

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7pm in Guyhirn Village Hall.

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

Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.

Members of the public 3.

OPEN FORUM

Mr Purdy reported: 1. difficulty in locating the website. Mr Purdy was assured that the website was live. The Clerk offered to provide Mr Purdy with a link after the meeting.

2. pothole/s when travelling out of Guyhirn towards Murrow. The Chairman explained that such defects should be reported direct to the Highway Authority Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). The Clerk will provide Mr Purdy with a link to CCC after the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE D Broker.

2. NICK ATKINSON Stakeholder Manager – A47 Programme.

Mr Atkinson (NA) was welcomed by the Chairman.

NA explained that he was engaged by AMEY Design Consultants. The objective of the scheme was to improve traffic flow and safety. His role is to organise public consultation. The project is in stage 2 of seven stages, option selection. The Secretary of State for Transport will make the preferred route announcement. Stage three land acquisition and legal forms will follow.

Consultation is expected during March. Guyhirn is the first of the A47 '5 year Cycle Schemes to be completed by 2020' schemes to progress. Exhibitions are planned for Wisbech St Mary, March and Wisbech (Guyhirn was also being considered) to give the public the opportunity to give their views, contribute ideas and help reach a consensus. NA said he would appreciate help in publicising the events and with engaging with young people. Exhibitions would consist of a display and members of staff to field queries, a form would be available to complete either hard copy or on line.

NA then invited questions.

A47 dualling was not currently a consideration.

Cllr Booth flagged up the Wisbech Market Town Strategy which included modal interchange points.

NA concluded that he was keen to get the views of locals who know how the areas works.

The Chairman thanked Mr Atkinson for attending.

3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 16th January 2017

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

(a) Safety Camera A47 Thorney Toll. The Clerk reported that a response from Inspector Will Smith had been circulated which had indicated the camera was operational.

(b) F/YR16/1181/O Land at Gull Road, Guyhirn. The Clerk reported that he had discussed this with a Planning Officer who explained that as it was not included in the Local Plan and not a major development community benefit was not an obligation that the District Council could include as a planning requirement. It could be pursued as a private arrangement. Councillors commented that this seemed inconsistent with advice given previously and asked the Clerk to seek clarification from FDC.

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/YR16/1070/F Erection of a single-storey 2-bed dwelling with detached garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Hellebore Cottage Thorney Road Guyhirn.

Granted

(b) F/YR16/1077/F Erection of 4 x 2-storey 3-bed dwellings. Land North Of 52 Chapelfield Road Guyhirn. Applicant Allen & Titcomb. Agent Mr James Burton. **Granted**

(c) F/YR16/1128/O Erection of 40 dwellings (Outline with matters committed in respect of access only) involving demolition of existing dwelling. Phase 1 Land South Of JS Holmes Ltd High Road Wisbech St Mary. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR16/1135/TE1 Installation of a 21.0m high lattice tower supporting 6 x antennas, 2 x 300mm diameter dishes, along with equipment housing and development ancillary thereto including 1.8m perimeter fencing. Proposed Telecom Mast At Volmary Limited Station Road Wisbech St Mary. **Withdrawn**

(e) F/YR16/1146/F Erection of an agricultural storage building. Woodlands Sandbank Wisbech St Mary. **Granted**

(f) F/YR16/1157/O Erection of 7no dwellings (Outline with all matters reserved). Land South West Of The Orchards Gull Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(g) F/YR16/1161/F Variation of condition 10 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR13/0233/F (Erection of a 4-bed 2-storey dwelling and detached triple garage with store over) to amend store to a games room above garage. Willock Farm Willock Lane Wisbech St Mary. **Granted**

(h) F/YR16/0012/F Appeal under section 78 Town & Country Planning Act 1990. Deadline for additional representations 25 January 2017. **Noted**

(i) F/YR16/1181/O Erection of up to 4 dwellings (Outline application with all matters reserved). Land North West Of Cobble House Gull Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(j) F/YR16/1174/F Erection of a 1.85m (max height) fence and the formation of a pond (to keep KoiCarp) (retrospective). Land South Of Hazeldene Gull Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(k) F/YR16/1176/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Roman Way Gull Road Guyhirn. **Granted**

(l) F/YR16/1190/PNC04 Change of Use of an agricultural building to 2-bed dwelling (Class Q (a) and (b)) at Barn South East Of Tahiri Rummors Lane Wisbech St Mary. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR17/0076/F Erection of a single-storey front extension to existing dwelling. Old School Cottage 133 Front Road Murrow.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Oliver Wardill. Agent Mr Mark Bonner. **Recommend Approval**

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Fenland District Council (FDC) – Paperless Notifications (Planning Applications) **Noted**

(b) UK Power Networks – Help vulnerable people access free extra support

Cllr Knight suggested this be publicised in Village Voices so that vulnerable people can contact the Clerk for the leaflets. Notices were distributed at the meeting. **Agreed**

(c) Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) – Community Flood Plans and Community Flood Groups The Clerk read the proposals for Flood Groups and Flood Plans – following discussion it was suggested that such plans were not appropriate to this area as it was so well drained. **Agreed**

(d) Stephen Barclay MP – Section 106 monies. The Clerk read the request for information. Following discussion it was agreed that there were no s106 agreements over two years old, one potential agreement yet to be resolved. **Agreed**

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting – The Clerk summarised the outcome of a meeting hosted by Doddington Parish Council, attended by himself, Cllr Knight and Cllr Booth. From the information available Electrical Testing would provide a much improved service, were the cheaper of the rates offered and offered the flexibility that would avoid short term high capital costs. Following discussion it was agreed unanimously to pursue an agreement with Electrical Testing Ltd. **Agreed**

(b) Sign Cleansing – Community Highways Volunteering. The Clerk presented the pack received from CCC. It was noted how difficult it was to attract volunteers. It was proposed to invite S Bowles Tree & Garden Services to act as ‘volunteer’ and to quote for the work. **Agreed**

9. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive a budgetary control report for 2016/17 to date. The Clerk drew attention to the sponsorships received. The Bank Reconciliation balanced and was checked and signed by Cllr Wheeler. **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk January salary

£698.00 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(c) Tax and NI

£242.72 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(d) Thorney Toll Village Hall hire 12 December

£40.00 LG Act 1972 S134 **Agreed**

(e) Guyhirn Village Hall hire 13 February

£35.00 LG Act 1972 S134 **Agreed**

Grant application

(f) Nil

10. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

(i) Guyhirn Pond – potential sale. The Clerk confirmed this was with the Valuation Office.

(ii) War Memorials – confidential item due to commercial sensitivity. Due to the confidential nature of the item it was deferred until after the public had left. The Clerk explained that K Clarke had requested a review of rates for 2017/18 as his original quote was based on him winning more of the work. The modest increase in rates would mean the Council would pay slightly more but still much less than the likely outcome of new quotations. The increase was unanimously **Agreed**.

(b) Bus Shelters. Deferred to next meeting.

(c) Defibrillators – The chairman confirmed that the unit at Guyhirn was lit. All agreed it was a great improvement. The Chairman reported that Cllr Broker had asked the Chairman to take over the item. The Chairman reported that JS Holmes Ltd had offered to site a unit on their fence which would be lit and covered by CCTV and that the Community Centre required a cabinet to enable their indoor unit to be repositioned outside. Both proposals were **Agreed**.

(d) Planters - The Clerk reported that nine invoices had been sent out – seven paid so far. The Chairman reported that S Bowles had offered to construct a new planter at Guyhirn for the same rate as before. It was proposed this be accepted and unanimously **Agreed**.

11. CHILD AND ADULTS AT RISK SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The Clerk introduced the Policy as previously circulated. **Approved**. Following discussion it was agreed that the Council should copy the policy to those agencies that the Council supports. **Agreed**

12. HIGH ROAD WISBECH ST MARY – SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

Cllr Booth reported that a meeting had been arranged for the coming Friday morning.

13. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported:

- a) that he would be attending the LHMI panel in March. There were concerns about the cost, phasing the scheme may be an option or increased contribution. Success would also depend on the other bids being considered.

14. POLICE MATTERS – Nil.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

- a) The Chairman suggested that website details and highway contacts be added to the next entry in Village Voices.
- b) The Chairman reminded members that May was fast approaching and they may wish to consider nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th March 2017 Murrow Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2016/2017

Monday 10th April 2017 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 8th May 2017 Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman