

**MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Guyhirn Village Hall**

**PRESENT**

|                  |                               |                               |           |          |        |            |
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| B Payne Chairman | C Allen                       | P Barnes                      | B Britain | D Broker | J Fish | T Jennings |
|                  | B Reay                        |                               |           |          |        |            |
| Visitors         | G Booth (District Councillor) | G Gillick (County Councillor) |           |          |        |            |
| Parishioners     | T Coleman                     | G Edwards                     |           |          |        |            |

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected County Councillor Mr G Gillick to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were agreed and accepted from M Clarke, P Davies and T Fowler.

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

Mr G Edwards requested that the Parish Council look favourably on the Planning Application for 12 2 bed static caravans at The Orchards Fruit Farm, Gull Road, Guyhirn.

The Chairman stated that he was very sad at the objectionable and highly offensive graffiti on the bus shelter and other property in the village.

**80. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

The minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were signed as a true record.

**81 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)

The Chairman stated that the arches in Rings End are on the market again. It is understood that English Heritage are looking into this and also the District Council as an environmental issue and the effect they have on the village scene.

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

There were no declaration of interest.

**83 POLICE MATTERS**

A report was received from the Police outlining details of 9 crimes and 9 incidents. Included in the crimes were 4 burglaries, 4 thefts including oil and 1 criminal damage. The incidents included vehicle nuisance, suspicious circumstances, rowdy nuisance and one act of violence.

Speedwatch

13.05.13 Chapelfield Road, Guyhirn 9.00 am to 9.30 am 36 vehicles with 3 exceeding the speed limit.

13.05.13 Station Road, Wisbech St Mary 9.45 am to 10.15 am 29 vehicles with 4 exceeding the speed limit.

16.05.13 Murrow Bank opposite the School, Murrow 2.25 pm to 2.55 pm 42 vehicles with 3 exceeding the speed limit.

Horizon Outreach Vehicle formerly known as the CrimeBUSter Bus

Murrow 17.09.13 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Guyhirn 10.09.13 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Thorney Toll 10.09.13 8.30 am to 10.30 am.

After a letter from the clerk concerning the parking outside Murrow and Wisbech St Mary Schools the police stated that from the 10.06.13 to 21.06.13 they will visit Wisbech St Mary School as often as possible to monitor and where possible enforce the parking restrictions. The same procedure will be undertaken at Murrow School for a two week period. The Police voiced concerns that they are currently unable to enforce the parking restrictions in Church Road as the yellow lines are broken and they will need to be repainted before enforcement actions can be taken in that area. This was disputed as whilst the lines needed repainting there were notices saying no parking. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the Cambridgeshire Constabulary voicing concerns that their officers were unaware of this. It was also reported to the meeting that a car was recorded by the speed camera as travelling at 62 miles per hour in Guyhirn. The clerk was also requested to report the problem at Pidgeons Corner, Murrow as cars were parking on both sides of the road and on the pavement.

**84 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

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

**List of planning applications for discussion.**

- (a) F/YR13/0272 Erection of a first floor side extension involving alterations to the height and design of existing roof, single-storey extension to rear and bay windows and porch to front of existing dwelling The Old Police House, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr and Mrs Brooks. Agent Roger Mead Associates. **We support this development and recommend approval.**
- (b) F/YR13/0285/F erection of a single storey rear and side extension and porch to front of existing dwelling involving demolition of existing lean to Nymondale, Garden Lane, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr M Hicks.

Agent Mr M Bonner. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

- (c) F/YR13/0296/F use of land for the siting of 12no 2 bed static caravans on existing holiday caravan site The Orchards Fruit Farm, Gull Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Tall Trees leisure Park Limited. Agent Mr R Swann. **We support this development and recommend approval with the proviso that these 12 static caravans not be permanent residences, but that the occupants have other permanent homes.**
- (d) F/YR13/0252/0 residential development 1.35 – 20 dwellings at land north of 19 to 29 Chapel Avenue, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr A Quince. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates. **We object to this development on the grounds of limited access to the site.**
- (e) F/YR13/0330/F variation of Condition 1 of planning permission F/YR12/0342/F and Condition 2 of planning permission F/YR07/0849/F to allow siting of an additional 2 mobile homes (7 mobile homes in total) Applicant Mr E Neale. Agent Mr C Walford. **We object to the siting of 2 additional mobile homes as this is in open countryside and is the wrong site for a development of this nature.**
- (f) F/YR13/0354/TRTPO works to 1 Oak tree covered by TPO 16/1990 Oakden, 82 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Mr and Mrs W R Gibbs. Agent Mr J Rowlett. **We support this and recommend approval.**

## 85. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Thank you from Thorney toll Village Hall for the grant of £12,500.00. **Noted. There was a discussion regarding the payment of the invoice for this work by FDC as they are not prepared to pay the VAT. As this was for disabled facilities it was felt that this should be exempt from VAT. Councillor Booth advised the meeting that he was already meeting with the officers of the Rural Grant Scheme and would mention the concerns of the Thorney Toll Village Hall committee.**
- (b) Thank you from the Village Voices for the donation of £200.00. **Noted.**
- (c) New Chairman of FDC is Councillor Ken Mayor. **Noted.**
- (d) CAPALC office is moving from unit 3 Meadow Lane St Ives to Unit 7 Meadow Lane. **Noted.**

## 86. HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS

### Highways reports from Councillors on problems

- 1. Junction of Station Road and Levering Common grass overgrown and cannot see to cross junction.
- 2. Black Drove from Parson Drove onto the A47 overgrown grass and cannot see to cross the road.
- 3. A47 near Thomas Haulage a very large pot hole.
- 4. Gull Drove and Gull Road overgrown grass and trees and cannot see to cross the road.
- 5. The drains at Selwyn Corner, Guyhire are blocked with silt and need clearing.
- 6. Numerous pot holes at the T junction of the A47 with Gull Road.
- 7. Path outside Firtree Lodge needs resurfacing.
- 8. Pot holes in Church Road Wisbech St Mary adjacent to Station Road.
- 9. Pot holes outside Olden Lodge, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary.
- 10. Since the erection of the island on the A47 with no right turn onto the parishioners of Guyhirn have great difficulty in crossing the road to access the facilities of the shop in the garage, coffee shop and the bus stop for buses to Peterborough and therefore a pedestrian crossing is needed.
- 11. Murrow Bank long grass is obscuring the road side reflectors.
- 12. Gull Road, Guyhirn the side of the road has been worn away. If a car or lorry was forced onto the side of the road by a passing vehicle they would not be able to get back onto the road as the drop is over 6 inches.
- 13. Leylandi trees in Hooks Drove, the second house from Ally Bridge are over the road and the roots are causing a dip in the road.
- 14. The trees in Sand Bank, Wisbech St Mary are overgrown and need attention.
- 15. Trees from Bunkers Hill to Wisbech St Mary need cutting back as passing traffic especially buses and lorries and running into the branches.
- 16. Seadyke, Murrow near Gary Patricks elder bushes need cutting back
- 17. Trees at Tholomas Drove are very dangerous and branches keep breaking off. To date they have not hit or car or person, but it is only a matter of time. No one will accept responsibility land owner or CCC Highways. Mr Booth stated that he has asked FDC to look at these trees and it was agreed that Mr Booth contact Mr Payne in order that he can join in with these discussions. It was agreed that someone must take responsibility to undertake the work to make these trees safe either by removal or cutting back.

### Highways reports from Councillors on streetlights

No items relating to streetlights reported.

## 87. FINANCE

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2013/14 year to date. **The balance recorded was £142,116.53**
- (b) FDC £9.08 Recycling credit. **Noted.**
- (c) HM Revenue and customs VAT refund £659.53 **Noted.**
- (d) Insurance Quotations for the Commercial Combined Policy. **The clerk advised the meeting that she had been in touch with NFU who were unable to quote and Came and Co who were unable to quote as Aviva had quoted for Towergate and were unable to quote in competition for Came and**

**Co. It was agreed that the Townergate premium be paid and that we look at Insurance Quotation in January/February 2014 and a representative for Came and Co agreed to attend a Parish Council meeting at that time.**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

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| (e) Clerk June salary      | £600.00LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed.</b>  |
| (f) Tax & NI               | £150.00LGAct 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>   |
| (g) CCC Salt bins          | £114.00LG(Mis Prov) 1953 S4 <b>Agreed.</b>                                       |
| (h) Matt LudlowBus Shelter | £1620.00 00LGMis Prog1976 S196 <b>Agreed.</b>                                    |
| (i) Townergate Insurance   | £2548.27LGAct 1972 S111 <b>Agreed to continue with Townergate for this year.</b> |

**In view of the fact that HM Revenue had changed their procedures in report employees tax and national Insurance it was agreed that the clerk could contact ACRE to employ them as our Payroll providers. It was estimated that the cost would be approximately £100 per annum.**

**88 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. **No further information received.**
2. Guyhirn Bus Shelters at Selwyn Corner – **Bus shelter has been completed.**
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. **It was agreed that Mr Payne obtain two quotations to move the war memorial and the clerk to write to the Wisbech Standard to ascertain where the funds are that were collected through donation when the Private Stanley Butwright's name was found to be incorrectly spelt on this memorial in 2003.**
4. Mr Payne stated that he had contacted Mr S Bowles who had been awarded the maintenance contract to take steps to remove the graffiti on the bus shelter in Guyhirn.

**89. EXCEPTION SITES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Discussion on sites for affordable housing. Letter from Karen Freya regarding the viability of the two sites.

- (a) Gull Road, Guyhirn **The meeting was advised that the FDC had contacted the clerk advising that this site was the preferred site for affordable housing and that the Poors Allotment Charity had been contacted in order to move this project forward.**
- (b) Station Avenue, Murrow. **FDC had declined this site for affordable housing.**

**90. ALLOTMENTS**

1. Letting of the Allotment Guyhirn Road, Thorney Toll. **The clerk advised that meeting that tenders had been received, but it was agreed to discuss this after this meeting had been closed to members of the public.**

**91. PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

Discussion on matters from the Parish Assembly. **There we no matters for discussion.**

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

At this point of the meeting the Chairman asked Mr G Gillick County Councillor if he wished to address the council on any matter. He stated that he had been trying to get the X1 bus run by First business to route some of their buses through Wisbech St Mary and Guyhirn. To date they had declined to do this. A further discussion took place regarding FACT who had cut the Saturday buses due to the District Council cutting their grant. The clerk was asked to contact them asking for some of the weekly buses to be cut and the Saturday buses reinstated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm and members of the public and visitors were asked to leave in order that further discussions could take place.

**93. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – Murrow Village Hall**

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

|  |   |                                  |
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| Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2013   | – | Thorney Toll Village Hall        |
| 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 |

