

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 11th June 2018 at The Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), D Wheeler (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, Cllr M Knight MBE, S Mann, Cllr A Patrick.

Members of the public 1

Fenland District Councillor(FDC) and Parson Drove Parish Councillor G Booth.

FDC and Cambridgeshire County Councillor(CCC) S King.

FDC and CCC Cllr Mrs J French.

OPEN FORUM

Nil

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Scrimshaw

2. CLLR. JAN FRENCH – CCC Fenland Area Champion

Cllr French explained that her role and the Fenland Championship Fund was District wide. The Innovate and Cultivate Fund is a CCC fund to help voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations and reduce the burden on CCC budgets. Visit www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html for details. For example, £10k is available to attract a Time Banking coordinator. A presentation was planned for September at the March Community Centre. Cllr Wheeler believed that the mobile library was under threat and asked if such funding could be used to support it. Cllr French offered to enquire and report back. The Chairman thanked Cllr French for attending.

3. MR P NEWTON – Guyhirn Football Club

Mr Newton explained that the field was in good condition but the changing rooms in great need of modernisation. Attempts to secure funding had been unsuccessful. The sale of the Village Hall may provide some support. The objective was improved long term facilities that were much needed in the village. The Chairman thanked Mr Newton for attending.

4. PARAMEDIC – Defibrillators

Mr I Roberts, a paramedic, explained how the system worked. A 999 call would instigate ambulance response and the caller would be directed to the nearest unit. One person must stay with the person while a second could access the defibrillator. The Ambulance Service and the custodians have the defibrillator codes. Units need to be checked to ensure the battery and pads are operational. Mr Roberts demonstrated how the units worked. He stressed that the operator must not be touching the patient while the unit was analysing the patient or when the shock was delivered. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) compressions of the chest were very helpful. The First Responders were local and come under the Ambulance Service and were purely volunteer. The Vice-Chairman thanked Mr Roberts for attending.

5. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 14th May 2018

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

(a) Cants Drove – Cllr King reported that passing places were completed shortly after the unit had opened, there had been no breaches of planning procedures, The Dragon Patcher was due on site tomorrow and improvements to the verges either side of and opposite the access were planned.

(b) The Clerk reported that he had emailed FDC regarding planning policy for Guyhirn, no response had been received. Cllr Booth advised that FDC would be awaiting the National Planning Policy Framework review before considering at a local level, but a Peer Review was planned for the summer which may be an opportunity to input concerns.

(c) The Clerk reported that he had contacted the FDC Traveller & Diversity Manager regarding the rumoured event planned for Wisbech St Mary, he had made enquiries and contacted other agencies including Police.

7. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda

Cllr knight declared a personal interest in item 8 2(a)

Cllr Patrick declared a pecuniary interest in item 8 2(a)
Cllr Fish declared a pecuniary interest in item 11 (g)

8. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council (FDC).

December Meeting

(c) F/YR17/1077/O Erection of a dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at Land East of Roans Devon Gull Drove Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(g) F/YR17/1115/F Erection of 4 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings with detached double garages at Land North Of Thornbury House High Road Guyhirn. **Refused**

January Meeting

(l) F/YR17/1217/F Erection of 80 dwellings comprising of: 29 x 3-storey 4-bed, 27 x 2-storey 4-bed, 12 x 2-storey 3-bed dwellings and 2 x blocks of flats (4 x 1-bed and 8 x 2-bed) with associated garages, parking and landscaping involving the formation of a new access road. Land North of Orchard House, High Road Wisbech St Mary. **Pending Consideration**

March Meeting

(a) F/YR18/0172/O Erection of up to 4 x dwellings involving the demolition of existing building (outline application with matters committed in respect of access). Pitt Farm Spencer Drove, Guyhirn. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR18/0199/F The siting of 2 x mobile homes for residential use (retrospective) in association with a small-holding. Land South and West of Four Winds Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary. **Refused**

(e) F/YR18/0208/F Erection of a part open-sided extension to existing agricultural building. Redgate Farm Fen Road, Guyhirn. **Pending Decision**

April Meeting

(a) F/YR18/0249/CERTLU Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing): Application to seek confirmation of lawful B2 use. St Marys Auto High Road Wisbech St Mary. **Certificate Issued**

(e) F/YR18/0312/F Erection of a 2-storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Treboeth High Road Wisbech St Mary. **Granted**

(c) F/YR18/0292/F Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed detached dwelling and detached double garage. Land West of Bramble Corner Splash Drove Tholomas Drove. **Granted**

(d) F/YR18/0309/F Erection of a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Olive Cottage 7 Sandbank Wisbech St Mary. **Granted**

May Meeting

(a) F/YR18/0334/O Erection of up to 4 x dwellings and the formation of a new access involving demolition of existing outbuilding (outline application with matters committed in respect of access). Land West of Fern House Gull Road, Guyhirn. **Refused**

(b) F/YR18/0386/O Erection of up to 3 x dwellings (outline with matters committed in respect of access). Land West of Sunset Rooms Station Road, Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mrs Symonds, Mrs Goodger and Ms Plumb. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wheeler seconded by Cllr Knight that it be refused as over development and insufficient access. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR18/0404/F Erection of a porch to front of existing dwelling. Toot Villa 10 Back Road Murrow. Applicant Mr P Bennett. Agent Sketcher Partnership Ltd. **Pending Consideration**

(e) F/YR18/0413/O Erection of a dwelling involving the formation of a new access (outline application with all matters reserved). Land North East of 144 Back Road Murrow.

Applicant Mrs E Sattin. Agent Ken Elener Architectural Design. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

Cllr Patrick left the room, Cllr Knight took no part in discussions.

(a) F/YR18/0421/F Erection of a part first-floor part 2-storey rear extension to dwelling. Ledbury Cottage High Road Wisbech St Mary

Applicant Mr P Rock. Agent Alexandra Design. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Patrick returned.

(b) F/YR18/0461/F Conversion of garage to living accommodation, removal of box bay window to front and insertion of new window and erection of single storey rear and side extensions involving demolition of conservatory to existing dwelling at 9 School Close, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr & Mrs M Hall. Agent Anglia Building Consultants.

Recommend Approval

(c) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preliminary Draft Consultation. **Noted**

(d) F/YR18/0462/F Erection of a 2-storey rear/side extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of utility and change of use of land for domestic purposes. The Rambles Hooks Drove Murrow Applicant Mr Halls, Ms Bishop. Agent Brand Associates. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/YR18/0474/F Erection of a 2-storey 2-bed dwelling with detached garage. Maple House Plash Drove Tholomas Drove. Applicant Mr & Mrs S Taylor. David Broker Design Services. **Recommend Approval**

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) FDC Cllr Sarah Bligh - Read to succeed 2018
The Clerk read an email suggesting a contribution to 'Read to Succeed'. Cllr Knight proposed £50, seconded by Cllr Humphrey. **Agreed unanimously.**

10. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting – FDC letter 30 May 2018
The Clerk read a letter received from FDC and forwarded to all councillors. Cllr Wheeler referred to a meeting with other Parish Councils in a similar situation held 5 June 2018, it was agreed that details provided by FDC were inconsistent and needed clarifying and the deadline was unreasonable. A further meeting had been arranged for 27 June with Electrical Testing Ltd to clarify outstanding issues.

(b) Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2018/19 Bellamys Bridge
Further details were awaited from CCC. Cllr King advised that Bellamys Bridge would be in the Fenland Transport Plan and encouraged councillors to respond to consultations.

11. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive the budgetary control report for 2018/19 to date.
The Clerk circulated the report and drew attention to vat and planter sponsorship received. **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (b) Clerk May salary | £650.53 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (c) Tax and NI | £200.35 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (d) Clerk postage and office consumables | £69.32 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (e) K Clarke – War Memorial | £160.00 War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923 Agreed |

Grant application

(f) Murrow Methodist Church
The Clerk explained that Local Councils cannot contribute towards the costs of any church buildings, which includes kitchens. The Association of Local Councils are very clear that legislation prevents the Parish Council from giving money for works relating to the affairs of the Church. **Noted**

Cllr Fish left the room.

(g) Thorney Toll Village Hall - grounds maintenance LG Act 1972 S133
Following discussion Cllr Allen proposed £1500 seconded by Cllr Davies. 5 voted in favour, 3 abstentions. **Agreed**

12. STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk handed a copy to all councillors. He drew attention to amendments, in particular changes as a result of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which would be on the next agenda. The Standing Orders 2018 were formally adopted. **Agreed**

13. ASSET REGISTER AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Clerk referred to the Asset Register and Risk Assessments updated May 2018 and explained the process of assessing Risk Value and Control, Risk Assessments including controls, Annual Inspections and actions required. As work is completed the Register is updated and the process begins again. **Noted**

14. THE MIDDLE PIT AND THOLOMAS DROVE WASH PIT CHARITY

(a) Trustees - disqualification Rules

The Clerk explained that new automatic disqualification rules apply from 1 August. he read the new rules and circulated Declarations. Councillors signed the Declarations and returned them to the Clerk.

(b) Investment

The Clerk referred to previous discussions as to how income should be maximised. A National Savings & Investment Income Bond is available paying 1%pa. It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler seconded by Cllr Humphrey to invest £82,500 of the Charity Funds. **Agreed unanimously.**

15. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

Inspections were completed, and maintenance ordered. Quotations for a new roof to a bus shelter were expected shortly. **Noted**

Cllr Davies requested clarification of rights of access to the land at the rear of Guyhirn Playing Field.

(b) Defibrillators

It was noted that two of the custodians were no longer available to check the units. Custodians and the inspection regime would be discussed at the next meeting.

(c) Planters

It was noted that 13 cheques from sponsors had so far been received.

16. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported;

- (a) Poor quality of grass cutting in cemeteries etc was being addressed
- (b) Murrow Street Pride Groups initial meeting was planned for 25 June 2018. He asked the status of land between Front Road and Back Road.
- (c) Action regarding the fence over the drain near The Pigeons was a matter for FDC Planning.
- (d) 46 Bus Service – it may be worthwhile enquiring if James Palmer, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority had funds that could support the service
- (e) Speedwatch training was planned for 30 June

Cllr King reported:

- (f) Verges were due to be cut shortly, they receive three cuts per year
- (g) The nameplate at Gull Road – he suggested a site meeting to clarify the problem
- (h) Cllr Britain raised the issue of trees at Tholomas Drove – Cllr King agreed to follow up
- (i) LHI bids 2019/20 – it is possible to bid for mobile interactive signs, four people would be required to manage them.

17. POLICE MATTERS

No report received

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

- (a) Guyhirn Churchyard – very poor appearance, request Ely Diocese to tidy the area
- (b) Weeds around the new bus shelter at Thorney Toll requires strimming/weedspray
- (c) no action by Clarion Housing regarding trees
- (d) It was proposed that agendas/minutes go to councillors except Cllr Fish by email. **Agreed**

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th July 2018 Murrow Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

Monday 20th August 2018 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 10th September 2018 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 8th October 2018 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

Monday 12th November 2018 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 10th December 2018 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 14th January 2019 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman