

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7pm in Murrow Village Hall.**

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), M Knight (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, J Fish, J Humphrey, S Mann, J Newland, D Scrimshaw, D Wheeler.  
Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.  
Members of the public 1.

## **OPEN FORUM Nil**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. P Davies**

**2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS** dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 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) Winter grit bin Thorney Toll. The Clerk reported that Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) had been requested to replenish it.

(b) Tree at Plash Drove. The Clerk reported that it was reported to Police on 13 October 2016 incident number 110 and that it was still logged on the CCC system as a defect.

### **4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on this agenda

Item 5.3 (b) Cllr Allen declared an interest as he is on the Poors Charity Committee.

## **5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS**

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

(a) F/YR16/0775/F Erection of 3 x buildings for light industrial and office use (Class B1) and change of use of part of the land to extend the residential curtilage (part retrospective). Land South Of Keepers Cottage Gull Drove Guyhirn. **Refused**

(b) F/YR15/0062/F Change of use of land from B1 to B2 use involving the siting of a mobile site office, the erection of 6 flood lights and 3m high (max) gates and wall to front boundary at Aura Truck Barton Road Wisbech. **Pending Consideration**

### **2. Planning applications for discussion:**

(a) F/YR16/0922/F Erection of 4 x 3-storey dwellings comprising of 2 x 5/6 bed with detached double garage with playroom above; 1 x 5-bed with detached double garage with playroom above and 1 x 5-bed with attached hovel. Land West Of Sunset Rooms Station Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mrs M Symonds, Mrs L Goodger & Ms J Plumb. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards.

Following discussion 7 voted against and 0 in favour due to over development and insufficient access. **Recommend Refusal**

(b) F/YR16/0932/O Erection of 4no dwellings (outline with matters committed in respect of access only). Land North West Of Drummond Lodge Spencer Drove Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr R Gilbert. Agent Morton & Hall Consulting Ltd. Following discussion 7 voted in favour 0 against. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR16/0933/F Erection of a 2-storey 5 bed dwelling with attached double garage and a 1m high (max height) fence to front boundary. Plot 3 Land South East Of Gore Villas Mill Road Murrow.

Applicant Mr M Gillard. Agent Mr N Lowe. **Recommend Approval**

**3. (a) Swann Edwards Architecture email 2/11/16.** Land at Mill Road, Murrow – community benefit

**(b) Swann Edwards Architecture email 2/11/16.** Land at Gull Road, Guyhirn – community benefit

The Clerk clarified that this was a request from the agent for the community benefit and sum requested by the Parish Council. The Chairman invited Cllr Booth to comment. Cllr Booth said that it was a matter for the Parish Council to specify the amount of contribution.

The Clerk added that a previous community benefit agreement relating to a different location had been agreed between the Developer and Parish Council but had never been presented for formal signing. During investigations the agent reported that an agreement has been signed between his

client and the District Council. The Clerk was asked to ascertain what agreement had been signed, whether payment had been made and who to, and whether the donation to the cost of a bus shelter was a condition of the agreement.

With reference to items 3(a) and 3(b) above following discussion it was agreed unanimously to adopt a community benefit sum of £400 per number of bedrooms. It was noted that this applied to all proposed properties of three bedrooms and above. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) CCC – Winter Gritting Routes **Noted**
- (b) CCC – Exclusive Energy Rates It was agreed that the scheme could be posted in Notice Boards.
- (c) Wisbech St Mary Car Scheme – thank you **Noted**

## 7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- (a) Street Lighting
  - (i) Estimate for the replacement of a damaged lantern FPC 5A Front Road Murrow £359.94 **Agreed**
- (b) Street Pride – Cllr Knight reported that only two people had shown an interest so it was difficult to see how this could be developed in the short term. He added that there had been more support for help with the planters, plants had been allocated to the helpers and should be planted over the next three weeks. Cllr Wheeler suggested that StreetPride be promoted again in the Spring in particular on Facebook. The Chairman invited Cllr Booth to comment who said that turnout varied according to the type of activity. It was agreed that StreetPride would be reconsidered at the February meeting.

## 8. FINANCE MATTERS

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for 2016/17 to date.  
The Clerk circulated copies to all and drew attention to the unrepresented cheques and income not yet shown on the bank statement. The bank reconciliation again balanced. With reference to the Wash Pit Fund it was suggested that consideration be given to purchasing land such that it could then be rented out and the income put to constructive use.  
The bank reconciliation and bank statement was checked and signed by Cllr Knight.
- (b) Financial Regulations  
The Clerk circulated copies to all and reported that there had been changes since last year.
- (c) Standing Orders  
The Clerk circulated copies to all and reported that there had been no changes since last year.

### ***To approve payment of outstanding accounts:***

- (d) Clerk October 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 £59.00 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**
  - (g) Guyhirn Village Hall – hire 10 October 2016 £35.00 LG Act 1972 S134 **Agreed**
- Cllr Wheeler declared an interest in the next item (h) and took no part in discussions.

(h) Sarah J Wheeler Caterer £75.00 LG Act 1972 S111  
The Chairman expressed concern at the cost as only two volunteers had turned up. Cllr Knight explained that he had catered for 25 but only 9 had attended. An invoice for the hire of the Church room was expected. Following discussion payment was approved.

- (i) B Britain – reimbursement of Bank View Nursery costs £140.00 LG Misc Prov 1976 S196 **Agreed**
- (j) Clerks & Councils Direct – subscription £132.00 LG Act 1972 S143 **Agreed**
- (k) K Clarke War Memorial maintenance £100.00 War Memorials (LA Powers Act) 1923 **Agreed**
- (l) Glasdon UK Ltd – new seat £585.27 Parish Councils Act 1957 S1 **Agreed**

### **Grant application**

- (m) Murrow Pre-School Local Government Act 1972 S 137
- Following discussion and a review of previous grants made Cllr Fish proposed a Grant of £1000 seconded by Cllr Scrimshaw. **Agreed**

## 9. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance – seat Chapel Avenue Wisbech St Mary. The new seat had been received and would now be installed. Cllr Knight advised that the nameplate had been routed into the old timber seat. Consideration would be given to how this might be fixed to the new seat.

(b) Bus Shelters – deferred to next meeting as Cllr Broker was absent.

(c) Defibrillators – two have been received – (i) for Guyhirn to go on the rails of the self-store near Play2Day and (ii) Wisbech St Mary – site yet to be agreed. The Clerk will be making a bid for two defibrillators through the Wryde Cross Wind Farm community benefit project – one for Thorney Toll and one for Murrow.

(d) Planters

Following discussion it was agreed that sponsors would be invited to pay a one off charge of £50 for which the Parish Council would pay to have a plate twice the depth of a number plate fixed to the appropriate planter ‘Sponsored by .....’

## **10. HIGH ROAD WISBECH ST MARY – SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE**

Cllr Booth reported that he had contacted the Drainage Board and was awaiting figures.

## **11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Booth reported:

1. Brown bin charges will be introduced and communicated during December.
2. Devolution discussions were continuing. It is believed that the government have said that there will be no devolution deal unless there is a directly elected mayor. £20m per year could be paid into the combined authority. Evidence in compliance with ‘The Green Book’ would be required to support potential projects.
3. He will contact CCC again regarding the sunken gully at Tholomas Drove.
4. Pigeons Corner Local Highway Improvement (LHI) - he will contact CCC to ascertain progress as it is planned to be completed this financial year.
5. 2017/18 LHI – Cllr Booth asked what contribution the Parish Council would be prepared to make towards the speed reduction project at Wisbech St Mary. Cllr Fish proposed £3000 seconded by Cllr Wheeler. **Agreed unanimously.**

## **12. POLICE MATTERS Nil**

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (for information only)

1. The Chairman reported that Cllr Steve Count Leader of CCC would be attending the next meeting to speak on boundary changes and suggested councillors may like to consider any other issues they might like to raise.
2. Cllr Fish reported that there had been four recent accidents at Thorney Toll. He requested the Clerk to find out if the speed camera was working.
3. Cllr Newland reported that she had set up a Facebook page: wsmparish

## **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Thorney Toll Village Hall

## **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2016/2017**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Guyhirn Village Hall

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Thorney Toll Village Hall

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

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman