

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 20 August 2018 at Thorney Toll Village Hall.

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

Members of the public 1

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

Fenland District Councillor Mrs S Bligh.

FDC and Cambridgeshire County Councillor (CCC) S King.

OPEN FORUM Mrs R Drinkwater reported that the CCC Dragon Patcher had been a success. Other parts of Cants Drove were breaking up. Some areas had been marked for more major improvements. Cllr King added that he is to meet with management at BioCow and had invited Mrs Drinkwater.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs J Humphrey, M Knight MBE, D Scrimshaw

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 9th July 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 Newland
- (b) Cllr Newland completed and signed the Automatic Disqualification Rules and returned it to the Clerk

4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda
Cllr Patrick declare an interest in item 8 (f) as she sits on the Management Committee.

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. **Granted**

March Meeting

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

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**

June Meeting

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(a) F/YR18/0421/F Erection of a single storey rear extension involving the demolition of existing single storey rear extension. Ledbury Cottage High Road Wisbech St Mary

Applicant Mr P Rock. Agent Alexandra Design. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

July Meeting

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Pending Decision**

Cllr Patrick had attended the FDC Planning Committee. Committee voted against the application but following a further vote Committee voted in favour. Consequently, FDC Cllr Booth has complained regarding the way the process was managed.

It was believed that there is a Parish Council bus shelter within the visibility splay of the new estate road access – Councillors agreed that permission to move the bus shelter should be rescinded.

2. Planning applications for discussion:

a) F/YR18/0633/VOC Variation of condition 2 of F/YR14/0999/NONMAT (Non-material amendment - Plot 4 only - Remove chimney; alterations to garage doors, porch and lounge doors; and remove garage personnel door relating to planning permission F/YR11/0523/F (Erection of 4no x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings with garages)) to enable amendment to approved plans. Land South East Of Gore Villas Mill Road Murrow

Applicant Mr P O'Connor. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR18/0648/F Formation of a digestate lagoon with a 4.5m high surrounding earth bund and a 1.2m high chain-link fence at Anaerobic Digestion Plant. Somerset Farm Cants Drove Murrow. Applicant Biocow. Agent RSK ADAS. **Recommend Refusal**. The

noise/smell/pollution generated has been detrimental to residents. Substandard vehicular access – existing roads are incapable of carrying increased traffic without suffering damage resulting in noise/pollution. Cumulative impact – The existing operation has been detrimental to the environment and lives of local residents due to noise/smell/pollution and damage to roads, the number of vehicle movements must be limited in number and restricted to day time hours. Any expansion is recommended for refusal.

(c) F/YR18/0652/VOC Variation of condition 13 of planning permission F/YR13/0268/F (Erection of 9no 2-storey dwellings comprising of 4 x 3-bed and 5 x 4-bed with detached garages to Plots 5-9) for Plot 5 and 6 only in relation to access position and garage design, and a change to Plot 6 house design. Land North West Of Green Acres Gull Road Guyhirn Applicant Mr M Harding. Agent Ventex Architecture. **Recommend Approval**

(d) F/YR18/0653/O Erection of up to 3 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) including the formation of 3 x new accesses. Land South West Of The Orchards Gull Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr R Yates. Agent Barker Parry Town Planning Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/YR18/0665/F Replacement of doors and windows from timber to UPVC to existing dwelling. Bevis Lodge North Brink Wisbech

Applicant Mr & Mrs G Rigby. Agent Trundley Design Services. **Recommend Approval**

(f) F/YR18/0674/O Erection of a dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved). Land Rear Of Sunset Station Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mrs Smith. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(g) F/YR18/0678/VOC Variation of condition 10 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR16/0933/F (Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with attached double garage and a 1.5m high (max height) fence to front boundary) to amend access details. 35 Mill Road Murrow.

Applicant Mr Gillard. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(h) F/YR18/0700/F Erection of a 2-storey rear extension with juliet balcony; conversion of loft to living accommodation and replacement windows to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory. The Coach House Station Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mrs Biggins. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(i) F/YR18/0701/LB Erection of a 2-storey rear extension with juliet balcony; conversion of loft to living accommodation and replacement windows to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory. The Coach House Station Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mrs Biggins. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(j) F/YR18/0727/O Erection of a dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved). Plot 3 Land North of 15 to 17 Selwyn Cottages High Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr Dawson. Agent Nil. **Recommend Refusal** Over development, poor access – potentially dangerous.

(k) F/YR18/0730/F Erection of a 2-storey, 4-bed dwelling and a detached 4-bay garage involving the demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. The Broad Willock Lane Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Goat. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

3. FDC Planning Services Peer Review 1 August 2018

Cllr Wheeler reported that those carrying out the Peer Review were of the opinion that if FDC had gone against Parish Council recommendations FDC Planning should write and explain why. The Peer Review Report should be sent to the Parish Council.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) John Elworthy Editor Cambs Times/Wisbech Standard/Ely Standard – Freedom of Information request. The Clerk referred to the enquiry and to the response. **Noted**

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

The Clerk reported a new street lighting column had been installed outside 4 Fen Road Guyhirn. The Clerk referred to a letter received from FDC dated 23 July 2018 which confirmed FDC support for lighting energy costs for 12 months from 1 August 2018 and that the Parish Council would need to make its own arrangements for energy costs. FDC would pay a grant until 1 August 2019 of either the estimated cost or the actual cost whichever is the lesser amount. It was noted that there would be further representations made to FDC regarding energy costs. **Noted**

(b) Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative 2019/20

The Clerk reported that bids had been made to CCC and Wryde Croft Wind Farm. Further details were awaited from CCC for the Bellamy Bridge 2018/19 scheme. The High Road 2018/19 scheme required further design followed by public consultation for the change in speed limit. The Bellamy Bridge and High Road schemes to be delivered concurrently in early 2019. **Noted**

8. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive the budgetary control report for 2018/19 to date. The Clerk circulated the report and drew attention to an additional £50 received for planter sponsorship and that the bank reconciliation balanced. The current balance was £101,447. **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk July salary	£724.49 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(c) Tax and NI	£250.23 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(d) Art On Glass – replace glass panel	£274.68 LGMisc Prov Act 1953, S4 Agreed
(e) Bowles Tree & Garden Services – clear tree. £350.00 LGMisc Prov Act 1976, S196 Agreed	
(f) Murrow Village Hall Mg't Committee – hire of hall	£30.00 LG Act 1972 S134 Agreed

Grant application Nil

9. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance Nil

(b) Defibrillators Cllrs Britain and Fish reported the defibrillator at Thorney Toll had been removed and was retrieved from the East of England Ambulance Service depot at Peterborough. It was suggested that a name and contact number should be added to each defibrillator.

(c) Planters The Clerk reported that all but one of the sponsorship payments had been received.

10. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr King reported

(a) Tholomas Drove tree pruning should start today

- (b) Sandbank – an order has been raised to repair the subsidence
- (c) There are six vacancies in the Local Highway Improvement Team – recruitment is underway
- (d) There are six vacancies out of twenty-one positions in the Highway Maintenance Teams (one out of five in Fenland) – this is a national problem

Cllr Britain noted that Gull Drove is to be temporarily closed.

Cllr Wheeler reported potholes in Bevis Lane and Rummers Lane

Cllr Fish reported that the street light damaged by FDC had still not been replaced

Cllr Mrs Bligh reported;

- (a) Plash Drove – there had been requests locally for the speed limit for the built-up section to be lowered to 40mph from 60mph and asked the Parish Council to consider this when considering LHI's
- (b) A street light out at the Pigeons
- (c) FDC Leisure Centres are to be managed by an external company to save money

Cllr Booth reported;

- (a) FDC have agreed to pay for street lighting energy for a further twelve months
- (b) Speedwatch had been a success – of 371 vehicles checked 21 were over the speed limit
- (c) Turf Fen Bridge site – FDC had a 'tidy-up' planned
- (d) Guyhirn River Bank – there had been a complaint that weeds had not been cut back near the steps opposite Chapelfield Road
- (e) 20Twenty Vision – it had been raised that the villages should be included
- (f) GDPR – CAPALC were providing assistance for a fee if there is a data breach

11. POLICE MATTERS (Report Circulated 12 August 2018) Noted

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

(a) Cllr Davies reported overgrown trees at the Guyhirn Village Sign/planter and steps leading to the A47 and requested Environment Agency to be asked to cut it back.

(b) Cllr Davies drew attention to the inconsistencies of FDC Planning decisions at Gull Drove.

(c) The poor condition of Black Drove towards Gull Drove had been reported to CCC by Cllr Booth.

(d) it was reported that Police had said that they cannot prosecute drivers who park on the zig-zag markings outside the school at Wisbech St Mary as they are not in accordance with the recommendations. The Clerk will report the issue to CCC.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th September 2018 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

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 9.00 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman