

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 9th July 2018 at Murrow Village Hall.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), D Wheeler (Vice-Chairman), P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, Cllr M Knight MBE, S Mann, Cllr Scrimshaw
Members of the public 1
Fenland District Councillor (FDC) and Parson Drove Parish Councillor G Booth.
Fenland District Councillor (FDC) Councillor Mrs S Bligh.
FDC and Cambridgeshire County Councillor (CCC) S King.

OPEN FORUM Nil

As Cllr King needed to leave the meeting early the Chairman invited him to give his report.

12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr King reported:

- (a) Tholomas Drove trees – CCC were pursuing the issue with the owner/s
- (b) Trees at Gull Drove/Gull Road - CCC were pursuing the issue with the owner/s
- (c) Nameplate at Gull Drove/Gull Road – a site visit has hopefully explained the situation

Cllr Humphrey again raised the issue of carriageway subsidence 225mm deep in Sandbank on the approach to Bellamys Bridge, nothing has been done. He also criticised the quality of verge maintenance, in particular at junction visibility splays.

Cllr Fish again asked for a repair to the street light demolished by the FDC refuse vehicle. Cllr King replied that it would be done by the incoming supplier following the Cabinet decision planned for 19 July.

Cllr Britain also criticised verge maintenance. Cllr King replied that there were three scheduled cuts per year with junction visibility splays receiving treatment in between.

Cllr King left the meeting at 7.15pm.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr C Allen

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 11th June 2018

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

The Clerk reported:

- (a) a copy of Standing Orders was handed to Cllr Scrimshaw
- (b) Cllr Scrimshaw completed and signed the Automatic Disqualification Rules and returned it to the Clerk
- (c) The Clerk read a response from Clarion Housing Group that they believed the trees at A47 Thorney Toll to be owned by FDC and would confirm.

4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda Nil

5. 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**

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

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

May Meeting

(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. **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. **Granted**

(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. **Refused**

June Meeting

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Pending Decision**

Decision

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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.

Pending Consideration

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR18/0525/F Erection of a 2-storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Hollycroft High Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr A Clark. Agent nil. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR18/0533/F Change of use of land for domestic purposes and erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling, detached car port and stables. The Stables Mouth Lane Guyhirn. Applicant Ms MacFarlane. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.

Recommend Approval

(c) F/YR18/0172/O Revised Proposals 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. Applicant Mr R Gilbert. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.

Recommend Approval

(d) F/YR18/0576/F Change of use of land, construction of additional car-parking and the erection of a 2.4m high palisade fence involving the demolition of existing cafe and flat. The Chillout Cafe Thorney Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr J Thomas, Ken Thomas Ltd. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(e) Re-Consultation F/YR17/1217/F Erection of 76 dwellings: comprising 29 x 2-storey 4-bed, 6 x 3-storey 4-bed, 29 x 2-storey 3-bed and 2 x blocks of flats (4 x 1-bed and 8 x 2-bed) with associated garages, parking, play area and landscaping involving the formation of a new access road. Land North Of Orchard House High Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr S Mitchell Queensbridge Homes Ltd. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd.

Recommend Refusal

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Thorney Toll Village Hall Committee – thank you **Noted**

(b) Nick Harding, Head of Planning FDC – The Clerk read an email dated 16 June 2018: an invitation will be sent to parish councils to attend a session with the review team which is expected will be issued within the next 2 – 3 weeks. Cllr Booth clarified that this was the planned Peer review of Planning Services.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

The Clerk reported a meeting with other Parish Councils and Electrical Testing Ltd (ETL). ETL clarified that a reasonable expectation was that they would attend the parishes once per month. Any defects reported could therefore be attended to within a week to five weeks. Councillors were content with this timescale. **Noted**

The Clerk reported a meeting held at FDC chaired by FDC Cllr A Hay, Portfolio Holder and attended by Mr G Garford, Executive Director and Mr T Watson, Head of Service and representatives of other Parish Councils. He summarised the procedure adopted by FDC: tenders awarded on an 80:20 price:quality ratio, tenders were based on data available for the past 12 months, they used a whole life costing approach, energy costs were currently £30.57 per (non-led) unit per year, indicative rates had been used in the projected figures supplied to Parish Councils (in practice parishes would only be charged for work carried out), if parishes signed up to the FDC proposals new surveys and a new database would be required, FDC Assets & Projects would assess the data and recommend replacements which would then be tendered for, the Electrical Duty Holder would be Assets & Projects. Following discussion councillors agreed that this was not the best approach and were satisfied with the work so far undertaken by ETL and with their proposals for future service. The Clerk was asked to draft a response to FDC. Councillors were most aggrieved that FDC continue with their proposal to pass on energy costs to the parishes.

(b) Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2019/20

Following discussion Councillors agreed the following bids:

(a) High Road, Guyhirn - It was agreed to explore funding for a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) from the Wryde Croft Wind Farm Community Fund.

(b) High Road and Station Road, Wisbech St Mary – extend the speed reduction measures applied for in 2018/19.

Councillors asked the Clerk to contact CCC for an update on progress with the 2018/19 schemes.

8. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive the budgetary control report for 2018/19 to date. The Clerk could not provide a report as the bank statement had not been received from Barclays.

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (b) Clerk June salary | £650.73 LG Act 1972 S112 | Agreed |
| (c) Tax and NI | £200.15 LG Act 1972 S112 | Agreed |
| (d) Clerk postage and office consumables | £80.54 LG Act 1972 S112 | Agreed |
| (e) Bowles Tree & Garden Services – grass maint' | £780.00 LGMisc Prov Act 1976, S196 | Agreed |
| (f) Bowles T&G S – maint' bus shelters, seats, planters | £1,315.00 LGMisc Prov Act 1976, S196 | Agreed |

Grant application

- (g) MAGPAS Air Ambulance LG Act 1972 S137

Following discussion a grant of £1000 proposed by Cllr Fish seconded by Cllr Mann received 1 vote, a grant of £750 proposed by Cllr Britain seconded by Cllr Humphrey received six votes. **£750 Agreed**

9. PARISH CLERK – REVIEW Confidential item. This item was taken at the end of the Agenda

10. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Clerk referred to the Regulation which applies from May 2018. He explained that the objective was to protect individuals' data by recognising privacy and ensuring data was shared inappropriately. He explained the Information Commissioners Office had published guidelines and a checklist which had been followed and completed. He explained the Data Audit and Lawful Basis and circulated the Councils Privacy Notice (External) which would be added to the web site. He confirmed that SLCC had confirmed that Parish Councils were exempt from the need for a Data Processing Officer. **Noted**

11. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

Cllr Knight reported damage to a glass panel at a bus shelter and that making safe and permanent repairs had been arranged.

Quotations for the replacement of a bus shelter roof had not yet been received.

(b) Defibrillators

Cllr Britain reported that all defibrillators had been checked and that weekly checks were in place, dated and signed. The contact details for each one were updated.

(c) Planters

The Clerk reported that sponsorship had been received from all but one of the sponsors.

12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported;

- (a) FDC Planning Peer Review commences 31 July 2018
- (b) CCC Dragon Patcher will be in the ward this week
- (c) Wryde Croft Wind Farm Fund may benefit Guyhirn
- (d) The SpeedWatch project was developing with additional training sessions planned.

Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Bligh who reported;

- (e) Wisbech St Mary Cemetery – poor appearance. The Contractors have been warned.
- (f) Route 46 Bus Service – there will be a meeting 12 July at CCC to consider funding the £64k required to fund the service until the end of the year.
- (g) The Finance Director has left FDC.
- (h) Read to Succeed has been a great success. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had contributed.

13. POLICE MATTERS

(Report Received 10 July 2018)

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

(a) councillors expressed their concern regarding the A47 speed and accident record and expressed their sympathy for those involved in the latest incident and their families.

(b) Cllr Scrimshaw drew attention to the poor condition and appearance of Turf Fen Bridge caravan site.

(c) Cllr Davies reported that the Guyhirn Village Hall had been sold and it may be possible to link funds with the Wash Pit Charity funds to enable a new Village facility to be provided. The Clerk explained that such a proposal would need the approval of the Charity Commission. It was agreed to await the outcome of a public consultation event before considering further and to add the item to the next Agenda.

9. PARISH CLERK – REVIEW Confidential item after all visitors had left.

The Clerk left the room for the entirety of this item.

Councillors agree that the Clerk should progress to scale points 26 to 29 inclusive, and to point 26 from 1 April 2018. Further progression subject to Annual Review in February each year. **Agreed**

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th August 2018 Thorney Toll Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

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

Monday 11th February 2019 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

Monday 11th March 2019 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 8th April 2019 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 20th May 2019 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman