

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Monday, 12th August 2013 at Thorney Toll Village Hall

PRESENT

B Payne Chairman	P Barnes	D Broker	M Clarke	P Davies	J Fish	T Jennings
	B Reay	B Britain				
Visitors	G Booth (District Councillor)	G Gillick (County Councillor)				
Parishioners	T Coleman	A Moseley	J Moseley			

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from C Allen and T Fowler.

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

A resident of Thorney Toll advised the meeting that their neighbour had erected two fences one 5ft x 10ins and one 4.7 ins high leaving only a 35 inch gap to enable them to exit their drive by car onto the A47, which is a very busy major road with fast moving traffic which has seen many accidents some fatal. The residents have contacted the Police, Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council to date to no avail. The Parish Council were asked for their support.

109. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 15th July 2013

The minutes of the 15th July 2013 were signed as a true record.

110. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

There were no matters arising.

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

Mr D Broker declared a prejudicial interest on item 113f and left the room at the appropriate time.

112 POLICE MATTERS

Report regarding crimes or incidents in the parish.

- A report was received from the Police for August outlining details of 9 crimes and 3 incidents. Included in the crimes were 1 burglary, 1 Bilking, 4 thefts including oil, a cycle and caravan and 3 criminal damage. The incidents included vehicle nuisance, rowdy nuisance and a rave.
- There were also other crimes within the Parish that were not on the list from the Police. There had been thefts from the allotments in Thorney Toll and a bulldog taken from a house in Thorney Toll. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Police requesting them to attend our meetings. We have not had a representative from the Police to our meetings since the 8th October 2012.
- Councillor Booth stated that the Police will not be undertaking any more speed watch and are asking for volunteers from the parishes. If there is evidence of a problem within a specified area then the Police will attend when they need to take action.

113. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

List of planning applications for discussion.

- (a) F/YR13/0433/RM erection of 3 x 4 bed 2 storey dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling and agricultural buildings Court House, High Road, Tholomas Drove. Applicant Mr P Cannon. **We support this and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR13/0495/F erection of a 11.0 m (max extended height) radio tower within curtilage of existing dwelling Ravenswood, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr A Clarke. **We support this and recommend approval.**
- (c) F/YR13/0493/EXTIME erection of a 3 bed dwelling (renewal of planning permission F/YR10/0382/F) Takoradi 124 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mr M Missin. Agent Mr Chris Walford. **We support this and recommend approval.**
- (d) F/YR13/0513/F change of use of land for training, housing and breeding of birds of prey and storage barn to office space and erection of 4 no aviaries and 2 no weatherings land north east of At Last, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr M Willis. **We support this and recommend approval. A vote was taken and approval was agreed by 6 votes to 1 vote with 1 abstention.**
- (e) F/YR13/0517/O erection of 4 no dwellings involving demolition of existing garage and outbuildings land north of Violet Cottage, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr K Smith. Agent Mr N Seaton. **We support this and recommend approval.**
- (f) F/YR13/0527/F erection of 2 storey 4 bed dwelling and detached double garage land north east of 3 Clarkes Cottages, North Brink, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr T Gamble. Agent Mr D Broker. **We support this and recommend approval.**

The clerk was requested to write to the FDC Planning Department voicing concerns that we understand there is a four week delay in getting details of plans submitted to the Parish Councils, and as we have our meetings every four weeks this could result in us not getting our comments to the Planning Department in time.

114. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Cambridgeshire Acre details of User name and Password for their website. **Noted.**
- (b) Home Start poster for Home-Start volunteers. **The clerk to distribute a copy for the notice boards.**
- (c) CAPALC July Bulletin. **Noted.**
- (d) North Level District Internal Drainage Board invitation to a presentation day at Thorney offices, an inspection of works being carried out by the Board and a visit to a pumping station on the 9th October 9.30 am to return to Thorney at approximately 3.00 pm. Lunch provided. Limited to 2 Councillors from each Parish Council. **It was agreed that the clerk advise the Drainage Board that Mr J Fish and Mr D Broker would attend this event.**
- (e) Citizens Advice advising that we are members and that they are having a meeting with the District Council about visiting villages. **Noted.**
- (f) Notification from the Charity Commission that all Trustees' Annual Reports and Accounts are up to date for the Parish Council and Poores Allotment Charity. **Noted.**
- (g) Stephen Barclay MP would like a copy of the Parish magazine and details of the deadline for copy and how regularly it is circulated. **The clerk was requested to advise that we do not have a Parish magazine.**
- (h) The chairman had received correspondence from a resident in Church Road, Wisbech St Mary stating that they are having problems with the new streetlights. This was noted by the Parish Council and County Councillor Gillick agreed to contact the Council. It was agreed that the clerk send a copy of the correspondence to Mr Gillick.
- (i) The Murrow and Parson Drove Action for Youth Committee require new members on this committee in order that this organisation can continue. Councillors were asked to pass this information to prospective volunteers.

115 HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

- (a) P King-Parcell Balfour Beatty 26th series of maps for Mill Close and Murrow Bank. To have comments by the 16th August 2013. If no comments received will consider the plans approved and will proceed with the works as scheduled. **Noted no comments to be made.**
- (b) Reply from CCC Highways regarding the A47 turn from Gull Road, Guyhirn slip road. They are unable to do anything and should be reported to the Cambridgeshire Police. **Noted.**
- (c) CCC Highways kerb at the junction of the A47 and Gull Road, Guyhirn slip road cannot be changed. **Noted. It was agreed that local people be asked to make a note whenever they see traffic turning right onto the A47 from Gull Road especially those in the cafe opposite this junction. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Police requesting a mobile speed camera at this junction.**
- (d) FDC are happy to help arrange repair of the bus shelter in Guyhirn, but it will have to be funded by the Parish Council. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk obtain a quotation from Mr S Bowles for this work to be done.**
- (e) CCC regarding gritting routes and an application for routes the Parish Council wish to be included by the 20th September 2013. **It was requested that the clerk writes asking for the salt bins in Church Road and Churchfield Way, Wisbech St Mary to be filled.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Roundabout at Guyhirn needs clearing of vegetation.
2. Graffiti has appeared on the school gates.
3. Hooks Road dip in road.
4. Subsidence in Murrow Bank, Murrow.
5. Road signs missing Hooks Drove, Turf Fen and Pigeons Corner.
6. Hedge and trees need cutting throughout the Parish.
7. Pavement in High Road, Guyhirn near Selwyn Corner needs resurfacing.
8. Mills Road, Murrow 30 mph sign be taken away.
9. Give way sign at the junction of Church Road near Wisbech St Mary School has been knocked over.
10. Large pot hole on the A47 near Thomas Haulage.

The Chairman stated that he had met with Mr Pickering from CCC Highways regarding our Minor Highways Improvement bid. There had been some confusion regarding the situation of the footpath requested. This has now been resolved and CCC have agreed to construct 40 metre footpath as the first phase from Bunkers Hill to the Bridge Inn, Wisbech St Mary. Whilst undertaking this work the trees and hedges along this causeway will be cut back.

Whilst discussing cutting back of trees, Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary and Seadyke, Murrow was discussed and Mr Pickering agreed to look at these areas.

Highways reports from Councillors on streetlights

There were no requests or problems relating to streetlights.

116. FINANCE

(a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2013/14 year to date. **The balance recorded was £137,862.29. It was agreed that the clerk invest £100,000 in Barclays Treasurer Deposits.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (b) Clerk August salary | £600.00 LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed. |
| (c) Tax & NI | £150.00 LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed. |
| (d) Murrow Village Hall | £30.00 LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed. |
| (e) Bowles Tree & Garden Services | £1125.00 LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed. |
| (f) Postage | £110.80 LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed. |
| (g) Adobe Programme for Computer | £29.99 LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed. |

To approve payment of grants

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| (h) Wisbech St Mary Luncheon Club | £100.00 LGAct 1972 S137 Agreed. |
| (i) Murrow Village Hall | £2505.24 LGAct 1972 S137 Agreed. |

117. 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 Chairman stated that the Vice Chairman and he have made arrangements to sign the documentation. It was agreed that Mr Davies would obtain another quotation for the fencing as the current quotation is over 2 years old.**
2. Guyhirn Bus Shelters at Selwyn Corner. **The clerk was requested to write again to Mr Ludlow requesting that the roof of this bus shelter be corrected. It was also agreed that the clerk writes to CCC Highways requesting the hedges and trees to be cut back so that the bus drivers can see parishioners waiting at the bus stop.**
3. Guyhirn War Memorial: proposal to move it to the entrance of Parish Council land in High Road. **The Chairman stated that he was in the process of obtaining a quotation from a stone mason, but there may be a problem in that this memorial is in three parts and will require lifting gear. The clerk was requested to contact Mr Elworthy again to ascertain where the funds are that were collected through donation when Private Stanley Butwright's name was found to be incorrectly spelt on this memorial in 2003.**
4. Maintenance quote for repair of seating in Bus Shelter outside the Wheel Inn £150.00. **Agreed. The clerk was requested to write to Mr Bowles requesting to go ahead with this work. The clerk was requested to ask Mr Bowles to clear an area in Thorney Toll near the Post Box.**
5. The Clerk was requested to write to Roddons requesting the hedge to be cut at the back of Waverley Close.
6. The meeting was advised that there had been fly tipping at the bottle bank and Mr Davies had contacted the Rapid Response team who had cleared this. Mr Payne was requested to place an article in the Village Voices about fly tipping within the Parish.
7. Some concerns had been raised by Mr Nigel Adams, Acacia House, High Road, Guyhirn regarding the rubble that had gone onto his garden. Mr Davies stated that he was aware of this as some rubble had accidentally gone onto his garden whilst contractors were putting rubble into the pond.
8. Some concerns were raised at the trees and hedges in Old Police House, Glebelands and Sheriton House, High Road, Guyhirn as these are now obscuring the footpaths.
9. Mr Booth and Mr Payne are meeting on the 27th August with the Tree Surgeon to look at the trees at Tholomas Drove, which are in a dangerous condition.
10. A meeting will be arranged for the Chairmen of Parson Drove, Gorefield and ourselves to discuss improvements to Bellamys Bridge.
11. Mr Gillick had obtained a map of the footpath at Murrow and it was agreed that the clerk writes to the Definitive Map Office at Cambridgeshire County Council requesting that someone comes to look at the footpath and the encroachment onto this area by a parishioner living in a property adjacent to this footpath.
12. It was agreed that Mr Broker contact the Enforcement Planning officer regarding the infringement of planning regulations by a resident in Thorney Toll, in response to the request made by a parishioner during the Public Forum.

118. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

There were no matters for any other business.

119. LIST OF DATES OF MEETINGS AND VENUES FOR 2014/15

The following dates and venues were agreed.

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| 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

120. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Monday, 9th September 2013 - Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

121. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2013/2014**

Monday 7 th October 2013	—	Guyhirn Village Hall
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