

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 12 November 2018 at Murrow Village Hall.

Attended by: Councillors D Wheeler (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, P Davies, J Humphrey, M Knight MBE, J Newland, D Scrimshaw.

Members of the public 3

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

Fenland District Councillor Mrs S Bligh.

OPEN FORUM Mrs Pitcher requested an update on the possibility of additional street lights at Guyhirn from Selwyn Corner to Tholomas Drove.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs B Britain (Chairman), J Fish, S Mann, A Patrick and CCC Cllr S King. In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman Cllr D Wheeler took the Chair.

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 8th October 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)
The Clerk reported a response from Highways England that the vegetation at Guyhirn steps and ramp at A47 had been cut back. Cllr Davies said he would inspect.

4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda
Cllr Davies declared an interest in Grant Application (a).

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

(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. **Granted**

(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

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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

October Meeting

(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. **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. Anaerobic Digestion Plant Somerset Farm Cants Drove Murrow. Applicant Biocow, Somerset Farm. Agent RSK ADAS. **Granted**

(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. **Refused**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Pending Decision**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(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. **Recommend Approval providing applicant owns the land.**

(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. **Recommend Approval providing there is adequate screening to minimise the visual impact of the proposal**

(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. **Recommend Approval**

(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. **Recommend Approval – The Parish Council requests a s106 contribution towards improvements to village amenities**

(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. **Recommend Approval**

(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. **Recommend Refusal – due to cumulative impact of noise/smell/contamination. The Parish Council also made the point that such an application should not be retrospective.**

3. FDC Planning Services – response to Parish Council representations regarding planning application F/YR17/1217/F. Following a summary of the situation by Cllr Wheeler it was agreed to advise the Head of Planning Services that the speed limit would not be 30mph as stated in the planning application and that it was doubtful that appropriate visibility splays could be achieved. It was also agreed to invite the Head of Planning Services to the Parish Council meeting in January.

4. Maxey Grounds Community Consultation – 3 Proposed Dwellings, Gull Drove, Guyhirn. The Clerk had circulated the consultation and explained that a response was required by 4 December. Following discussion Councillors agreed; to support the principle of additional growth in Guyhirn beyond the 25 new dwellings limit applied by FDC, that this was not an appropriate location due to poor access poor visibility and therefore potentially dangerous, that this was not an appropriate scale of development at this site.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) CCC - Wisbech Area Transport Strategy – Fenland Town and Parish Council Discussion
The Clerk reported details had been circulated. Councillors were encouraged to attend.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

Following a site inspection by Cllrs Britain and Allen three poles have been identified as potentially suitable for new outreach brackets. Cllrs Britain and Wheeler and the Clerk have a meeting with Electrical Testing Ltd on 12 November, this is one of the items to be discussed.

It was agreed that plans of the lighting stock would be supplied to councillors.

Cllr Davies reported a light out on the bend near the village sign at Guyhirn.

- (b) High Road Wisbech St Mary Local Highway Improvement (LHI) 2018/19
- (i) Bellamy Bridge 2018/19 LHI – The Clerk circulated the final design proposals from CCC which now show countdown markings on all four approaches. It was agreed to ask for improved 'bend ahead' signs if they could be accommodated within budget. The CCC design was agreed.
- (ii) High Road Wisbech St Mary 2018/19 LHI - The Clerk had circulated a response received from CCC to councillors concerns regarding the draft design. Following discussion it was agreed that the proposals were the best that could be achieved. The CCC design was agreed.
- (iii) Station Road and High Road 2019/20 LHI – The Clerk had circulated the CCC Feasibility Summary which included soft Traffic Calming on Station Road and potential to install a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS). Following discussion it was agreed that the proposals were the best that could be achieved. The CCC proposal was agreed. It was agreed that Cllrs Wheeler and Booth would attend the CCC assessment.

8. FINANCE MATTERS

- (a) To receive the Budgetary Control Report (BCR) for 2018/19 to date
The Clerk circulated the BCR and highlighted allotment received and bank reconciliation. Current balance was £115,423, a healthy position.
The Clerk reminded councillors that the Budget for 2019/20 would be discussed at the next meeting and that elections would be held May 2019.

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (b) Clerk October salary £669.08 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (c) Tax and NI £212.77 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**
- (d) Electrical Testing Ltd – street lighting repairs £1540.80 Parish Council Act 1957 S3 **Agreed**
- (e) Oliver Twist Country Inn – Hire 8 Oct. £40.00 LG Act 1972 S134 **Agreed**
- (f) K Clarke – notice boards maintenance £141.00 War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923 **Agreed**
- (g) Bowles Tree & Garden Services – bus shelters, planters and grass cutting
£1180.00 LGMisc Prov Act 1976 s 196 **Agreed**
- (h) Royal British Legion – Remembrance Wreaths £51.00 LG Act 1972 s137 **Agreed**

Grant application

- (a) Guyhirn Playing Field Association - maintenance £2500.00 LGMisc Prov 1976 s19 **Agreed**
- (b) East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) - £500. LG Act 1972 S137 **Agreed**

9. PARISH PROPERTY

- (a) Maintenance Contract
The Clerk reminded members of the current Assets and maintenance frequency. It was agreed to add planters at the same frequency as amenity maintenance, i.e. 10x per year. Councillors discussed those who would be invited to quote: It was agreed Bowles Tree & Garden Services, Kevin Clarke and Oliver Wardill.
The Clerk reported two quotations had been received for the replacement of a bus shelter roof: Turner contracting Ltd £330 plus vat, Bowles Tree & Garden Services £250. It was proposed by Cllr Humphrey seconded by Cllr Scrimshaw to accept the quotation from Bowles Tree & Garden Services £250. **Agreed**

- (b) Defibrillators Nil
- (c) Planters

In order to achieve consistency, it was agreed to provide Bowles Tree & Garden Services with a schedule of all planters.

10. MEETING ROOM GUYHIRN

Councillors discussed the seating layout, lighting and access. Following discussion Cllr Allen agreed to attend the next meeting at Guyhirn early in order to achieve some improvement.

11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr S Bligh reported:

- (a) she was in discussion with Biocow to encourage them to contribute to improvements to Cants Drove.
- (b) StreetPride was at an early stage but progressing
- (c) Defibrillator training was planned for 24 November at Murrow Village Hall 10.30am to 1.00pm

Cllr Booth reported:

- (a) Speedwatch – 365 vehicles had been checked. The worst figures were at Guyhirn where 12% were exceeding the speed limit.
- (b) Gull Drove – CCC road safety team did not support a change in priority
- (c) Sayers Crescent - there are still issues for the developer to complete
- (d) Black Drove off A47 junction Gull Drove, three vehicles have recently left the road.

12. POLICE MATTERS – Report circulated 11 November 2018

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only) Nil

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th December 2018 Thorney Toll Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

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