

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 10 September 2018 at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), D Wheeler (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, M Knight MBE, J Newland, S Mann, D Scrimshaw.

Members of the public 6

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

Fenland District Councillor Mrs S Bligh.

**OPEN FORUM** Mrs S Pitcher requested additional street lighting in the vicinity of Selwyn Corner Guyhirn as it was dark at night time and adjacent to a busy road. Mr P McGregor supported the request as the footway was in poor condition and very easy to trip. There are only two lights between Selwyn Corner and Tholomas Drove. Ms Heyman also supported the request as vehicles travel at high speeds.

Cllr Bligh requested the Parish Council consider applying to CCC for a speed limit reduction to 40mph at Tholomas Drove through the Third-Party Funding option. Cllr Bligh described vehicles travelling at excessive speed past The Chequers into Plash Drove.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs P Davies, J Fish, J Humphrey, A Patrick, and CCC Cllr S King

### 2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 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)

Cllr Knight believed that FDC Planning Committee had approved F/YR17/1217/F against the recommendations of the Parish Council. Given that the School and Health Care were at capacity it seemed strange that no Section 106 had been negotiated. Cllr Knight proposed that the Parish Council object to FDC. Cllr Booth said that he had submitted a complaint to FDC regarding the way the vote was managed which was probably why a formal Planning Notice of approval had not been issued. He added that no education or highways contributions had been secured despite the developer using a proposal by the Parish Council to reduce the speed limit to 30mph (not yet approved by CCC) as an argument to justify approval. It was proposed that a letter of protest be sent to the Head of Planning Services at FDC. **Agreed unanimously**

### 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).

#### **March Meeting**

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

#### **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**

#### **July Meeting**

(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**

#### **August Meeting**

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. **Granted**

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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 **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Pending Decision**

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

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

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Pending Decision**

(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. **Pending Decision**

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR18/0386/O Revised Proposals. 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 Goodgear & Ms Plumb. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Refusal** – over development and insufficient access

(b) 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 Limited.

**Recommend Approval**

3. FDC Planning Services Peer Review 1 August 2018

Cllr Wheeler reported that the issue of inconsistency had not been mentioned. The Review was not constructive and was a waste of time.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED Nil**

**7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

(a) Street Lighting

Cllrs Britain and Allen agreed to meet at Selwyn Corner to review street lights and consider if and how additional units could be provided.

It was agreed that councillors would bring bids for new street lights to the next meeting to enable a strategy for future provision to be agreed.

Cllr Wheeler advised that the web site would need to be updated to reflect the new contact details for defect reporting.

**Grant application Nil**

## 8. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive the External Audit Report for 2017/18 to date. The Clerk referred to the External Auditor Report which had concluded that the information provided was in accordance with Proper Practices and that no matters had been raised. **Noted**  
The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his efforts.

### ***To approve payment of outstanding accounts:***

(b) Clerk August salary	£669.08 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(c) Tax and NI	£212.77 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(d) PKF Littlejohn – external audit report	£360.00 Accounts and Audit Regulations
1996 S11996/590	<b>Agreed</b>
(e) SR Signs – sponsorship sign	£60.00 LG Act 1972 S111 <b>Agreed</b>

***Grant application*** Nil

## 9. EQUALITY POLICY

The Clerk explained that the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation had identified that the Councils Equality Policy required updating if the bid for funding for a mobile vehicle activated sign was to be successful. He had circulated a proposal prior to the meeting which includes reference to the 2010 Equality Act and to the nine Protected characteristics. He referred to each of the characteristics and to the public sector equality duty that came into effect from April 2011. It was proposed by Cllr Knight seconded by Cllr Wheeler that the Equality Policy be incorporated into the Parish Council Code of Conduct. **Agreed unanimously.**

## 10. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance – estimates for the replacement of a bus shelter roof were awaited. **Noted**  
(b) Defibrillators – The Chairman reported that he was undertaking regular inspections.  
It was reported that the Thorney Toll unit had been used and that it had taken some time to track down who had it. It was proposed that each unit should have a post code and telephone number displayed so that it could quickly be returned to its location. **Agreed**  
(c) Planters – the Clerk reported that all sponsorships had been received. **Noted**

## 11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported;

- (a) He had requested Gary Edwards to action the replacement of the street light knocked down at Thorney Toll.
- (b) Speedwatch had held three sessions since the last meeting. Of 375 vehicles monitored 56 had exceeded the speed limit, 20% of vehicles in Guyhirn had been speeding.
- (c) He would contact CCC regarding the carriageway lines at Gull Drove/Gull Road.

Cllr Mrs Bligh reported;

- (a) That she was against FDC introducing charging for medical needle disposal.

## 12. POLICE MATTERS Report circulated 8 September 2018 **Noted**

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

Cllr knight said that he would be attending that Chairman's Reception at FDC on Friday.

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

### **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/19**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Murrow Village Hall  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Thorney Toll Village Hall  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Murrow Village Hall  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Thorney Toll Village Hall  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman