

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 10 December 2018 at Thorney Toll Village Hall.

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

Members of the public 7

Fenland District Councillor Mrs S Bligh.

OPEN FORUM Mrs Bailey, Head of Murrow Primary Academy and two colleagues explained the difficulty of parking at the school due to high vehicle numbers and lack of parking available. They have considered options and seek the support of the Parish Council. See item 11 below.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs King and Booth.

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 12th November 2018
The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)
Cllr Fish requested an update on the issues at The Oliver Twist Country Inn. The Chairman explained that issues of seating layout, lighting and access for wheelchairs had been discussed and Cllr Allen would attend early at the next meeting to consider what improvements could be made.

4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda
Cllr Patrick declared a personal interest in item 11.

5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

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

(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

(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. **Granted**

November Meeting

(a) F/YR18/0877/F Change of use of land for domestic purposes including the erection of a shed (retrospective). Land South East Of 34 Chapelfield Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr A Charles. Agent N/A. **Refused**

(b) F/YR18/0927/F The siting of 8 x caravans (for the occupation of seasonal workers) and the erection of a utility block. Land North West Of The Car Park At Volmary Limited Station Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Volmary Ltd. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited.

Pending Consideration

(c) F/YR18/0939/F Erection of a 2.2 metre high (max) boundary front wall and entrance gates (retrospective). 94 Murrow Bank Murrow. Applicant Mr & Mrs R Harnwell. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Pending Consideration**

(d) F/YR18/0956/O Erection of up to 7no dwellings and the formation of 4no vehicular access involving the demolition of existing outbuildings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access). Land South East Of Dove Cottage Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mrs Booth. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Refused**

(e) F/YR18/0963/F Change of use of land for domestic purposes. Land East Of Leyland Halt Station Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr & Mrs S Chaplin. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Pending Consideration**

(f) F/YR18/0966/F Formation of a digestate lagoon with a 4.5m high surrounding earth bund and a 1.2m high chain-link fence (retrospective). Anaerobic Digestion Plant Somerset Farm Cants Drove Murrow. Applicant Biocow Ltd. Agent ADAS. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR18/0997/TRTPO Works to a Lime tree covered by TPO/16/1990. 78 Murrow Bank Murrow. Applicant Mr R Howton. Agent Mr D Fortuna. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR18/1041/F Erection of an agricultural building including lighting, fence and flagpole (retrospective). Land South of Oaklands Willock Lane Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr & Mrs M Goat. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR18/1054/F Erection of a 2-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing rear 2-storey. The Willows Hooks Drove Murrow. Applicant Mr P Goodfellow. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Approval**

(d) F/YR18/1081/F Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with detached garage involving the formation of a new access. Land South West Of Brunlea Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr L Baker. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Approval – recommendation: potential overlooking issue should be resolved prior to approval.**

3. FDC Planning Services – response to Parish Council representation 13 November 2018 regarding planning application F/YR17/1217/F.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) EACH – thank you **Noted**

(b) Resident Sayers Crescent – development not yet completed **Noted**

(c) Parson Drove Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan **Noted**

(d) CCC – Bikability cycle training in schools

The Clerk read the CCC letter circulated 22 November 2018. During discussion Mrs Bailey estimated that there could be 75 ten to eleven-year old children that could need training. Councillors resolved to support the scheme in principle but did not support a contribution which could be £40 per pupil per year. Mrs Bailey offered to explore the possibilities with CCC. Mrs Bailey was thanked by the Chairman.

(e) FDC – Care Network Cambridgeshire funding proposal **Noted**

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

The Clerk distributed copies of plans showing parish lighting units. The Clerk reported that ten defective units had been reported plus those reported by Cllr Knight. Councillors expressed concern at the length of time taken for repairs. Cllr Wheeler said he would consult with the other parishes to ascertain the overall situation. The Clerk was asked to contact ET Ltd to express concern.

(b) Local Highway Improvement Bids 2019/20

CCC Panel was attended by Cllr Booth - feedback was awaited.

8. FINANCE MATTERS

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

The Clerk circulated the BCR report and noted allotment rent received and bank reconciliation which balanced.

(b) Budget Review to 10 December 2018

The Clerk circulated the Budget Review. He compared the Budget £86,953 with projected year end spend £53,844 and concluded that additional funds could be allocated to replacing old street lights. Councillors noted the figures and considered allocating additional funds to street lighting but were reluctant to do so until reassured regarding performance. It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler seconded by Cllr Fish that £25,000 be allocated to street lighting replacements.

The Clerk reminded councillors that the budget for 2019/20 and precept would be determined at the January 2019 meeting.

(c) Allotment Rent Review

The Clerk reported that rent for Thorney Road Guyhirn allotment was fixed until 2019. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wheeler seconded by Cllr Allen that rents were considered fair and should not be increased. **Agreed unanimously.**

The Clerk reminded councillors that other allotment rents had last been increased in 2015. It was proposed by Cllr Fish seconded by Cllr Humphrey that rents should remain unchanged for a further three years. **Agreed unanimously.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (d) Clerk November salary | £669.08 LG Act 1972 S112 | Agreed |
| (e) Tax and NI | £212.77 LG Act 1972 S112 | Agreed |
| (f) Clerk postage and office consumables | £61.35 LG Act 1972 S112 | Agreed |
| (g) G Wilkinson – 2 x Defibrillator Charge Pak | £155.40 Public Health Act 1936 S234 | Agreed |
| (h) Artistic Metalica – Tree guard and plaque | £240.00 LG Act 1972 S111 | Agreed |
| (i) K Clarke – War Memorials clean | £160.00 War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923 | Agreed |
| (j) Murrow Village Hall – hire 12 November 2018 | £30.00 LG Act 1972 S134 | Agreed |
| (k) Clerks & Councils Direct - subscription | £132.00 LG Act 1972 S143 | Agreed |
| (l) Society of Local Council Clerks – subscription | £175.00 LG Act 1972 S143 | Agreed |

Grant application

- (m) Murrow Playing Field Association - maintenance £2,500 LG Misc Prov 1976 S19

Agreed unanimously

- (n) Parochial Church Council Emmanuel Churchyard Southea – upkeep of churchyard. LG Act 1972 S214. **Following discussion a grant of £750 was agreed unanimously.**

- (o) Murrow Village Hall Management Committee – building maintenance approx. £1800.00 LG Act 1972 S133. Having declared an interest Cllr Patrick took no part in discussions. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Allen seconded by Cllr Fish to approve the bid. **Agreed unanimously**

9. PARISH PROPERTY

- (a) Guyhirn Village Pond - Maintenance

The Chairman explained possibilities to de-silt and rejuvenate the pond. The cost of removing 70te-100te of silt could be £4125 providing there is a site locally to spread it. Following discussion it was agreed to explore grant funding.

- (b) Defibrillators

The Chairman explained that the unit at Play2Day had been used recently. Replacement paks had been obtained as detailed in item 8(g) above.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to supply details of defibrillators to Tall Trees Caravan Site.

- (c) Planters **no business**

10. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk reported that there had been no change to Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. **Noted**

11. MURROW PRIMARY ACADEMY – Parking

Cllr Patrick explained the situation described by Mrs Bailey in Open Forum. Options may require an area of private land or an extension of the lay-by within highway verge. The options will be explored further in consultation with CCC.

12. GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD – Meeting/Changing Room

Cllr Davies explained the need to provide a Changing/Meeting Room at Guyhirn Playing Field (owned by the Parish Council) The cost could be £65,000 to £100,000. The Guyhirn Playing Field Committee would manage and maintain. Part of the proceeds from the sale of Guyhirn Village Hall could be used, approx. £55,000. During discussions questions arose as to usage, ownership, funding and future liabilities. It was concluded that options would be considered when more detail was available.

13. THE MIDDLE PIT AND THOLOMAS DROVE WASH PIT CHARITY – Investment

The Clerk reported that application forms supplied by National Savings & Investment had been completed and submitted. The reply was that they cannot open Trust Accounts for Charities. Further advice would be sought.

14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr S Bligh reported for Cllr Booth:

- (a) The damaged street light at Lindens Close had been replaced by FDC.

- (b) PASS Review had been completed
 - (c) FDC had appointed a new Section 151 Officer
 - (d) Council Tax Support Grant would be agreed by FDC at next Thursdays meeting
- Cllr S Bligh reported:
- (e) Sharps could be dropped off at surgeries etc. free of charge, house collections would be charged for
 - (f) FDC is considering a shared service with Peterborough City Council for the CCTV service
 - (g) Community Speedwatch – during the last session in November 12% of 2225 vehicles were speeding.

15. POLICE MATTERS Report circulated 4 December 2018

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

- (a) Cllr Britain reported that the surface of Black Drove to BioCow had been greatly improved
- (b) Cllr Wheeler noted a meeting planned for new school development at Barton Road.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th January 2019 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

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 9.25 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman