

**MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at Murrow Village Hall**

**PRESENT**

B Payne Chairman	C Allen	P Barnes	D Broker	M Clarke	P Davies
	T Fowler	T Jennings	B Reay		
Visitors	G Booth (District Councillor)		G Gillick (County Councillor)		
Parishioners	P Carter	M Northrop	P Northrop	J Wallace	M Woollard

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were agreed and accepted from J Fish.

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

- Resident adjacent to the footpath Back Road to front Road.
- Great deal of water on the road outside 142 Front Road when it rains.
- Footpath from Front Road, Murrow to Murrow Lane, Tholomas Drove needs cutting.
- Front Road, Murrow numerous trucks and tractors using this road early in the morning and at the end of the working day 5.30 to 6.00.

**95. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were signed as a true record.

**96. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)

The Chairman stated that the English Heritage are requesting a report from the Wisbech Society concerning the arches in Rings End.

**97. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda.

Mr D Broker declared a prejudicial interest on item 99d and left the room at the appropriate time.

**98 POLICE MATTERS**

- Report regarding crimes or incidents in the parish. **No report had been received.**
- Reply from the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioners regarding parking outside schools in Wisbech St Mary and Murrow. This does not come under his remit and has passed our concerns onto the Cambridgeshire Constabulary and has asked for a response. **Noted.**
- Fenland Area Commander Chief Inspector Mike Winters will reply to our letter relating to the concerns raised about parking outside Wisbech St Mary School. **Noted**
- Sgt Robin Cawston regarding the parking outside schools, speeding High Road, Guyhirn, speeding in Murrow Bank, Murrow and parking at The Pidgeons, Murrow. **Advised that there is no reason why tickets cannot be issued if the lines are of poor quality as long as the times plates are clear and visible. Speeding in High Road, Guyhirn has been added to the Police areas of concerns. Parking at The Pidgeons, Murrow parking on the pavement is a ticketable offence and if parked both sides of the road this is not acceptable and the police should be contacted on 101 so that an officer can attend and deal with the matter. Have attended Wisbech St Mary School, but yet to attend at Murrow School**

**99 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.**

**List of planning applications for discussion.**

- F/YR13/0305/F erection of a net drying shed/store for existing commercial fishing lake Lakeside Manor, Seadyke Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mr G Patrick. Agent Mr N Lowe. **This has already been agreed by FDC Planning.**
- F/YR13/0361/O erection of a two storey dwelling involving demolition of outbuilding land south of 88 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mr A Vanhinsbergh. **We support this and recommend approval.**
- F/YR13/0386/F erection of a 3 bed 2 storey dwelling Takoradi 124 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mr M Missin. Agent Mr C Walford. **We support this and recommend approval.**
- F/YR13/0383/RM erection of a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling with detached garage land north of Rose Lodge, Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr and Mrs D & M J Patten. Agent Mr D Broker. **We support this and recommend approval.**
- F/YR13/033/F installation of 2 x 8 metre long ground mounted solar PV array Inham Hall, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr J Clarke. Agent Mr M Peukert Green Power Solutions UK Limited. **We support this and recommend approval.**

**100. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Thank you from S Layton for the grant of £200 for the Wisbech St Mary website. **Noted.**
- Reply from FACT stating that they are unable to put a service in for Saturdays. Most residents of the villages have changed their shopping days from Saturday to Monday or Fridays as majority do not work. **We understand**

**that the Saturday service has been reinstated.**

- (c) Request from CC regarding a walk audit. **We understand that there are no led walks in this parish.**

#### **AT THIS POINT MR B BRITAIN JOINED THE MEETING.**

- (c) North Level District Internal Drainage Board are hosting the ADA Demo at their Cross Guns Pumping Station on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 commencing at 9.00 am and finishing at 5.00 pm. **Noted.**
- (d) Details of the Community Champion Scheme from Cambs Acre. **It was agreed that details of this be placed in the Village Voices.**
- (e) SLCC Clerk Magazine July 2013. **Noted.**

#### **101. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Report from FDC about the vandalized bus shelter with spray paint. The FDC arranged for the installation of this shelter in 2010 in association with the County and that the Parish Council agreed to take over its maintenance. The Clerk has already replied to this stating that we are in the process of rectifying this. **Since the removal of the offensive graffiti further unpleasant graffiti has appeared. This is now damaging the woodwork. It was agreed that the clerk writes to FDC asking them to repair or replace the damaged panels on the bus shelter. Thanks went to S Bowles on how quickly he acted in the removal of the graffiti on both occasions.**
- (b) CCC regarding heavy commercial vehicles using Gull Road, Guyhirn. Discussion has been undertaken with Highways and there is nothing which we could do at this location within the DfT guidelines. **No further action.**
- (c) Reply from CCC Highways in response to items passed from the meeting on the 17.06.13. **Noted. Mr G Booth to contact the Tree Officer to see if action is going to be taken concerning the dangerous condition of the trees at Tholomas Drove, and will liaise with the Chairman.**
- (d) Successful bid Local Highways Improvement. Installation of a footpath Bunkers Hill. **The Parish Council were pleased that we had been successful in our bid, but the plan showed the footpath in the wrong location. The bid was for a footpath from Bunkers Hill to the Bridge Inn, Wisbech St Mary. It was agreed that the clerk contacts the Highways Dept pointing this out. Mr Gillick and Mr Broker agreed to look into this on the Parish Council's behalf.**
- (e) Details of the Local Highway Improvements Programme 2013/14. **Noted.**
- (f) Highways Agency regarding items passed from the meeting on the 17.06.13. **We had requested a crossing on the A47, but this is not possible. The clerk was therefore asked to request the speed camera to be reinstated as soon as possible.**
- (g) Reply from Atkins in respect of items passed to the Highways Agency large pot hole on the A47 near Thomas Haulage. **Noted.**
- (h) Highway matters in Murrow concerning the footpath from Back Road to Front Road Murrow. **The resident of The Orchards, Front Road, Murrow has stated that the area adjacent to this footpath is part of his property. Mr Payne advised the meeting that he has visited this area and he confirms that the footpath itself has not been touched. Sometime ago Mr Scrimshaw had investigated this matter when the trees were being cut down and had advised the Parish Council that the CCC had stated that they could not stop the trees being cut down as they belonged to the householder. This was minuted on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011. It was agreed that the Parish Council should obtain a copy of the CCC plan before taking the matter further.**

#### **Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

1. Road repairs signs not being picked up. They are being covered by the grass and when the grass cutting commences this is very dangerous.
2. The cars are still turning right from Gull Road slip road onto the A47. The curb needs extending to stop this happening.
3. Plot of land in High Road, Guyhirn enxt to the Church in a dangerous condition.
4. School signs covered by overgrown trees at Sheraton House, High Road, Guyhirn.
5. School signs on the road being covered by parked cars.
6. Access to the public footpath on the river bank very difficult as the steps only go half way up the bank. More steps are required.
7. Access to the public footpath on the river bank near the Oliver Twist Public House is very slippery.
8. Footpath passed the Church in High Road, Guyhirn is looking a mess.
9. Hedges north side of Tall Trees, Gull Road, Guyhirn and Plash Drove, needs cutting.
10. Front Road, Murrow house numbers need looking at as they do not run consecutively. There have been 8 paramedics and 12 ambulances that have not been able to find the house to which they have been called. We have been advised that 58 is next to 78.

#### **Highways reports from Councillors on streetlights**

There were no streetlights to report.

#### **102. FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2013/14 year to date. **The balance recorded was £137,511.27**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

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| (b) Clerk July salary            | £600.00LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>  |
| (c) Tax & NI                     | £150.00LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>  |
| (d) Towergate Insurance Fidelity | £1226.48LGAct 1972 S111 <b>Agreed.</b> |

**To approve payment of grants**

- (e) Citizen Advice Bureau £to be agreedLGA 1972 s142(2A)**Before any grant was considered the clerk was requested to write asking if it is possible for them to come into our villages on a regular basis.**

103 **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. **Fraser Dawbarns have sent us a Draft Conveyance and it was agreed that the clerk writes accepting this.**
2. Guyhirn Bus Shelters at Selwyn Corner – A letter from a resident complaining about this bus shelter and that they cannot be seen by the bus drivers unless you stand on the road side. **Payment for this bus shelter has been made. The roof slopes to the front and not the back. The clerk was requested to write to the builder asking him to rectify this within the next three weeks. The clerk was requested to write to Highways requesting the cutting of the bushes near the bus shelter.**
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. **As requested by the Diocese of Ely the Chairman will obtain quotes for this memorial to be moved. It was agreed that the Parish Council will look closely at the site before any plans are made.**

104. **EXCEPTION SITES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING - Gull Road, Guyhirn**

Letters from a resident in Gull Road, Guyhirn objecting to the building of houses on allotment land. **The clerk stated that these letters had been brought to this meeting as they were address to the Parish Council although this allotment land is owned by the Poors Allotment Charity. No discussion took place and these letters will be passed to this Charity.**

105. **ALLOTMENTS**

1. Letting of the Allotment Guyhirn Road, Thorney Toll. **This matter has been resolved and will be discussed at the end of this meeting.**

106. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**

It was proposed that the Chairman of Gorefield, Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Parish Councils resume their meetings to discuss Bellamys Bridge.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm and members of the public and visitors were asked to leave in order that further discussions could take place.

107. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 – Thorney Toll Village Hall**

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

Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2013	–	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2013	–	Guyhirn Village Hall
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	–	Murrow Village Hall
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2013	–	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	–	Wisbech St Mary Community Centre