

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 at 7pm in Thorney Toll Village Hall.**

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

Fenland District Council (FDC) Councillor G Booth.

Members of the public 4.

## OPEN FORUM

Mr Mark Fish complained that allotments rented from Roddons (Circle Housing) at the rear of houses 3 – 16 Thorney Road were in a very poor condition and required a major clean up. He described poultry houses, tractors, horse boxes and an ambulance which were all on site contrary to the allotment tenancy agreement. The problem had been going on for 11 years and had been brought to the attention of Roddons with no success. He asked for the Councils support to try to get some action. The Clerk was asked to write to Roddons and Fenland District Council (FDC) as there was an environmental health issue.

Mr Peter Barnes commented on how nice the planters looked and highlighted the need to keep the grass cut back around them on a regular basis.

He raised the issue of Bellamy Bridge and said that the same problems still exist and that another accident was likely. Signing was also lacking.

Mr Barnes complained of overgrown vegetation at various locations, and that the access onto the A47 at Guyhirn needs to be addressed.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Newland, Scrimshaw and Knight.

**2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS** dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 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)

The Clerk provided an update on the following items:

Minute 8(a) Local Highway Improvement 2016/17 – a response to CCC was sent 13 July 2016.

Minute 8(b) The sunken gully o/s The Chequers was already on the CCC defects mapping system. In addition an email had been sent to CCC asking for an indication of what response could be expected.

Minute 8(b) Guyhirn Churchyard – a letter had gone to the Diocesan Secretary 18 July 2016.

Minute 8(c) A reminder that a quotation was required had been sent to FDC 31 July 2016.

Minute 10(a) An order for repainting Guyhirn Village sign had been sent 13 July 2016.

Minute 10(b) The Clerk confirmed that Parish Councils have the power in accordance with The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 to 'provide and maintain' bus shelters and must have the consent of the Highway Authority to do so. In addition, he had asked CAPALC if there was an obligation to engage the County Council to install them – the response was that there was no such obligation.

Minute 13 David Bailey (FDC) will attend the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

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

Cllr Davis declared a non-pecuniary personal interest in item 10(a).

**5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS**

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

(a) F/YR14/0980/F Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing Community Centre at Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre Limited Playing Field Beechings Close Wisbech St Mary. Revised proposals. **Granted**

(b) F/YR16/0409/F Withdrawn. Change of use of land to domestic garden/equestrian use and erection of 2no stable blocks, 2no hardstandings and a greenhouse. Land South West Of Wispers Barn Gull Drove Guyhirn. **Noted**

(c) F/YR16/0443/F Erection of a part single-storey, part 2-storey side and front extension to existing dwelling, formation of vehicular access to Church Road and erection of 1.2m high (max) wall to front boundary. Two Hoots Churchfield Way Wisbech St Mary. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR16/0490/TRTPO Works to a Yew tree covered by TPO 08/2008. St Mary Magdelene Church High Road Guyhirn. **Granted**

(e) F/YR16/0505/F Erection of 2-storey side and single-storey rear extensions to existing dwelling and detached triple garage with store over, including demolition of existing outbuildings. 1 Grange Farm Cottages Thorney Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

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

(a) F/YR16/0544/F Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with detached garage involving demolition of existing out-building. Land West Of Bramble Corner Plash Drove Tholomas Drove.

Applicant Mr & Mrs T Fowler. Agent Mr G Edwards. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR16/0548/F Formation of a reservoir bounded by 2.0m (max height) earth Bund. Volmary Limited Station Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr J Banton. Agent Mr R. Briscoe. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR16/0565/F Erection of 1no warehouse/vehicle maintenance and historic vehicle showroom building involving demolition of existing buildings, 2no covered unloading extensions to existing warehouse and 1no high bay warehouse building and extension of car parking area involving change of use of adjoining agricultural land.

Bretts Transport Thorney Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr Simon Brett. Agent Mr Robin Briscoe. **Recommend Approval**

(d) F/YR16/0575/F Change of use of land to domestic garden to extend curtilage of existing dwelling (retrospective). Land South West Of Wispers Barn Gull Drove Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr Macdonald. Agent Miss G Humphrey. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/YR16/0595/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling with new boundary wall (1.7m max), involving demolition of existing outbuilding. Marsham High Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mrs R Davie. Agent Mr R Swann. **Recommend Approval**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Clerk read an invitation received after the agendas had been sent out from North Level District Internal Drainage Board to a day visit on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Cllrs Mann and Wheeler will attend. **Agreed**

## **7. DEVOLUTION**

The Clerk referred to an FDC email regarding Devolution proposals circulated 21 July 2016. He stressed the closing date for the consultation 23 August 2016 and that notices had been posted on the Notice Boards and were available on line. He added that the CAPALC event of 15 July had included Gillian Beazley Chief Executive Officer of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council who had described the consultation with Parish Councils undertaken in Peterborough. Ms Beazley expected a similar consultation in Cambridgeshire together with an event for Parish Councils possibly in October. The Chairman added that the Council should consider its needs and be prepared to respond.

## **8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

### **(a) Street Lighting**

The Clerk read an FDC email dated 1 August 2016 confirming that they had again chased Balfour Beatty for a quotation for the replacement of FPC 11 High Road Guyhirn with a new column.

### **(b) Street Pride**

Cllr Booth reported that he and Cllr Knight had met with potential members of a Street Pride group and they had agreed to establish a group and identify persons to fill the roles. A meeting was planned for 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10am at the Church House to encourage volunteers and carry out a litter pick. He requested £52 to enable some light refreshments to be provided. Proposed by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Humphrey. **Agreed**

### **(c) Local Highway Improvement projects 2017/18**

Cllr Booth reported that he had met with CCC Matt Pickering who will refer proposals to the Safety Team and develop proposals and an estimated cost. He added that future proposals will need to be submitted online.

Cllr Booth referred to the Maintenance Schedule 2017/18 which included works at Seadyke Bank, Murrow Lane and Gull Drove to improve the surfaces but that these schemes would be subject to budgetary pressures. He had raised the issue of the sunken Gully with Amanda Mays who will consider options for a more robust repair.

He has raised the issue of overhanging vegetation. CCC need to know the owner of the land and then have to write three times over a period of months before they can take action.

## 9. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) Barclays Treasury Deposit

The Clerk referred to a new Treasury Deposit investment which would mature 18 July 2017 and earn £750 interest. **Noted**

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

(b) Clerk July salary	£698.99 G Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(c) Tax and NI	£242.72 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(d) Clerk postage and office consumables	£112.86 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(e) Village Voices newsletter	£200.00 LG Act 1972 S111 <b>Agreed</b>
(f) Village Voices advert	£25.00 LG Act 1972 S111 <b>Agreed</b>
(g) Tower Mint Ltd commemorative medals	£49.66 LG Act 1972 S145 <b>Agreed</b>
(h) Bowles Tree & Garden Services Invoice 406 contract maintenance	£1,140
	LG Misc Prov 1976 S196 <b>Agreed</b>

### **Grant application**

(i) 15<sup>th</sup> Wisbech (North Level Parishes) Scout Group LG Act 1972 S137

The Clerk circulated a copy of the request and said he had responded with the standard letter and guidance notes but additional information had not been received. Following discussion, it was agreed to await full details before considering the application further.

## 10. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance – Quotation – Bus Shelter Concrete Base Repair

Cllr Davies took no part in discussions having declared a personal interest. The Clerk reported that three quotations had been invited: One had sent his apologies as he was unable to meet the timescale. Councillors discussed the remaining two quotations. It was proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Fish that the lower of the quotations be accepted. **Agreed** unanimously

(b) Bus Shelters

Cllr Broker reminded Council that he had prepared plans, proposed bus shelters were at CCC bus stops and therefore at locations that the CCC considered safe for a bus to stop, and had received a response that requested Stage 1 and Stage 2 Road Safety Audits at a significant cost. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Broker would ask CCC for a Pre-audit discussion which was free of charge and stress that bus shelters were proposed at their bus stops and at locations that offered no apparent risk.

(c) Defibrillators

Cllr Broker reported that he had identified a preferred make and some locations but competing pressures had prevented further progress. The Chairman asked for a volunteer to take the initiative forward. Following discussion, it was suggested that Cllr Knight take the lead with Cllr Broker supporting. It was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

(d) Tholomas Drove amenity area – it was reported that a vehicle was parked on the area. The Chairman invited Mr N Lee to comment. He said that a yard had been cleared resulting in slurry on the highway and a farm vehicle had been parked with no lights or warning signs which were both hazards and potentially dangerous. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Broker seconded by Cllr Davies that the Clerk would write a further letter to Mr Cannon pointing out that he has a duty of care to road users and should not be using the highway or amenity area for parking a vehicle. Six Councillors were in favour. **Agreed**

## 11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr G Booth reported:

1. Street Lighting - At a meeting 21 July Cllr King was committed to consultation with Parish Councils. There was likely to be meeting August/September to discuss the options following the FDC tendering process.
2. Brown Bin consultation – there had been a very good response, many complaining of the proposal. We await the results of consultations.
3. Grants – proposals were to cut various grants.
4. New Horizons Bus – cut.
5. Devolution – progressing. Cllr Booth encouraged a response to the consultation.

## **12. POLICE MATTERS**

Nil received.

1. Cllr Wheeler raised the issue of a car part burnt out at Main Road, Tholomas Drove that had a Police Aware notice on it. The car remained there for some time until fully burnt out and eventually removed. The Clerk was asked to enquire why it could not have been removed sooner.
2. Cllr Broker referred to a letter from the Dade family regarding a straw bale pushed into a ditch by children rear of the Community Centre Wisbech St Mary. Councillor agreed that this was a private matter.
3. Cllr Mann raised the issue of vehicles turning right into the A47 at Guyhirn which is signed no right turn. There had been many instances witnessed of vehicles turning right. He asked if a camera could be installed that may lead to prosecutions that may deter others. Following discussion, it was agreed that remodelling the junction would help. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police and Highways England enquiring what could be done.

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

The Clerk referred to an email from CAPALC circulated 1 August which included opportunities for Councillor training in September. The Chairman encouraged Councillors to attend.

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

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016    Wisbech St Mary Primary School

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

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Guyhirn Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman