

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7pm in Murrow Village Hall.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), C Allen, D Broker, P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, J Newland, D Scrimshaw.

Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.

Mr Clive Gibbon, Conservative Candidate for North March and Waldersey Division.

11 Members of the public.

OPEN FORUM – Parishioners are invited to address the Council.

(a) Mr D Widowson explained that he objected to planning application F/YR16/0130/F as it was to be accessed by a single road such that traffic would cause disturbance to his family and his neighbours. The proposal would cause significant disturbance through overlooking and loss of light and noise pollution.

(b) Mr J Channing commented on the same planning application that the access had been approved by Highways. The proposed dwellings were classes as infill.

(c) Commenting on the same planning application Mrs J Widowson stressed that the new properties would be significantly higher than the existing such that occupants would be able to look down into neighbouring properties which would be invasive and create a loss of privacy.

(d) Mr Brennar added his support to the comments made by Mr and Mrs Widowson.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

M Knight (Vice-Chairman) as required on business elsewhere. Cambridge shire County Council (CCC) Cllr G Gillick.

The Chairman confirmed that Brenda Reay and Terry Jennings had resigned. The Clerk confirmed that this had been due to family illness. Resignations were made on 7 March. FDC election services had been informed on 8 March and the appropriate Notices of Vacancy in the Office of Councillor posted in the notice boards. If no request for an election is made by 1 April, the Council must commence the process to fill the vacancies by co-option.

2. CLIVE GIBBON – Conservative Candidate for North March and Waldersey Division.

Mr Gibbon introduced himself and explained that his intention was to familiarize himself with local issues by attending today's and other meetings.

3. SPEEDWATCH IN MURROW – Paul Cole

Mr Cole introduced himself and explained his role with Speedwatch on North and West Cambridgeshire. He trains volunteers who can then gather intelligence which can then be fed back to the Police. There have been some volunteers locally so he is hopeful of setting up a local Speedwatch group. Cllr Booth added that he was hopeful that a training session would be arranged for April. Speedwatch has the support of the Police. Cllr Fish asked whether they could monitor speeds on the A47 at Thorney Toll – Mr Cole replied that they could operate on 30mph and 40mph roads only. Information gathered is passed to the Police and CCC Highways so that it can inform the need for and proposals for speed reduction.

4. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 8th February 2016

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only) Nil

6. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda

Cllr Broker declared a pecuniary interest in item 7. 2(b).

He also declared a person interest in item 7.3 and elected to remain but take no part in discussion.

7. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

(a) F/YR15/1132/F Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with detached double garage/store with study/store over. Plot 2 Land North Of Meadow View Gull Road Guyhirn. **Granted**

(b) F/YR16/0012/F Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling with garage. Land West Of The Lodge Mouth Lane Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(c) F/YR16/0026/F Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with detached garage with store above involving demolition of existing dwelling and the formation of a new access. Hazeldene Gull Road Guyhirn. **Granted**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(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.

Applicant Mr D Burgess Agent Mr Steven Hall. **Recommend Approval**

(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.

Applicant Mr J Patten. Agent Mr David Broker. **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.

Applicant Mr & Mrs C Varney. Agent Mr Ken Elener. **Recommend Approval**

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

Applicant Mr S Bowles. Agent Mr Dean Morley. The property had been kept neat and tidy for 20 years plus. No nuisance caused. **Recommend Approval**

(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.

Applicant Mr A Coombe. Agent Mr C Rudd. **Recommend Approval**

(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.

Applicant Mr & Mrs J Channing. Agent Mr Russell Swann. **Recommend Refusal as backland development and loss of privacy/overlooking.**

The Clerk read an email from the FDC Head of Planning Services which was in response to the Clerks request to clarify the situation regarding pre-submission community consultations.

Cllr Booth drew attention to the FDC Informal Guidance Note. The Clerk confirmed that members were aware of the Note. He added that FDC had provided a statement of village thresholds and read them for each village.

Cllr Davies protested at the ludicrous situation that had been created by FDC in that no further development can take place in Murrow and Guyhirn until 2030 if anyone protests.

Cllr Broker added that the Local Plan adopted in 2014 permitted 10% and 15% growth and now permits further development if community consultation is supportive. Cllr Davies explained that this meant that two plots on a road may be approved but if the next is over the 10% threshold then it may be refused.

It was proposed by Cllr Britain seconded by Cllr Davies that a letter of protest should go to FDC Chief Executive, FDC Head of Planning Services and a copy to the MP.

3. Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd – Proposed residential development rear of JS Holmes Ltd. High Road Wisbech St Mary. Community Consultation exercise. Councillors viewed and discussed the proposals. They agreed that all services should be provided in advance and the development completed in phases according to demand.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Highways England – A47 Road Investment Strategy Corridor Improvements. **Noted**

(b) Andrew Deptford – Defibrillator quote. **Noted**

(c) FDC – Disposals Surveyor – Land at Cold Harbour Corner, Wisbech St Mary. **Noted**

(d) CCC – replacement of road markings and studs. **Noted**

(e) Church of England Diocese of Ely – Defibrillator. This will be considered at item 12 (b).

(f) Tower Mint Ltd – HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday commemorative medal for schools and councils. **Agreed that these will be provided for each pupil at Guyhirn, Murrow and Wisbech St Mary Schools.**

(g) Waldon Telecom Ltd – base station installation. **No Objections**

(h) Ms A Trett – request for permission to install private water supply across playing field.

The Clerk read an email from Ann Trett requesting permission to install a private water supply across the public open space at Plash Drove Tholomas Drove to serve two building plots north of Murrow Lane. This is believed to be Parish Council property although some doubt emerged during discussions. Use of the area by Wisbech UDC was referred at as was St Georges Grounds. The Clerk was asked to check records and try to establish ownership with the help of the previous Parish Council Chairman.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Bellamy's Bridge Local Highway Improvement 2015/16.

The Clerk read an email from Adam Cobb CCC Engineer which explained why the preferred scheme could not proceed. During detailed discussion it was agreed that the Council support the option to refresh markings and verge marker posts and the removal of the hedgerow within the public highway. In addition, it was agreed to request speed humps or other speed reduction measures in Seadyke in an attempt to influence a reduction in speeds on this approach to the junction.

(b) Local Highway Improvement Panel Scorecard 2016/17.

The Clerk read the result of the Fenland Local Highway Improvement Panel Scorecard that had scored the Pigeons Corner/Back Road Murrow project in sixth place out of twenty.

(c) Street Lighting

(i) New Column for FPC 11 High Road Guyhirn - estimate £1321.52

The Clerk read the quotation and a revised quotation for £1068 received following his query of the original quotation. Members queried how the unit classed as FAIR when inspected by Balfour Beatty 16 September 2014 had deteriorated suddenly to a CAT 1 condition. The Clerk was asked to query this and to suggest that it should be replaced free of charge as a CAT1 defect.

(d) Street Pride.

Proposals from Cllr Knight were circulated. The proposals were supported subject to volunteers, agreement of locations and detailed plans.

10. FINANCE MATTERS

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(a) Clerk January salary	£674.12 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(b) Tax and NI	£225.86 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(c) Clerk postage and office consumables	£237.04 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(d) FDC replacement street light Station Avenue Murrow	£1005.84 LG Act 1972 S133	Agreed
(e) Fraser Dawbarns LLP Charities Act Advice	£410.04 Charities Act 2006 S275	Agreed
(f) FDC replacement street light High Road Wisbech St Mary	£474.19 LG Act 1972 S133	Agreed
(g) Bowles Tree & Garden Services Nov – Jan plus additional ordered work	£480.00 LGMiscProv 1976 S196	Agreed
(h) FDC election costs uncontested	£311.08 LG Act 1972 S111	Agreed

Grant applications

(i) Guyhirn Church of England Pre-school.

The Clerk read a letter requesting a contribution to pre-school costs. Cllr Scrimshaw proposed a grant of £1000 seconded by Cllr Fish and agreed unanimously.

(j) Murrow Book Café.

The Clerk read the bid for a grant. A grant had been paid £1000 13 April 2015. Members debated the request. The Chairman proposed £1000 seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed unanimously to be paid at the next meeting so that they do not receive two grants in one financial year.

11. WEB SITE

Cllr Newland would discuss further development with The Clerk after the meeting. The Clerk was hopeful of uploading agendas and minutes by the end of the month.

12. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Bus Shelters

Cllr Broker said that he had received plans and was in discussions with CCC. CCC thought that a Section 278 Agreement may be required?

(b) Defibrillator

Cllr Broker explained that the Community Centre were considering moving the defibrillator to the outside of the building so that it is available 24 hrs/day. Mr M Holmes may consider having one on the outside of his premises. Mr Singh may also have one on his premises. The kind offer from Rev'd Canon Matthew Bradbury was gratefully agreed. This would enable one to be installed outside the Church House.

(c) Guyhirn Pond

Cllr Davies suggested that Danger Deep Water signs should be installed. Life belts had been installed elsewhere but always go missing. **Agreed**

13. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported that Cllr Gillick has said that CCC has agreed a 1.99% increase in the County council tax element. FDC has agreed 1.98% increase in the District Council tax element.

The FDC Business Plan has been approved (potential savings as reported previously).

Infrastructure Delivery Plan – suggestions put forward have been incorporated. It is possible that s106 land at the end of Chapelfield Way Guyhirn that is to be auctioned.

Citizens Rural CAB consultations have largely been replaced by help given over the phone.

14. POLICE MATTERS

Rural Police Forums update circulated 3 March 2016.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

The Chairman raised the issue of The Gull speed of vehicles and parked vehicles and suggested it would be beneficial to develop a scheme.

The Chairman asked for suggestions as to how we may celebrate Her Majesty The Queens birthday.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th April 2016 Thorney Toll Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016

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

Monday 13th June 2016 Guyhirn Village Hall

Monday 11th July 2016 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 1st August 2016 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 12th September 2016 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 10th October 2016 Guyhirn Village Hall

Monday 14th November 2016 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 12th December 2016 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 16th January 2017 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 13th February 2017 Guyhirn Village Hall

Monday 13th March 2017 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 10th April 2017 Thorney Toll Village Hall

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

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman