

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday, 9th September 2013 at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

PRESENT

B Payne Chairman	C Allen	B Britain	M Clarke	P Davies	T Fowler	T Jennings
	B Reay					
Visitors	G Booth (District Councillor)					
Parishioners	R Boyce	W Broker	P Hall	M Knight	P Knight	J Turner
	H Wilson	F Woods				

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from P Barnes, D Broker and J Fish.

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

- A resident stated that the development at Salix, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary would increase the size of this property from a 3 bed to a 5 bedroom house with ensuite bathrooms. It is understood that this will become a multiply occupancy residence and therefore increase cars parked on the roadside, which will cause congestion along this narrow road.
- A resident stated that the development at Finchley, High Road, Wisbech St Mary is behind an existing bungalow with a shared driveway, which is opposite the junction to the school, which is very busy. The woodland area would be destroyed and detrimental effect to the wildlife. This is out of the building line for High Road, Wisbech St Mary.
- A resident requested that the clerk read a letter from two residents stating that the development at Finchley, High Road, Wisbech St Mary is inappropriate as traffic would be passing their property within a four or five yards. The woodland area and wildlife habitats would be destroyed. If this development was allowed to go ahead it would set a precedent for all the properties in the High Road, Wisbech St Mary area. The increased vehicle movement could cause danger and congestion to an already busy part of the village as it is opposite the School and the playgroup.
- A resident stated that the development at Finchley, High Road, Wisbech St Mary would have minimal impact.
- Mr G Edwards asked the Parish Council to support two developments F/YR13/0536/F erection of 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 5 bed 2 storey dwellings and 2 double detached garages land east of Ravens Farm, Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove, which is an infill development and F/YR13/0614/F erection of 2 storey 3 bed dwelling land south east of Finchley High Road, Wisbech Mary. This latter development was resubmitted to the Planning Development to address the reasons why it was refused previously. Four of the silver birch trees will be removed, but there will be minimal impact to the surrounding properties and to the area.

122. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 12th August 2013

The minutes of the 12th August 2013 were signed as a true record.

123. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

125. POLICE MATTERS

Report regarding crimes or incidents in the parish.

A report was received from the Police for September outlining details of 10 crimes and 2 incidents. Included in the crimes were 1 burglary, 1 Bilking, 6 thefts including catalytic converters, petrol and 2 criminal damage. The incidents included loud music and youths on the roof of Murrow Village Hall.

The meeting was advised that there had been a Police Camera in High Road, Guyhirn monitoring speeding vehicles.

126 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- (a) Appeal APP/DO515/H/13/2189350 land east of Black Drove and North of Thorney Road, Guyhirn installation of two non-illuminated trailer mounted signs. Decision appeal dismissed. **Noted.**
- (b) Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre extension plans and requesting support from the Parish Council. **It was agreed in principal to allow the Community Centre to submit the plans in the name of the Parish Council to reduce the cost.**

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

List of planning applications for discussion.

- (a) F/YR13/0536/F erection of 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 5 bed 2 storey dwellings and 2 double detached garages land east of Ravens Farm, Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove. Applicant Mr and Mrs D Little. Agent Mr R Swann. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR13/0564/F erection of a single storey side extension to existing dwelling 22 Lindens Close, Thorney Toll.

Applicant R Meakins. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

- (c) F/YR13/0571/F erection of a detached single garage to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing garage bungalow 3 Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr and Mrs Cocks. Agent Mr Martin Williams. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR13/0598/F erection of a 2 storey rear extension, conversion of roof space to living accommodation, bay window to front and detached BBQ house to rear Olden Lodge, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mrs O Broker. Agent Mr David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (e) F/YR13/0602/F erection of 2 storey side extension involving the demolition of existing garage and front porch Salix, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr K Dunkley. Agent Mr Keith Hurst. **Refusal recommended as this is over developing the plot. A vote was taken and it was agreed to recommend refusal by 6 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.**
- (f) F/YR13/0614/F erection of 2 storey 3 bed dwelling land south east of Finchley High Road, Wisbech Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs P Knight. Agent Mr R Swann. **Refusal recommended as this development is situated at the back of a property outside the building line.**
- (g) F/YR13/0595/F erection of 2 x 3 bed 3 storey dwellings with internal garages land south east of 3 – 5 Homelands, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr Richard Dingle. **Refusal recommended.**
- (h) F/YR13/00616/F erection of a single storey extension for form classroom Wisbech St Mary Primary School. Applicant Ely Diocese Office. Agent Peter Smith Associates. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

127. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) NHS Keeping in Touch Issue 13 Summer 2013. **Noted.**
- (b) CAPALC regarding emails of Councillors in order that Bulletins and Newsletters can be sent direct. **It was agreed that the clerk advise CAPALC of Councillors email addresses.**
- (c) Invitation from Councillor Ken Mayor Chairman of FDC to a coffee morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support on Friday, 27th September 2013 at the Council Chamber at Fenland Hall, March. **Noted. The Chairman stated that there are several coffee mornings being held on this day to support MacMillan Cancer Support.**
- (d) K & M Lighting Services introducing themselves as streetlight providers. **Noted.**
- (e) Norfolk Green service changes. **Noted.**
- (f) Acknowledgement of letter from Chief Inspector Mike Winters regarding the non attendance of police at the Parish Council meetings. **The meeting was advised that due to volume of work the Police will not be able to attend Parish Council meetings on a regular basis, but will try to attend each Parish Council every 6 months.**

128 HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) Highways Agency regarding installation of a safety camera at Guyhirn, which they are unable to do. **Noted.**
- (b) Plan of the footpath at Bunkers Hill being provided through the Local Highway Improvement Scheme. **The Plan of this footpath had been approved at the Parish Council meeting on the 12th August 2013, but an email was read out from Councillor Broker voicing his concerns that this footpath ends a quarter of a mile along this dangerously fast piece of road and that they will be stepping off the path with their backs to the traffic flow. He advised the meeting that he will be taking this matter up with County Highways as our District Councillor. His concerns were voiced by all Councillors, but that sometimes these projects have to be undertaken in several stages in view of the costs involved. Mr Payne advised the meeting that he had been advised that the trees along this stretch of road will be cut back.**
- (c) Reply from Highways Agency stating that they are looking into the cutting of Guyhirn Roundabout and the pot hole on the A47 near Thomas Haulage. **The meeting was advised that the Guyhirn Roundabout had already been cut and the Highways Agency were looking at the pot hole near Thomas Haulage.**
- (d) CCC Highways unable to deal with Bellamy's Bridge and will have to be raised with a Local Highways Officer. **The meeting was advised that the three Chairmen of the three local Parish Councils are still trying to get safety measure installed.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Graffiti in Murrow Lane, Murrow.
2. Main Road opposite The Chequers ink Tholomas Drove drain subsiding.
3. A47 junction with Gull Road Guyhirn the trees opposite the junction overgrown. This is very dangerous junction. It was agreed that the clerk contact the Highways Agency, but the trees may be responsibility of the Environment Agency as they are close to the river bank.
4. Branch off one of the trees opposite The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.
5. Footpath near Firtree Lodge, Guyhirn needs resurfacing.
6. Signs need installing in Murrow Bank, Murrow to warn motorist of the dangerous surface. It was suggested a 20 mph speed limit to stop damage to vehicles.
7. Pavements in Guyhirn deteriorating badly.

8. Drains need clearing out in Guyhirn.
9. The steps leading to the footpath on the river bank needs attention. The clerk was requested to contact Ian Carmichael of the Environment Agency and arrange a meeting for this matter to be discussed.

A discussion took place in respect of the trees at Plash Drove, Tholomas Drive. These have been inspected by FDC and they have stated that they are owned by the house owner. In view of the dangerous state of these trees FDC have suggested that the work be carried out to make them safe and send the cost of the work to the house owner. It was agreed that the Chairman and the clerk look into the viability of using Parish Council funds to have these trees made safe.

Highways reports from Councillors on streetlights

1. The meeting was advised that the Guyhirn School will cut back the trees from the streetlight near the school before the winter.
2. The Insurance Company have agreed to pay for the damaged streetlight in Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn and the cheque should be received in the next few weeks. The clerk to ensure that this damaged streetlight is replaced.
3. The new Streetlight in Station Avenue, Murrow is still not working. Clerk to look into this.

129. FINANCE

(a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2013/14 year to date. **The balance recorded was £134,293.76**

(b) Barclays Treasury Deposit £100,000.00 15.08.134 to 15.01.14 0.26% Interest on maturity £108.99. **Noted.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(c) Clerk September salary	£600.00LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed.
(d) Tax & NI	£150.00LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed.
(e) S Bowles repair of seat in bus shelter	£150.00LGMis Prog1976 S196 Agreed.
(f) Frasers re Ely Diocese	£408.00LGMis Prog1976 S196 Agreed.
(g) Thorney Toll Village Hall Hire of Hall	£30.00LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed.

To approve payment of grants

(h) Fenland Rural Road Safety	£120.00LGActLG(Mis Prov)1953 S4 Agreed Payment to be made when Invoice received.
(i) Thorney Toll Village Hall upkeep of field	£1000.00LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 Agreed.

The clerk advised the meeting that a letter had been received from the Murrow School requesting that the £2000.00 grant given to the Murrow Children's Centre for play equipment could be used to repair the School swimming pool. **After discussion it was agreed for the change of use for this donation.**

130. 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. **The purchase of the land from the Ely Diocese is nearing completion and it was agreed that new quotation for the fence be obtained as it is February 2011 when this work was originally quoted for.**
2. Guyhirn Bus Shelters at Selwyn Corner. Telephone conversation with Mr Ludlow stating that he has lifted the roof by one inch, but would be concerned to lift it any more due to the fact that bad weather could cause damage to the bus shelter. **It was agreed that the Councillors look at this bus shelter before the next Parish Council meeting on the 7th October and report their findings to this meeting.**
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. **We are still awaiting a quotation from the stonemasons for this war memorial to be moved.**

131. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

The meeting was advised that Rev Matthew Bradbury would like to attend the Parish Council meeting on the 7th October at Guyhirn Village Hall to speak about the Guyhirn Church. The clerk was requested to place this on the agenda for this meeting.

There being no further business to meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

132. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 7th October 2013 – Guyhirn Village Hall

133. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2013/2014

Monday, 4 th November 2013	–	Murrow Village Hall
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