

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 12th September 2016 at 7pm in Wisbech St Mary Primary School.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), C Allen, D Broker, P Davies, J Humphrey, M Knight, S Mann, J Newland, D Wheeler.

Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.

Members of the public 2.

OPEN FORUM Nil

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Scrimshaw and Fish.

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 1st August 2016

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) Allotments Thorney Toll rear of properties 3 – 16 Wisbech Road

The Clerk read a response received from Dawn Sadler, Senior Environmental Health Officer for Fenland District Council which included a response from Circle Housing Roddons. The matter is with a barrister with a view to resolving the issue.

(b) A47 Guyhirn, no right turn

The Clerk read a response received from PCSO Sue Clarke. It is unlikely that the Police can take action unless there is evidence and corroborating evidence. It is therefore regarded as a highways issue. Consequently, the Clerk requested the PCSO to complete a Traffic Management Form.

The Clerk read a response received from Highways England to the effect that a number of highway improvements were planned along the Guyhirn junction. These are at the feasibility stage; more information should be available spring 2017.

(c) Abandoned vehicle

The Clerk read a response received from PCSO Sue Clarke; when alerted to an abandoned vehicle the Police complete the necessary checks, a Police Aware sticker is placed on the vehicle and FDC notified. Such vehicles can be removed immediately if it is considered to be in the public interest to do so.

4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda

Cllr Britain item 5b pecuniary interest

Cllr Humphrey item 2c pecuniary interest

Cllr Broker item 2e pecuniary interest

5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

a) F/YR16/0544/F Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with detached garage involving demolition of existing out-building. Land West Of Bramble Corner Plash Drove Tholomas Drove. **Granted**

(b) F/YR16/0548/F Formation of a reservoir bounded by 2.0m (max height) earth Bund. Volmary Limited Station Road Wisbech St Mary. **Pending Consideration**

(c) F/YR16/0565/F Erection of 1no warehouse/vehicle maintenance and historic vehicle showroom building involving demolition of existing buildings, 2no covered unloading extensions to existing warehouse and 1no high bay warehouse building and extension of car parking area involving change of use of adjoining agricultural land. Bretts Transport Thorney Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR16/0575/F Change of use of land to domestic garden to extend curtilage of existing dwelling (retrospective). Land South West Of Wispers Barn Gull Drove Guyhirn. **Granted**

(e) F/YR16/0595/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling with new boundary wall (1.7m max), involving demolition of existing outbuilding. Marsham High Road Wisbech St Mary. **Granted**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

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

Applicant Mr & Mrs T Epps. Agent Mr G Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Britain withdrew from the room and handed the Chair to Cllr Knight

(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.

Applicant Mr J Thomas. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Britain returns to the Chair, Cllr Humphrey withdrew from the room

(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.

Applicant Mr J Humphrey. Agent Mr C Walford.

Following discussion the application was determined by vote; six in favour, Cllr Broker requested that his abstention be recorded. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Humphrey returned

(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.

Applicant Mr & Mrs G Edwards. Agent Mr G Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Broker withdrew from the room

(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.

Applicant Mr J Patten. Agent Mr D Broker. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Broker returned

(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.

Applicant Mr P Braam. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

(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.

Applicant Mr A Smith. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

(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.

Applicant Mr A Smith. Agent Mr Swann Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

(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. **Noted**

Cllr Knight advised that he had received additional information regarding the proposed access arrangements and suggested that Councils previous decision should be reconsidered. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Allen that the objection to the access should be removed providing that CCC highways consider it satisfactory. The motion was carried by five votes to nil.

3. Morton & Hall Consulting Ltd – proposed 4no residential building plots Spencer Drove, High Road Guyhirn.

Public Consultation prior to the submission of a planning application. **No objections**

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Thorney Toll Village Hall – thank you for the grant **Noted**

(b) Cambridgeshire ACRE – Guyhirn Village hall. As the Village Hall is not Parish Council property the documents were handed to Cllr Allen who offered to pass them on to the Parish Hall Committee. Cllr Allen explained that there was a possibility that the Hall could be sold. The Deeds required that a public meeting take place, which had been arranged. If people vote to retain the Hall they must form a management committee. He encouraged as many people to attend as possible.

(c) Cambridgeshire ACRE – Parish Council Conference 18 November 2016 **Noted**

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

The Chairman invited Cllr Booth to feedback from the meeting of Parish Councils with Cllr King, FDC Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs on 31 August 2016. Cllr Booth explained that FDC had obtained three quotations; Balfour Beatty offered the lowest, the next 60% higher and the next 140% higher. All Parish Councils were unhappy to accept the lowest as they were had great concerns regarding the quality of service offered. It is understood that the value of maintenance per annum is £40,000. Cllr King had explained that due to the need for economy it was likely that Balfour Beatty would be appointed as preferred supplier to commence from April 2017 for three years.

Cllr Booth said that Cllrs Hufton and Connor had undertaken to explore costs of resurvey of all Parish Council CAT 2 lights together with the cost of repair and maintenance of Parish Council lights with the other two suppliers, Electrical Testing and SKANSKA.

The Clerk confirmed that details of the Wisbech St Mary Parish Councils street lights had been supplied to Cllr Hufton: Good 52, Fair 84, Poor 13 and Bad 0, total 149.

FPC11 High Road Guyhirn – The Clerk stated that the quotation requested had still not been supplied and that the matter had now been escalated to the Head of Service.

(b) Street Pride

Cllr Knight reported that a pilot litter-pick had been arranged for Saturday 17 September from 10am to noon. Rebecca Robinett, FDC, will attend. It had been publicised in Village Voices. He proposed to offer some refreshments up to a value of £75. **Agreed**

(c) Community Highway Volunteering Scheme

The Clerk read extracts from a document received from CCC Highways. Cllr Knight suggested that it would be unwise and counterproductive to have two initiatives running at the same time and that Street Pride should be encouraged. **Agreed**

8. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive a report on the External Audit 2015/16

The Clerk referred to the Report; there were no matters giving cause for concern and no matters to be drawn to the attention of Council. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his efforts. **Noted**

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

The Clerk circulated the report and drew attention to Treasury Deposit interest received, Bank Reconciliation balances and the Wash Pit Fund balance which he proposed would remain at the figure shown with interest expended on capital projects for the benefit of parishioners. **Noted**

(c) Council Tax Support Grant – FDC letter regarding phasing out

The Clerk referred to the letter from FDC stating that the Grant would be £3,799 in 2017/18 and £1,899 in 2018/19 and zero 2019/20. **Noted**

Cllr Davies asked the Clerk to raise this issue during budget discussions.

(d) Insurance Premium Tax – increase to 10% from 9.5% **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(e) Clerk August salary	£699.19 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(f) Tax and NI	£242.52 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(g) SR Signs – supply 1nr Deep Water signs	£42.00 Misc Prov 1976 S196 Agreed
(h) K Clarke – repaint Guyhirn sign post	£85.00 LG Misc Prov 1976 S196 Agreed
(i) Thorney Toll Village Hall – hire of Hall 1 August	£40.00 LG Act 1972 S134 Agreed
(j) Bowles Tree & Garden Services Invoice 413 and 414	£1,370 LG Misc Prov 1976 S196 Agreed
(k) DriveTime – repair concrete base to bus shelter	£450.00 Misc Prov 1976 S196 Agreed

Grant application

(l) 15th Wisbech (North Level Parishes) Scout Group LG Act 1972 S137

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Broker to grant £1,000. **Agreed**

9. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance – seat Chapel Avenue Wisbech St Mary

Following discussion, it was proposed to replace the seat with a Glasdon Phoenix seat in recycled material. Cllr Knight will remove the plaque and have it refurbished. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the disposal of the existing seat, new concrete base, receive and fix new seat.

(b) Tholomas Drove grassed areas – update

Following discussion, it was agreed to take no further action.

(c) Bus Shelters

Cllr Broker had met with CCC officials. They have asked for wider footways, which will place the shelters closer to dykes, and to raised kerbs and footways to suit low floor busses which are not essential to the bus companies. Councillors considered that the extra engineering works would make the cost prohibitive. It was agreed to proceed with the standard design (not the raised kerbs).

(d) Defibrillators

Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Britain would progress the one at Guyhirn and Cllr Knight the one at Wisbech St Mary. It was noted that there was one indoors at the Wisbech St Mary Primary School.

10. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr G Booth reported:

1. Brown Bin consultation – being discussed Thursday 15 September
2. Cllr Booth now on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
3. Police have suggested interested parties sign up to Neighbourhood Watch
4. Boundary Review had been published. It had remained unchanged despite objections
5. Defibrillators for Murrow and Guyhirn may be appropriate bids to the Wryde Croft Wind Farm fund.

11. POLICE MATTERS

No report received

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

Cllr Knight reported that the school had been very appreciative of the Council's interest and of the additional commemorative medals supplied.

The Chairman raised the drainage issue at High Road, Guyhirn. The problem was highway gullies not working successfully, drainage pipes broken, sections of dykes filled in hence flooding following prolonged rainfall. The Chairman will raise the issue with the North Level Internal Drainage Board. The Clerk was asked to add this item to the next Agenda.

Cllr Wheeler said that lorries leaving Delamore were travelling through Wisbech St Mary when they had an alternative route that would avoid the village.

Many vehicles had been parked in the centre of Wisbech St Mary village causing an obstruction over a long distance.

Cllr Davies reported the appalling smell over several days coming from fields near Mouth Lane believed to be as a result of AW 'cake' waste spread on the fields. The Clerk was asked to enquire if this was permissible and what the regulations were governing such actions.

The Chairman raised the issue of the fence at Gull Road – he was awaiting a form to be returned by the FDC Enforcement Officer.

The Chairman complimented the school on their facilities and asked the Clerk to thank the Head teacher for her hospitality.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th October 2016 Guyhirn Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016

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

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman