and the formation of a new access. Land South of Hazeldene Gull Road, Guyhirn. **Granted**

(g) F/YR16/0130/F Erection of 4no 2-storey dwellings comprising 1 x 5-bed and 3 x 4-bed with garages. Land South East Of The Chase Gull Road, Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR16/0149/F Erection of 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with integral garage. Land North Of The Cottage 28 Murrow Bank Murrow.

Applicant Mr A Gray. Agent Mr Ken Elener. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR16/0189/O Erection of a single-storey 2-bed dwelling involving the formation of a new access (Outline application with matters committed in respect of access, layout and scale. Land South Of Gull View Gull Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr J Cooke. Agent Mrs A Patrick. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR16/0194/F Erection of 4 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings and the formation of 2 new accesses. Land South East Of Mole End Gull Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr R Grundy. Agent Mr S Bates. **Recommend Approval**

(d) F/YR16/0209/F Change of use of land to travellers site with associated works including 2no mobile homes, touring caravan and utility facilities. Land North East Of 1 – 3 Murrow Lane, Murrow.

Applicant Mr L Smith. Agent Mr Barry Nichols. Following discussion, it was considered that there was sufficient provision already in the area and the access was inadequate. Refusal was proposed by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Fish and passed by seven votes.

Recommend Refusal

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) RES Ltd – Wryde Croft Wind Farm operational. **Noted**
- (b) Mike Cornwell, Secretary Fenland Twinning Association. **Noted**
- (c) TMO Highways – Road closure Back Road, Murrow. **Noted**

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Highways

Cllr Humphrey reported that new lines had appeared at Bellamys Bridge but reiterated his comments of last meeting that some form of speed reducing feature should be installed. The Clerk confirmed that his comments had been passed on to CCC but as yet a response had not been received.

Cllr Knight reported that CCC had taken no action regarding the two gullies at High Road Wisbech St Mary and he proposed to escalate the issue.

Cllr Davies reported that the land owner had cut back the vegetation at Gull Road. There is mud/debris on the verge that needs to be cleared by machine to return the usable width of carriageway to its former width. The Clerk was asked to explore who this should be escalated to.

(b) Street Lighting

Cllr Davies raised the issue of the FPC11 High Road Guyhirn for which Balfour Beatty had estimated £1068 to renew which seemed excessive reported that the unit was working. The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply from FDC. He was asked to press for a response.

(c) Street Pride.

Cllr Knight detailed proposals for planters at twelve locations and suggested that our contractor could construct and place with volunteers planting plants donated by local suppliers. Maintenance was yet to be determined. In view of the lack of response from CCC to enquiries the Clerk was asked to notify CCC of proposals for planters signs and a seat to the effect; 'unless we hear from you by the end of April we shall assume that you have no objection'. Cllrs Knight and Humphrey agreed to progress the proposals. It was proposed to trial planters at Wisbech St Mary or Tholomas Drove (Parish Council land) to gauge the public's reaction. **Agreed**

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr P Canham requesting that he remove agricultural machinery from the land at Tholomas Drove which had badly churned up parts of the green.

The Clerk read an offer from Mr B Sandall of a wooden seat for High Road/Church Road Wisbech St Mary. The offer was well received and would be built into proposals if possible.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive the final budgetary control report for 2015/16.

The Clerk drew attention to the total income of £68,447.68 and to the £530 interest achieved on the £100,000 deposit account and to the total spend of £47,146.88. The Bank Reconciliation balanced at year end. Cllr Knight commented that taking into account commitments e.g. street lighting, bus shelters etc. we would have a balance of over £40,000 which was a good position. **Noted**

(b) To receive a budgetary control report for 2016/17 to date. **Noted**

(c) Corporate Governance Questionnaire (CGQ) for certification by the Chairman. The CGQ was introduced by the Chairman who made reference to items discussed during the year. Approval was proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr Davies, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman. **Agreed**

(d) Approval of the 2015/16 Accounts as they stand prior to internal Audit. **Agreed**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(e) Clerk January salary	£693.09 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(f) Tax and NI	£238.40 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(g) Clerk postage and office consumables	£51.53 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(h) Clerks & Councils Direct subscription	£108.00 LG Act 1972 S143 Agreed
(i) North Level District Internal Drainage Board – rates	£11.67 Financial Provisions Act 1963 Agreed
(j) Bowles Tree & Garden Services – Tholomas Drove Green	£880.00 LG Misc Prov 1976 S196 Agreed

Grant application

Nil

10. WEB SITE

Cllr Newland reported that the website was accessible. The Clerk added that the agendas and minutes from and including 2012 had been added and that he expected the site to be live by the end of April – he will email all when achieved. The Chairman thanked Cllr Newland for her efforts. Cllr Knight suggested that there should be an article in Village Voices.

11. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Bus Shelters

Awaiting plans and results of discussions with CCC before this can be progressed. The Clerk was asked to explore how this could be moved forward.

(b) Defibrillator – no further progress.

12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported:

1. Devolution – FDC had some reservations, further consideration was required.
2. The Golden Age Fair held at Parson Drove was not as well attended as had been hoped.
3. Pride of Fenland Awards at Wisbech St Mary had been well attended.
4. CCC Boundary Review – response to the proposal to split Murrow from the rest of Wisbech St Mary such that it would be inconsistent with the Parish Boundary had prompted another round of consultation.

13. POLICE MATTERS - Nil

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

Cllr Knight noted that recent vandalism at Guyhirn had been reported in the press.

Cllr Davies reiterated the need to complain to FDC and the MP regarding development regulations.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th May 2016 Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting: Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016

Monday 13 th June 2016	Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday 11 th July 2016	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 1 st August 2016	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 12 th September 2016	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 10 th October 2016	Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday 14 th November 2016	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 12 th December 2016	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 16 th January 2017	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 13 th February 2017	Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday 13 th March 2017	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 10 th April 2017	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 8 th May 2017	Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting: Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman