

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

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

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

Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.

Members of the public 7.

OPEN FORUM

Mrs J Barnes reported:

1. Pole mounted bracket FPC5 opposite 100 Front Road, Murrow had been damaged and was not working.
2. A mini bus/taxi service was being run from 143 Back Road, Murrow - one was parked on the verge causing damage.
3. The occupier of 15 Front Road, Murrow has a lorry which is washed on the verge at a junction/slip road including a hose run across the highway.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Newland and Broker

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 13th February 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) F/YR16/1181/O Land at Gull Road Guyhirn. The Clerk reported that the Fenland District Council (FDC) planning officer had confirmed that applications of less than ten houses do not attract infrastructure contributions. Applications by the Parish Council for contributions would, in these circumstances, be a private negotiation between the Parish Council and the applicant. Cllr Davies queried the contribution requested through F/YR15/0189/F – the Clerk confirmed that the contribution had been secured by FDC through a section 106 agreement and it had been received by FDC.

(b) Cllr Davies referred to Item 6(j) of the Minutes 13 February 2017, handed a copy of an email he had received from Rebecca Norman (FDC Senior Development Officer) to the Clerk and requested a follow up on progress.

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

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR17/0112/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling and detached double garage with storage area over. Leighwood Mouth Lane Guyhirn.

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

(b) F/YR17/0142/F Erection of 9 x single-storey log cabins involving the removal of existing mobile home and the erection of a 3.0m high (max height) entrance gate. Land North East Of Lakeside Manor Seadyke Bank Murrow.

Applicant Mr G Patrick. Agent Mrs Alex Patrick. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR17/0182/F Erection of a retail unit (A1) with a 2-bed flat above. Land West Of The Cod Father High Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr J Singh. Agent Miss Grace Humphrey. **Recommend Approval**

Following discussion a proposal to support the application was passed by 4 votes to 2.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Nil

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

The Clerk read an email of 9 March received from the Chair Doddington Parish Council. He sought approval to instruct Electrical Testing Ltd to proceed with a survey of all Parish Council lights. **Agreed** Cllr Booth reported that the issue to devolve the maintenance budget would be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that Cllr King proposed further discussions with Electrical Testing Ltd as current performance had not improved.

(b) Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2017/18

The Clerk reported that the schemes would be presented to Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee 14 March 2017. **Noted**

The Clerk referred to the email received from CCC reference the proposed Seadyke Bank 30mph Speed Limit Order and circulated to members 9 March 2017. **Approved**

8. FINANCE MATTERS

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

The Clerk drew attention to the income received from sponsorships and to the cheques not yet presented. The Bank reconciliation balanced and was signed by Cllr Allen. **Noted**

(b) To receive the allotment account statement for 2016/17

The clerk reported that all rent had been received ££1,762.60. **Noted**

(c) Internal Audit arrangements

The Clerk reported that internal audit by Auditing Solutions Ltd was programmed for 25 April 2017. **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(d) Clerk February salary	£699.19 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(e) Tax and NI	£242.52 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(f) Clerk postage and office consumables	£115.13 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(g) Andrew Deptford – defibrillator cabinet	£678.00 Public Health Act 1936 S234	Agreed

Grant application

(h) Nil

9. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

(i) Footpath Main Road to Church Road, Wisbech St Mary quotations - Confidential item due to commercial sensitivity. Cllr Davies declared a personal interest and took no part in discussion. Following discussion members agreed to discuss details in open forum.

The Clerk reported three quotations received: Warden & Son Ltd £5,695 DriveTime £4,700 and USL £4,500. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Allen seconded by Cllr Fish that the DriveTime quotation be accepted. The motion was carried by four votes to three.

(ii) Guyhirn Pond – potential sale

The Clerk reported that this was with the Valuation Office.

(b) Bus Shelters

The Clerk read an email dated 8 March 2017 from Nick Harding Head of Planning FDC explaining that the Council must put a proposal to FDC in order to draw down the £4000 s106 contribution.

(c) Defibrillators

The Chairman reported that the unit planned for JS Holmes Ltd may not require lighting as there was already sufficient lighting.

Cllr Knight suggested a training session to be held at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre. Cllr Wheeler suggested that the six volunteers who were 'first responders' should be involved. It was also suggested that Village Voices should be used to publicise the defibrillators.

(d) Planters

Cllr Allen handed £50 cash sponsorship from the Oliver Twist to the Clerk. Cllr Scrimshaw handed details of three more sponsors to the Clerk. Cllr Knight suggested that summer planting should be considered. Cllr Wheeler agreed to explore the supply of plants.

(e) Land at Tholomas Drove Wisbech St Mary

The Clerk reported that he had received the certificate of land registry and the report from the Valuation Office which valued the three parcels at £15,500.

10. HIGH ROAD WISBECH ST MARY – SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

Cllr Booth circulated a draft letter for residents from North Level IDB (NLIDB). NLIDB are progressing technical details. It is expected that the letter will go to residents once the proposed finances are

clear.

11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported:

- a) Brown bin charges – as food waste is classed as domestic waste it can no longer be placed in the brown bin as domestic waste cannot be charged for.
- b) Council tax increase has been set at 1.99%
- c) The issue of speeding has been raised with Fenland Safety Partnership who will review the issues.
- d) CCC have considered the problem gully at Tholomas Drove. Hopefully action will follow.
- e) Regarding a tree blown down on what was considered a highway verge – CCC do not regard it as highway.

12. POLICE MATTERS Nil

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

- a) Cllr Booth explained that Parson Drove Parish Council were planning training sessions for councillors on a number of topics one evening in May. The Chairman encouraged councillors to attend.
- b) The Clerk reported an enquiry from a new resident of Tholomas Drove asking for village signs to be provided. Following discussion it was agreed that provision would be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.
- c) The Clerk reported an email requesting a variable message speed sign at High Road Guyhirn to combat speeding. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.
- d) Cllr Davies asked for an update on sign cleaning. The form has now been completed and will be sent to CCC. The Chairman confirmed that Bowles Tree & Garden Services had agreed that their quotation was still valid. Following discussion it was agreed that all main roads (excluding A47) should be targeted and all signs.
- e) The Chairman suggested that an early grass cut would be appropriate in view of the mild season. **Agreed**

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th April 2017 Thorney Toll Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2016/2017

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

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman