

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday, 7th October 2013 at Guyhirn Village Hall

PRESENT

B Britain ViceChairman	C Allen	P Barnes	D Broker	P Davies	J Fish	T Fowler
	T Jennings	B Reay				
Visitors	Canon M Bradbury	G Booth (District Councillor)	G Gillick (County Councillor)			
Parishioners	E Chandler	J Chandler	G Edwards	S Ellis	C Inns	A Kingerley
	B Patrick	P Patrick	L Sayer	S Williamson		

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from M Clarke and B Payne.

OPEN FORUM - Members of the public are invited to address the Council.

- Mr G Edwards asked the Parish Council to support F/YR13/0691/O residential development 19 no dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings Fern House, Gull Road, Guyhirn. The meeting was advised that this a development of 19 houses with a mixture of private and social housing. This development will provide a play area and Section 106 funding for improvements to the local school.
- Several local residents requested that the Parish Council not support the development Fern House, Gull Road, Guyhirn. This is infill and partly beyond the development area. This would set a president for all properties in Gull Road, Guyhirn.
- The meeting was asked to support F/YR13/0680/F erection of a 2 storey 4 bed agricultural dwelling Applebys, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary to enable owners of this business to build a house to enable them to live close to their work. It was stated that this would have no detriment to neighbours or the village.
- A local resident requested that the Parish Council not support F/YR13/0648/F erection of 4 no 3 bed and 8 no 2 bed 2 storey dwellings with associated external works and parking land south east of 6 Gull Road, Guyhirn and F/YR13/0691/O residential development 19 no dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings Fern House, Gull Road, Guyhirn as both these developments would have detrimental effort to the countryside and the village scene and would put a strain on the limited village facilities. The development of 19 houses is partly out of the building line and the development of 12 affordable houses is on charity allotment land, which is needed by the existing parishioners for allotments.
- A local resident stated that Fenland District Council's objective is to build as many social houses as possible to the detriment of the village scene and have given no thought to existing residents who wish to live in the countryside.

134. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 9th September 2013

The minutes of the 9th September 2013 were signed as a true record.

135. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

Mr Davies stated that as agreed at the last meeting he had visited the bus shelter in Selwyn Corner and that there is now a slight fall to the back and therefore, suggested that this is satisfactory and the matter should be closed.

136. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda.

Mr P Davies declared a personal interest on item 139a and 143(1).

Mr T Fowler declared a personal interest on item 139a.

Mr C Allen declared a personal interest on item 139a.

137. CANON MATTHEW BRADBURY TO SPEAK ABOUT GUYHIRN CHURCHYARD

Canon M Bradbury advised the meeting that he wished the Parish Council to give consideration to the churchyard at the Chapel of Ease, Guyhirn. They have recently started a new row, but several of the existing graves have an exceptionally wide gap between them. This is due in some cases that a space has been left for a partner and have never been utilised. This space was needed as due to the level of the water table there is no double graves in this churchyard. The Parish Council were asked to consider whether burials should be allowed in these spaces and any new graves tighter together. It was agreed that this matter should be discussed at the next meeting and the Parish Council write to Canon Bradbury with their decision.

138. POLICE MATTERS

- (a) A report was received from the Police for September and October outlining details of 14 crimes and 3 incidents. Included in the crimes were 4 thefts from motor vehicles, 6 shed and garage burglaries and 4 criminal damage. The three incidents included theft from charity bins and 2 suspicious circumstances regarding enquiries regarding stored caravans and hare coursing.
- (b) Letter from Sir Graham Bright Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioners regarding the launch of Neighbourhood Alert. **Noted website to sign up is www.ecops.org.uk.**

139 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

List of planning applications for discussion.

- (a) F/YR13/0648/F erection of 4 no 3 bed and 8 no 2 bed 2 storey dwellings with associated external works and parking land south east of 6 Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mrs F Coulson. Agent Mr T Welland. **We support this development and recommend approval. This decision was agreed by 4 votes to 1 with 3 abstentions by three councillors who were also Trustees of the Poors Allotment Charity.**
- (b) F/YR13/0670/F erection of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling land north east of Orchard Cottage, New Drove, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr A Waling. Agent Mr M Hall. **We support this development and recommend approval. This decision was agreed by 5 votes to 2 with 1 abstention.**
- (c) F/YR13/0663/EXTIME erection of a part 2 storey part single storey rear extension and detached double garage to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing single storey rear extension and existing detached garage (renewal of planning permission F/YR10/0501/F) Chelsfield, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr F Gormley. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR13/0678/EXTIME erection of a dwelling (renewal of planning permission F/YR10/0798/O) land south of Westbury, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mrs S Bunn. Agent Mr N Lowe. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (e) F/YR13/0681/F erection of 432 ground mounted photovoltaic panels (part retrospective) land west of Alan Hudson Limited, Bevis Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Alan Hudson Limited. Agent Miss C Harness. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (f) F/YR13/0691/O residential development 19 no dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings Fern House, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr D Burgess. Agent Mr G Edwards. **Refusal recommend as this is back fill and would set a precedent for all properties along this road. Recommend that frontage development would be more suitable for the village scene. A vote was taken and recommendation agreed by 8 votes.**
- (g) F/YR13/0680/F erection of a 2 storey 4 bed agricultural dwelling Applebys, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr B Patrick. Agent Mr Keith Hurst. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

140. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Clerk Magazine September 2013. **Noted.**
- (b) Clerks and Councils Direct September 2013. **Noted.**
- (c) CAPALC Training Courses. **Noted.**
- (d) FDC Annual Canvass posters. **Noted will place in village notice boards.**
- (e) Invitation to concert in memory of Bruce Wegg on the 13th October at St Peter & St Paul's Church Wisbech 2.30pm. **Noted.**
- (f) CCC Posters regarding Budget survey. **Noted will place in village notice boards.**
- (g) Thank you from Wisbech St Mary Luncheon Club. **Noted.**
- (h) Thank you from Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre for the Parish Councils continued support. **Noted.**

141. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) CCC Invitation for volunteers regarding winter volunteer scheme. **Noted.**
- (b) Copy of temporary traffic order for Back Road, Murrow for new sewer connection. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Road signs need replacing in Front Road Murrow and Pidgeons Corner, Murrow.
2. Numerous pot holes in Mouth Lane, Guyhirn.
3. Murrow Bank, Murrow side of the road subsiding. The drop both sides of the road is now 8 inches.
4. Path near Fern Tree Lodge, High Road, Guyhirn needs resurfacing.
5. Pot hole near Ken Thomas Haulage on the A47.
6. T junction Gull Drove, Guyhirn road sign needs repairing.
7. Numerous pot holes in Rummers Lane, Wisbech St Mary.
8. Footpath High Road, Guyhirn in need of repair and trees overgrown. There is only a footpath one side of the road and when walking on the road you have your back to the traffic.
9. Gull Bank, Guyhirn subsidence.
10. Sefton, Front Road, Murrow tree obscuring the streetlight.
11. Drain near The Chequers, High Road, Tholomas Drove subsiding.

Highways reports from Councillors on streetlights

1. Streetlight near Salix, Wisbech St Mary on intermittently.
2. School tree obscuring streetlight. Clerk requested to write to the school again.

142 **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2013/14 year to date. **The balance recorded was £129157.93.**
- (b) FDC second instalment of the Precept 24.09.13 £21866.00. **Noted.**
- (c) Completion Certificate for the audit 2012/13 from PKF Littlejohn. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(d) Clerk October salary	£600.00LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed.
(e) Tax & NI	£150.00LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed.
(f) S Bowles repair of seat in bus shelter	£350.00LGMis Prog1976 S196 Agreed.
(g) Frasers re Ely Diocese	£408.00LGMis Prog1976 S196 Agreed.
(h) PKF Littlejohn External Audit	£360.00Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996 S11996/590 Agreed.

To approve payment of grants

(i) Murrow Playing Field	£2500.00LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 Agreed.
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143. PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS

Parish Property Maintenance and Risk Assessment reports from Councillors

1. Fence to be erected at the Chapel of Ease to allow access to the Play area at Guyhirn. Notification from Fraser Dawbarns of the completion of the purchase of land from the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance. To receive an update on the estimate for the erection of the boundary fence. **Quotation of £2400 received. It was agreed unanimously that this work should go ahead.**
2. Guyhirn Bus Shelters at Selwyn Corner. **Mr Davies had inspected the additional work on this bus shelter and he advised the meeting that this work had made a slight fall to the rear of the shelter and that this was now satisfactory and the matter should be closed.**
3. Guyhirn War Memorial: proposal to move it to the entrance of Parish Council land in High Road. Diocese of Ely advising that we will need to obtain a Faculty for moving the memorial and one or more quotations that detail how the memorial is to be dismantled, moved and re-erected. **No quotation had been received but it was agreed to have a site meeting at the Chapel of Ease to discuss the siting of the war memorial if it was moved. The site meeting is on Sunday, 13th October at 10.00 am. C Allen, B Britain, D Broker, P Davies, T Fowler, T Jennings and G Gillick agreed to attend this meeting.**

The clerk advised the meeting that we had made no progress regarding the trees at Tholomas Drove and whether as a Parish Council we could fund work on trees that do not belong to the Parish Council.

144. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

Mr J Fish thanked the Parish Council for their support in funding the repairs and alterations to the Thorney Toll Village Hall. He stated that they had held a fund raising event and raised approximately £850.00.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

145. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 4th November 2013 – Murrow Village Hall

146. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2013/2014

Monday, 2 nd December 2013	–	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 6 th January 2014	–	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday, 10 th February 2014	-	Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday, 10 th March 2014	-	Murrow Village Hall
Monday, 14 th April 2014	-	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday, 19 th May 2014	-	Guyhirn Village Hall – Annual Assembly & AGM
Monday, 16 th June 2014	-	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday, 14 th July 2014	-	Murrow Village Hall
Monday, 11 th August 2014	-	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday, 15 th September 2014	-	Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday, 13 th October 2014	-	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday, 10 th November 2014	-	Murrow Village Hall
Monday, 8 th December 2014	-	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday, 5 th January 2015	-	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre