

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7pm in the Oliver Twist Country Inn.

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

Members of the public 2

Cambridgeshire County Council and FDC Cllrs J French and S King.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr French to her first meeting of the Parish Council.

### OPEN FORUM

(a) Mr Coleman complemented the new bus shelter at Thorney Toll. He asked if the two trees nearest the shelter and on the approach to the shelter could be trimmed back to improve visibility.

(b) Mr E Neal referred to the same issue he had raised at the August meeting. He had tried to contact FDC officers on several occasions but no one had got back to him. The issue is that many people have mobile accommodation on their land but travellers always have problems when they move mobile accommodation onto land.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr J Fish and Fenland District Council(FDC) Cllr Booth. The Chairman reported that Cllr Fish was recovering but had suffered a setback, he hoped to be at the next meeting.

**2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS** dated 11th September 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) A47 Guyhirn roundabout – complaint regarding appearance 23 September 2017.

The Clerk read a response from Kier that they are working to ensure the works are completed and are awaiting a suitable opportunity to undertake the work without causing unnecessary disruption to A47 traffic flows.

(b) A47 Thorney Toll – complaint regarding carriageway condition 23 September 2017. The Clerk reported the response from Kier included that resurfacing was still indicated as commencing 9 October.

(c) The Clerk reported that he had received a response from CCC that the damaged sign post reported 12 September had been actioned 6 October.

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

Cllr Newland item 5(c)

Cllr Allen item 5(a)

### 5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

(a) F/YR17/0783/F Erection of a single-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling. Leylandii The Pigeons Murrow. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR17/0784/F Erection of a 1.85m (max height) fence and the formation of a pond (to keep Koi Carp) (retrospective) at Land South of Hazeldene Gull Road Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(e) F/YR17/0787/F Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with garage and change of use of land to extend residential curtilage involving demolition of existing dwelling (part retrospective) at Leighwood Mouth Lane Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR17/0820/F Erection of a 2-storey, 4-bed dwelling and a detached double garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding at The Broad Willock Lane Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mrs L Brownlow, Francis Hardy Charity. Agent Mr G Edwards Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.

Following discussion councillors believed that proposals had been revised. **No Decision**

(b) F/YR17/0846/TRTPO. Works to 1 x Oak tree covered by TPO 16/1990 at Oakden 82 Murrow Bank Murrow.

Applicant Mr William Gibbs. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR17/0787/F Revised Proposals. Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with garage and formation of raised patio and change of use of land to extend residential curtilage involving demolition of existing dwelling (part retrospective) at Leighwood Mouth Lane Guyhirn.

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

(d) F/YR17/0903/F Erection of a single-storey extension to the front of existing dwelling involving demolition of conservatory at Elnathan Rummers Lane Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Miller. Agent Mr C Rudd, Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/YR17/0904/F Erection of a 1.8m high (max height) close boarded fence to boundary of existing (retrospective) at At Last High Road Wisbech St Mary

Applicant Ms A Baker. Agent Mr R Swann, Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Davies requested that planning applications be kept on the list until a decision was known.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Cambridgeshire ACRE – Consultation on Local Development Plan

(b) The Clerk referred to an email received confirming the meeting arranged by Highways England for 19 October at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre regarding improvements to the A47 roundabout at Guyhirn

## 7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Bellamy Bridge – Meeting 10 October 2017 **Noted**

(b) Jointly Funded Minor Highway Improvements 2018/19

Following discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Wheeler and Britain would attend the meeting at North Highways Division with Cllr Booth.

(c) Street Lighting - Ruth Hufton, Chair Doddington Parish Council – meeting 19 October.

It was agreed that the Clerk would attend together with Cllrs Wheeler and Patrick.

- Fenland District Council tendering process

(d) Bus Shelters – The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd regarding application F/YR16/0194F Mole End, Gull Road, Guyhirn. The Parish Council agreed a £4000 payment for community benefit in Guyhirn. Following holdups the planners are now in a position to support the proposal. FDC Planning have requested that instead of going down the route of a legal agreement they would accept the payment being paid directly to the Parish Council's account and confirmation that this will be used for community projects in Guyhirn along the lines which we have done before. The Clerk explained that if the Parish Council agree he would advise Swann Edwards, they then advise FDC Planning, they then draft the planning approval and advise Swann Edwards, the client will then pay £4000 direct into the Parish Council account, when receipt has been confirmed the Clerk will advise Swann Edwards who will advise FDC Planning who will then issue the planning approval. Whilst this is a somewhat unconventional approach FDC Planning are being pragmatic and trying to ease the bottleneck that exists around legal agreements. Following discussion the proposal was unanimously agreed.

## 8. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive a budgetary control report for 2017/18 to date.

The Clerk drew attention to current income of £65,905 and to income expected of FDC Grant 50% and income from allotments. Current expenditure is £66,984. He explained that predicted expenditure to year end could be £37,500 giving a predicted expenditure outturn figure of £104,484. While this was above the budget for this year last years expenditure had been below last years budget.

Consequently the additional expenditure could be funded from reserves. The predicted outturn at year end was expected to be comfortably above the precept figure of £53,732. It was noted that there were other income streams from planning obligations and insurance claims that were expected but not guaranteed. **Noted**

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

(b) Clerk August salary

£636.72 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(c) Tax and NI

£198.62 LG Act 1972 **Agreed**

(d) Clerk postage and office consumables

£117.30 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

- (e) Shelter Solutions – four bus shelters £16683.60 LGMisc Prov Act 1953, S4 **Agreed**
- (f) Wisbech Electrical Ltd – supply to defibrillator T/Toll £449.40 Public Health Act 1936 S234 **Agreed**
- (g) Electrical Testing Ltd – Inspection & testing part 1 £1428.00 Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 **Agreed**

#### **Grant application**

- (h) Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre - £5,000 towards sports equipment for the new indoor sports facility. LG Misc Prov 1976 S19  
The Clerk read the application. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Patrick that a grant of £2,000 be approved. Cllr Knight proposed £2,500, seconded by Cllr Allen. A grant of £2,500 was agreed by five votes to three.
- (i) Murrow Pre-School LG Act 1972 S137  
The Clerk read the application and referred to the charity's income and expenditure. A grant of £1000 was proposed by Cllr Allen seconded by Cllr Newland. Unanimously **Agreed**

### **9. PARISH PROPERTY**

- (a) Maintenance  
The Clerk reported maintenance up to date. Treework at Guyhirn Pond was programmed for 30 October.
- (b) Bus Shelters  
Four new bus shelters had been installed and had been well received. Cllr Knight was thanked for his efforts in progressing the project to completion. Cllr Knight reported that those brick built shelters had been painted green to match the new ones.  
It was reported that the damaged CCC footpath sign near the Jetty still requires attention and a sign is missing from the CCC bus stop sign opposite the Bridge Inn Wisbech St Mary.  
Cllr Newland suggested a future bid for a new bus stop, hardstanding and shelter.
- (c) Defibrillators  
The Chairman reported that the four defibrillators were operational.
- (d) Planters  
One new planter was proposed at Long Acre Garden Centre. The wording of a proposed sponsorship sign was agreed, excluding a directional arrow. The Chairman had obtained three quotes for compost – Long Acre Garden Centre quote of £3 per bag was **agreed**.
- (e) Cllr Humphrey reported a crack appearing in the footpath surface at the Jetty. It was agreed that this should be sealed before winter.

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

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held. An update is expected at the next meeting.

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

Cllr French reported;

- a) Request for a bus stop sign at Sandbank o/s The Bridge Inn – Cllr French agreed to look into this, if it is an unofficial stop then a sign would not be appropriate.
- b) Highway works planned by CCC
- c) The meeting with Cllr Count to discuss Bellamys Bridge
- d) Cllr Count will respond to issues raised by Cllr Davies during a tour around the Parish

Cllr King reported;

- a) He has emailed Highways England regarding the overgrown roundabout at Guyhirn
- b) The proposed further round of consultation on the Guyhirn roundabout proposals at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
- c) The Combined authority are taking a broader view in respect to the A47 including dualling
- d) CCC will look to bid for external funding for highway improvements at Gull Road, Cants Drove to Plash Drove, and the worst sections of Gull Drove, and Murrow Lane, Silt Pit Lane to Front Road

(e) Cllr King raised the issue of the FDC Street Lighting contract and asked if the Parish Council had decided whether or not it wished to be included in the tendering process. He said that being included in the tender process carried no obligation on the Parish Council to accept tender figures or to be a part of any subsequent contract. It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler seconded by Cllr Davies that the Parish Councils 149 lights be included in the FDC tendering process with no obligation to be included in any subsequent contract. Unanimously **agreed**

Cllr King added that firm figures should be available early next year and the contract expected to commence 1 April 2018.

(f) The Chairman raised the long standing issue of trees at Silt Pit Lane, Tholomas Drove opposite the Chequers Inn – they were very large, large branches occasionally fell and trees had come down. He asked CCC to investigate ownership and take appropriate action. This was one of the issues Cllr Davies had emailed Cllr Count about.

## **12. POLICE MATTERS Nil**

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

- a) Cllr Knight drew attention to the poor quality of grass cutting. It had been left to grow very high such that it was unsightly when cut. Complaints had been received from Wisbech St Mary and Murrow.
- b) Cllr Wheeler stressed the need for a police presence, once a quarter would be appreciated
- c) Cllr Humphrey reported parked vehicles obstructing the highway at Bevis Lane
- d) The Chairman requested volunteers to place Remembrance Wreaths, he would do Wisbech St Mary, Cllr Davies Guyhirn and Cllr Patrick Murrow.

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

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

### **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2017/18**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Oliver Twist Country Inn
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 Annual Assembly and AGM	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman