

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 14 January 2019 at Wisbech St Mary Parish Community Centre.

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

Members of the public 7

Fenland District Councillors Mrs S Bligh and G Booth.

OPEN FORUM Mrs S Pitcher asked for progress with the additional street lights requested at High Road Guyhirn, between Selwyn Corner and Tholomas Drove.

Mr Boyce reported that work had commenced to install a new service to the proposed street light at High Road, Wisbech St Mary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs M Knight MBE, A Patrick, J Newland and Cllr King.

2. NICK HARDING, Head of Planning, Fenland District Council (FDC)

The Chairman welcomed Nick Harding and invited him to comment on various planning matters raised by Councillors.

- (a) Regarding feedback to parish councillors Nick reminded them that they could register with FDC to receive notifications. FDC do not have the resources to feedback on individual applications.
- (b) As regards growth limits there is currently no scope for change. However, in February FDC may decide to review the Local Plan. If so, the Parish Council can contribute what growth levels they feel are appropriate for the villages.
- (c) Section 106 Agreements: such agreements are inappropriate for developments of less than ten dwellings. FDC policy was that social housing would not be required for developments of less than ten dwellings. Nick explained that government policy places the emphasis on new housing delivery. FDC must carry out viability studies for the larger developments. Given the nature of developments in the Parish the potential for S106 agreements is small. S106 bids must be justified by mitigating the effects of the proposed development.
- (d) Regarding Gull Road: of fifteen checked, eight were approved, seven refused. Of those approved five were replacements, three satisfied the Infill Development test.
- (e) Regarding comments that Parish Council comments were ignored, Nick disagreed. 75% were consistent with Parish Council recommendations. Of three that had been refused one went to appeal which was turned down which supported the FDC decision.

Nick took comments and questions from councillors.

The Chairman thanked Nick for attending and explaining the Governments approach and that of FDC. He concluded that he would prefer the Parish Council comments to carry more weight.

3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 10th December 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)

- (a) CCC – Bikability cycle training in schools

The Clerk read a response from CCC: if CCC seek a contribution it is likely to be up to 25% i.e. £10 per pupil trained. CCC have contacted schools as well as Parish Councils. Training a trainer would involve a four-day course which costs hundreds of pounds and Continued Professional Development would also be required.

- (b) Sayers Crescent – development not yet completed

The Clerk reported he had not yet received a reply from FDC.

5. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda

Cllr D Wheeler declared a personal and pecuniary interest in item 6.2(a)

6. 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 Now application F/YR19/3007/COND yet to be received

November Meeting

(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.

Granted

(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. **Granted**

(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**

December Meeting

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Pending Decision**

(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. **Refused**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

Cllr Wheeler left the room

(a) F/YR18/1089/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension with balcony to existing dwelling involving demolition of garage/utility. The Bungalow Bevis Lane Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Wheeler. Agent Holt Architectural. **Recommend Approval**

Cllr Wheeler returned

(b) F/YR18/1095/O Erection of up to 3 no dwellings involving demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings (outline application with all matters reserved). The Laurels High Road Bunkers Hill. Applicant Mr & Mrs Smith. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited.

Recommend Approval

(c) F/YR18/1096/F Erection of a single-storey detached annex ancillary to existing dwelling. Fairfield's Gull Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr J Atkins. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Approval**

(d) F/YR18/1138/F Removal of existing window to be replaced by door in existing dwelling. The Old Post Office High Road Guyhirn Wisbech.

Applicant Mrs G Sloan. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/2013/18/CW Construction of approximately 1 Kilometre of high-pressure gas pipeline to connect an existing anaerobic digestion plant to the national gas transmission system with a block valve connection, a proposed gas convertor compound, gas flare and associated equipment. The retention of 24 metre diameter, 6 metre high anaerobic digestion tanks (22 metre diameter tanks previously approved by planning permission F/2015/11/CW) and the erection of two 24 metre, 6 metre high anaerobic digestion tanks, feeder plant and a pre-pit (10metres by 5 metres). Somerset Farm, Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Cants Drove, Murrow. **Recommend Refusal – Infrastructure must be upgraded to cope with additional HCV movements in both directions to and from the site.**

(f) F/YR18/1087/VOC Revised Proposals Variation of condition 13 to enable amendment to approved plans 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 8 only to change design of dwelling and access point. Land North West Of Green Acres Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr & Mrs Clare. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited. **Recommend Approval**

(g) F/YR19/0002/O Erection of up to 3no dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved). Land North West Of Long Acre Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr & Mrs Jarlett. Agent Maxey Grounds & Co. **Recommend Refusal – Due to alignment and levels access is considered potentially dangerous**

(h) F/YR19/0003/F Change of use of from residential/dog grooming parlour to residential/beautician parlour – retrospective. Coxton House 16 Front Road Murrow. Applicant Mrs Morton. Agent Alexandra Design. **Recommend Approval**

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) FDC Pride in Fenland Awards – nominations invited
- (b) Parochial Church Council – thanks for the generous donation

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting was planned with other Parish Councils and Electrical Testing Ltd (ETL). A further meeting would follow between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk and ETL.

Cllr Booth reported that FDC employed ETL for Testing and Replacements, a separate firm was employed for day-to-day repairs. It was agreed that the strategy was to replace all old Parish units with new LED units and to replace the more modern columns/brackets with LED lanterns/lamps. In the interim a contractor qualified to carry out maintenance would be sought. Several instances where vegetation had overgrown lighting units were reported. It was agreed to compile a list and invite a quotation to cut back vegetation.

(b) Local Highway Improvement Bids 2019/20

Cllr Booth reported that bids go to Committee March 2019.

9. BUDGET FOR 2019/20 FOR PRECEPT

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Administration	£17,673.36	£18,752.69	£14,728.00
CsExp	£800.00	£869.40	£750.00
Grants	£18,000.00	£18,000.00	£16,000.00
Capital Ex	£13,820.00	£13,820.00	£15,201.00
137 Provision	£4,500.00	£4,500.00	£4,000.00
Maintenance	£11,000.00	£11,000.00	£11,000.00
Street Lights	£20,000.00	£20,000	£20,000.00
Allotment exp	£11.67	£11.67	£12.00
Election	£0.00	£0.00	£4,389.15
Total	£85,805.03	£86,953.76	£86,080.15
Precept	£53,732.00	£53,732.00	£55,510.00

The Clerk circulated Precept and Budget calculations for 2019/20. He explained Capital expenditure provision and street lighting such that new units could be afforded as well as replacements. The proposed Precept was an increase in total but as the number of people paying had increased there would be no increase in the amount individuals had to pay. It was proposed by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Scrimshaw that the Precept for 2019/20 be agreed at £55,510. **Agreed unanimously**

10. FINANCE MATTERS

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

The Clerk circulated the BCR and drew attention to a donation of £30 received from Cllr King and allotment income. He also highlighted a cancelled cheque to Murrow Playing Field Association as the account name provided had been incorrect, item 10(h) refers, and cancelled cheque to K Clarke as an incorrect amount had been entered, item 10(e) refers.

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk December 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	£120.77 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(e) K Clarke – repair/relocate notice board	£98.40 LG Act 1972 S111	Agreed
(f) Thorney Toll Village Hall – hire 10 December 2018	£40.00 LG Act 1972 S134	Agreed
(g) Tamar IT Ltd – domain and hosting	£84.00 LG Act 1972 S142	Agreed
(h) Murrow Sports Club – maintenance grant	£2,500 LG Misc Prov 1976 S19	Agreed
Cheque raised 10 December 2018 Murrow Playing Field Association has been cancelled		

Grant application *Nil*

11. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance Contract 2019/20 – Quotations

The Clerk confirmed that the closing date for quotations was 31 January, they would go to the February meeting for consideration.

(b) Defibrillators

Cllr Wheeler reported that he had received confirmation that training was being arranged.

The Chairman reported that the unit at Murrow had been used. Only the pads needed to be changed after use.

The Chairman reported that he had received a request for a defibrillator to be provided at The Chequers Tholomas Drove. It was agreed to bid for a grant from Wryde Croft Wind Farm Fund.

(c) Planters

It was agreed that regular strimming and spraying and weeding was required to keep them in good order. It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting what was required at each of the planters.

12. MURROW PRIMARY ACADEMY – Parking. No further update

13. GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD – Meeting/Changing Room

Cllr Allen explained that the estimated cost was £100k-£110k. Cllr Davies asked if the Parish Council would submit the planning application. It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler seconded by Cllr Scrimshaw that the Parish Council submit the planning application. Agreed unanimously. Cllr Wheeler explained that any bid for Parish Council funding must be supported by detailed costings. Ownership and management responsibilities also needed to be clear. There was no commitment to the Parish Council owning the building.

14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Booth reported:

- (a) The latest Speedwatch survey of 76 vehicles 5% were above the threshold. Further training and volunteer sessions were planned.
- (b) FDC would hold an extraordinary meeting Thursday to discuss CCTV
- (c) Planning training was available at FDC Thursday night.
- (d) Most fees and charges would be held the same or with an inflationary increase, burial charges would be increased in line with neighbouring authority charges.

Cllr S Bligh reported:

- (e) StreetPride is underway in Wisbech St Mary, it is hoped to commence in the Spring.
- (f) Many of those that attended the secondary school consultation were unhappy with the location proposed. Any questions contact: KCEFenlandCampus@kier.co.uk

15. POLICE MATTERS Report circulated 8 January 2019

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

- (a) Cllr Wheeler said that Cllr Count, Leader of CCC had offered to attend the next meeting to present plans for the school project.
- (b) Cllr Davies reported a dangerous rut/subsidence at the edge of carriageway due to vehicle overrunning at Gull Bank, past Plash Drove.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th February 2019 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

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 9.20 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman