

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 16th January 2017 at 7pm in Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), M Knight (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, D Broker, P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, S Mann, D Scrimshaw, Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.
Inspector Will Davis.
Members of the public 6.

OPEN FORUM

1. Mr R Boyce objected to the planning application proposals 6.2(c) below as he considered the proposed access to be in a dangerous location, difficult for access and for pedestrians crossing the road when new houses were occupied. In addition, the proposed development is in a flood area.
2. Ms H Wilson objected to the proposals in 6.2 (c) below. The site of the proposed access was hazardous and congested, there had been three accidents last year. High Road was a busy road and a diversion route if the A47 was closed. Ms Wilson challenged statements in the application and concluded that the village could not support a development of this size as there were others not yet completed and occupied. It was also in a flood risk area.
3. Mr S Beakhouse expressed concern regarding the proposals in 6.2 (c) and supported those comments made. He was also concerned that the application could open a route for a future development.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE D Wheeler illness, J Newland.

2. INSPECTOR WILL DAVIS CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY

Inspector Davis was welcomed by the Chairman.

Inspector Davis stated that his objectives were to introduce himself and explain the structure of local policing teams. He had identified the need to standardize how the police interact with the public such as Parish Councils, schools, Neighbourhood Watch Groups etc. and recommended using the neighbourhood police mailbox (Wisbech.NPT@cambs.pnn.police.uk). He apologized for the lack of police reports and had rectified the situation adding that if a police presence was required at meetings please make the request.

Local policing teams consisted of five response teams based in Wisbech and March and covered rural villages. Fenland was a busy District with many challenges including fourteen child care homes which generated needs that were a high priority. Operation Pheasant was also an ongoing high priority to tackle exploitation including houses of multiple occupancy. In addition, there were crimes such as burglaries and long term problem solving issues that local response teams could not tackle. CID dealt with the more complex cases.

Cllr Britain asked about hare coursing- Inspector Davis replied that this was considered a serious issue to which response vehicles and helicopter had been deployed. The challenge was to get evidence that would lead to a conviction. Vehicles and dogs had been seized. The police will continue to press for convictions. Cllr Allen commented that he was aware that often other crimes were involved and he complemented the Team on the good job that they do.

Cllr Davies asked about contact numbers – Inspector Davis replied that 999/101 could be used. In addition, an email to the local team was recommended and would be answered when the team were next on duty. PCSO Sue Clarke could be contacted for some issues but should not be used as the main point of contact.

Cllr Fish stated that the safety camera at Thorney Toll A47 did not work. Inspector Davis said safety cameras were operated from HQ - he would check and reply.

Cllr Knight raised the 'no right turn' from Guyhirn onto A47. Inspector Davis replied that he was aware but that all issues must be prioritized and resources deployed to the more serious issues. He would consider action but could not guarantee it.

Cllr Booth added that the next Police Forum was at Gorefield at the end of February and asked for more notice to encourage more people to attend. Inspector Davis replied that a new process was being rolled out – community engagement on line.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Davis for attending.

3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 12th December 2016

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

(a) Footpath and ramp Gull Road to A47, Guyhirn. The Clerk reported that Highways England had cleaned the steps and ramp. The missing section of barrier had yet to be replaced.

(b) F/YR15/0189/F Community Benefit. The Clerk reported that despite two requests an answer from FDC had not been received. Cllr Booth agreed to investigate.

5. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda

Cllr P Davies – item 6.2 (i) as he is a trustee of Poors Allotment Charity, and item 10 (f) as he has a personal interest.

Cllr C Allen – item 6 (i).

Cllr D Broker – item 6.2 (e) pecuniary interest.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

(a) F/YR16/0978/F Conversion of existing garage to 2-bed annexe ancillary to existing dwelling. Fen View Gull Drove Guyhirn. **Granted**

(b) F/YR16/1013/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling. Laburnham House Garden Lane Wisbech St Mary. **Granted**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(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.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Vitulli. Agent Mr Hadleigh Chapman. **Recommend Approval**

(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. No comment.

(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. Applicant Mr Martin Holmes. Agent Mr Robin Briscoe. Following discussion refusal was proposed by Cllr Mann seconded by Cllr Fish and agreed unanimously to object due to highway safety and access considerations. **Recommend Refusal**

(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. Applicant Waldon Telecom. Agent Ms J Baller. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/YR16/1146/F Erection of an agricultural storage building. Woodlands Sandbank Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr A Woods. Agent Mr David Broker. **Recommend Approval**

(f) F/YR16/1157/O Erection of 7no dwellings (Outline with all matters reserved). Land South West Of The Orchards Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr R Yates. Agent Mr Simon Lemmon. By a majority vote of 5 in favour 2 against. **Recommend Approval**

(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. Applicant Mr & Mrs A White. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

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

Cllr Davies took no part in discussions for the following item.

(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. Applicant Mr P Davies. Agent Mr G Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

Clerk to check potential community benefit opportunity.

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

Applicant Mr A Combe. Agent n/a. Due to the height of the fence on a blind corner and encroachment on the highway **Recommend Refusal**

(k) F/YR16/1176/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Roman Way Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr Lee Godwin. Agent Mr Robert Mitchell. **Recommend Approval**

(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 Rummers Lane Wisbech St Mary. This was added to the agenda as the deadline for comment was 30 January. **No comment**

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Parochial Church Council – thank you

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting. The Clerk advised that a meeting had been proposed for 23 January.

9. BUDGET FOR 2017/18 FOR PRECEPT

The Clerk drew attention to the predicted year end reserves for 2016/17 and, taking into account the predicted income for 2017/18 and proposed budget of £85,805, the predicted end year reserves for 2017/18. Councillors discussed future commitments. As the future of Murrow Village Hall was uncertain it was agreed that this could be removed. Cllr Allen explained that grants available for recreational activity were currently going elsewhere but that the plans for Guyhirn Playing Field were Live. It was agreed that the pledge remain in place.

It was agreed that the Precept should remain the same at £53,732 and the Budget for 2017/18 £85805. The Clerk was authorised to complete the Precept Form and return it to FDC.

10. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) Budget Review of future commitments. Covered by discussions in item 9 above.

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk October salary	£699.19 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(c) Tax and NI	£242.52 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(d) Clerk postage and office consumables	£117.79 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(e) Cambs ACRE membership	£54.00 LG Act 1972 S143 Agreed
(f) DriveTime New bench base and fitting	£670.00 Parish Councils Act 1957 Agreed

Grant application

(g) Relate Cambridge – request a contribution £500

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Allen seconded by Cllr Fish that the £500 requested could be better spent elsewhere for greater benefit for the Parish. Councillors would reconsider if presented with figures that demonstrated a greater need in the Parish.

11. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

(i) Guyhirn Pond – potential sale. Councillors discussed the request and noted that a previous survey of villagers had narrowly voted to retain the pond. The Clerk was asked to obtain a valuation from the Valuation Office Agency.

(b) Bus Shelters.

Cllr Broker had invited three quotations for the bases and would report back.

(c) Defibrillators.

It was agreed that the Chairman would explore the possibility of installing lighting for the unit near Play2Day.

The Clerk advised that the bid for two defibrillators had been made to the Wryde Croft Wind Farm Community Fund and acknowledged.

Cllr Broker agreed to follow up the proposal for the unit at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre to be moved to an outside wall.

(d) Planters

Cllr Knight reported that all winter planting had been completed. The Oliver Twist Country Inn had offered to sponsor a planter. The Clerk reported that eight invoices for sponsorships had been sent out, five paid so far. At the end of the month the clerk will provide a list of those who have paid to the Chairman so signs can be made.

12. HIGH ROAD WISBECH ST MARY – SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

Cllr Booth reported that he had met with Mr P Sharman (NLIDB) who had agreed to progress the proposals and organise a meeting at the Primary School.

13. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported:

- a) that Cllr King had asked if Parson Drove Parish Council would be continuing with the FDC street lighting budget arrangements. Presumably this will apply to all Parishes. FDC would like to know by the end of February.
- b) The new monitoring officer at FDC is Kim Sayer.
- c) Guyhirn roundabout design proposals – a public consultation was expected shortly.
- d) Polling Places – remain the same.
- e) Local Minor Highway Improvements – Cllr Booth has responded for both Murrow and Wisbech St Mary. Meeting with CCC 8 February.
- f) Wisbech Garden Town – this could mean 10,000 new houses. Possibly at Leverington with significant changes to A47.

14. POLICE MATTERS – see item 2 above.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

- a) Sign cleansing was discussed. The Clerk was asked to add Volunteering to the next Agenda.
- b) Cllr Broker asked if The Jetty footpath could be hard surfaced as it was difficult for those in wheelchairs to use.
- c) It was suggested that more of the Parish Councils work should be promoted in Village Voices.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th February 2017 Guyhirn Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2016/2017

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 8.50 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman