

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 8 October 2018 at The Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn.

Attended by: Councillors B Britain (Chairman), D Wheeler (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, P Davies, J Humphrey, M Knight MBE, S Mann, A Patrick, 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 R Drinkwater noted improvements completed to the road surface at Cants Drove. Cllr King added that the meeting planned between himself, Mrs Drinkwater and Biocow had not taken place and perhaps BioCow should attend a Parish Council Meeting.

Ms Gunner and Ms Clark said some improvements had been completed at Cants Drove but that the Murrow bank end was in appalling condition. The road was simply not fit for purpose relative to the development that had been approved, and the expansion being considered.

Ms Hynsman and Mrs Pitcher clarified that additional street lights were required from Selwyn Corner to Tholomas Drove.

Mrs Pitcher asked about Guyhirn Village Hall – Cllr Allen clarified that this was not a Parish Council issue.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Fish and CCC Cllr S King

2. BBC TELEGRAPH PETERBOROUGH – A47 Accidents **Did not attend**

3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 10th September 2018
The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only) **Nil**

5. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda
Cllr Davies declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in item 10 (a) i.

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

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 Decision**

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

(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 Decision**

(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. **Refused**

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

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

September Meeting

(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. **Pending Decision**

(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. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR18/0795/TRTPO Works to 3 x Horse Chestnut Trees covered by TPO 8/1990. The Vicarage High Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mrs S Russell. Agent N/A. **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. Anaerobic Digestion Plant Somerset Farm Cants Drove Murrow. Applicant Biocow, Somerset Farm. Agent RSK ADAS. **Recommend Refusal** for same reasons as before. The Clerk was asked to contact FDC Planning and CCC Highways objecting to the lack of developer funding towards highway improvements.

(c) F/YR18/0822/F Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with detached garage involving the formation of a new access. and South West Of Brunlea Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr L Baker. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Approval with a recommendation that the potential overlooking issue be resolved prior to approval.**

(d) F/YR18/0845/F Erection of a stable block comprising of 5 stables, clear store and hay store. Land North West Of Hereward RDA Spencer Drove Guyhirn. Applicant Mr R Gilbert. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/YR18/0846/F Formation of a dropped kerb to existing dwelling. The Mount 43 Murrow Bank Murrow. Applicant Mrs T Pryke. Agent N/A. **Recommend Approval**

3. FDC Planning Services – response to Parish Council email dated 19 September 2018 regarding planning application F/YR17/1217/F. **Noted. Cllr Wheeler was not satisfied with the response which did not address all of the issues raised by the Parish Council and he proposed a further letter to the Head of Planning Services with an option to copy to the press.**

4. The Clerk drew attention to Planning Training offered by FDC in the letter circulated 20 September 2018.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) CAPALC General Data Protection Membership Scheme

The Clerk referred to details received from CAPALC and their invoice in respect of the proposed General Data Protection Scheme. The Clerk summarised the General Data Protection Regulations process which had been completed including the audit of data held. As the Council does not hold sensitive data, there is only one employee and as the Council cannot delegate their legal responsibility to others it was considered that the risk was extremely low and benefit questionable. It was agreed not to join the CAPALC scheme. **Agreed**

Cllr Booth added that it could be that parishioners may not wish to have their names publicised in the minutes.

(b) FDC - Get involved in the future of Fenland Transport

The Clerk referred to an email from FDC publicising Transport Group Meetings circulated 30 September 2018. **Noted**

(c) CCC – Community Gritting Scheme

The Clerk drew attention to the CCC Community Gritting scheme. **Noted**

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

(i) The Clerk summarised the current situation: Electrical Testing Ltd (ETL) were progressing with repairs and replacement identified as urgent. Notifications of defective units were being received by the Clerk and passed on to ETL. Cllr Knight questioned delivery times. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with ETL to clarify delivery expectations.

(ii) The Clerk referred to various requests for new street lights. The Chairman proposed one additional light Gull Road, opposite the new bus shelter.

(b) High Road Wisbech St Mary Local Highway Improvement 2018/19

Councillors were unhappy with the CCC draft proposals as they only covered a short length of the village.

(c) Tholomas Drove speed reduction

Councillors considered that the alignment of the highway was such as to be self-enforcing and no further action was justified.

(d) Wisbech St Mary Street Pride

FDC Cllr Bligh explained that she had received more contacts that may be willing to take part. FDC provide initial support funding of £500. It was proposed that the Parish Council support the initiative.

Agreed

9. FINANCE MATTERS

(a) To receive the Budgetary Control Report for 2018/19 to date

The Clerk drew attention to receipt of the second payment for Precept and Support Grant, and to the cheques not yet presented. The Bank Reconciliation was signed. **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk September salary £669.08 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(c) Tax and NI £212.77 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(d) Clerk postage and office consumables £81.73 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(e) Electrical Testing Ltd – street lighting repairs £2059.00 Parish Council Act 1957 S3 **Agreed**

(f) CAPALC – councillor training Sept 2016 £210.00 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(g) K Clarke – war memorial maintenance £170.00 War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923 **Agreed**

Grant application

(a) Murrow Pre-School LG Act 1972 S137

It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler seconded by Cllr Mann that £1200 be granted. **Agreed unanimously**

(b) Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre £5,000.00 towards sports field upkeep
LG Misc Prov 1976 S19

It was proposed by Cllr Humphrey seconded by Cllr Wheeler that £5000 be granted. **Agreed unanimously**

10. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

i. Murrow War Memorial – resurfacing

Residents of Murrow had offered to resurface macadam around the War Memorial at material cost only of £400 as a goodwill gesture to the village prior to Remembrance Day. Councillors thanked the residents for the offer. In view of the short time available to have the work completed it was agreed that the Chairman could accept the offer once in receipt of an alternative quotation expected of £580. **Agreed**

ii. Tholomas Drove – tree replacement

Following discussion it was agreed that a tree stump be removed, an oak tree be repositioned, a commemorative plaque be provided in remembrance of those fallen during conflicts, and poppies sown in the area. **Agreed**

(b) Defibrillators Nil

(c) Planters Nil

11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bligh: (a) encouraged councillors to respond to the FDC Wisbech Street Drinking survey.

(b) asked for support to have Speedwatch stickers placed on wheelie bins. **Agreed**

Cllr Booth: (a) reported Speedwatch results; the average was 10% above the threshold, 25% above in Guyhirn. Additional volunteers will be trained. Police are providing support.

(b) reminded councillors of the forthcoming CAPALC AGM

12. POLICE MATTERS No report received

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

(a) Cllr Wheeler reported back from his meeting with Steve Barclay MP

(b) The Clerk advised that an FDC review of Polling Districts and Places was underway and invited comments. It was noted that since the Guyhirn Village Hall was no longer available The Oliver Twist Country Inn had been used and the School was another possibility.

(c) FDC Cllr Bligh requested an update on Murrow Bank/Sand Bank speed issues. The Clerk will check previous minutes.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th November 2018 Murrow Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

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 9.15 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman