

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 11 March 2019 at Murrow Village Hall.

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

Members of the public 7

Fenland District Council (FDC): Cllrs G Booth and S Bligh.

The Chairman congratulated Mark Knight MBE on his appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant for North Cambridgeshire.

### OPEN FORUM Nil

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr A Patrick, CCC Cllr J French.

#### 2. CLLR. STEVE COUNT, LEADER CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CCC) PROPOSED SECONDARY SCHOOL WISBECH

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Count, Ian Trafford (IT), CCC Education Service, Rob Moy (RM), Faithfull+Gould Project Manager and Mark Hollowell(MH), Kier Senior Design Manager.

IT referred to public exhibitions/consultations that had taken place and explained that comments received had informed proposals. Proposals also took into account those pupils already in primary school together with predicted increase in numbers due to growth plan and major allocations. Detailed analysis of travel patterns had been completed. The school would serve Peckover and Leverington schools and the catchment area to the west of Wisbech such that it would intercept existing journeys into Wisbech. MH explained that the existing footway of Barton Road would be extended with additional infrastructure and a new foot/cycleway at The Still provided to facilitate journeys to/from Leverington. Design proposals are subject to CCC Highways assessment and planning application. The Chairman thanked Cllr Count and his team and invited questions.

#### 3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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) School Keep Clear markings – The Clerk reported no further information had been received.

#### 5. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda Nil

#### 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.

##### November Meeting

(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. **Granted**

##### January Meeting

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Granted**

## February Meeting

(a) F/YR19/0038/O Erection of up to 3no dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access). Land South Of Trafford House Station Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr & Mrs Desborough. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Limited.

**The proposed access onto Barton Road is considered potentially dangerous due to alignment, close proximity of junctions, speed of vehicles using the main road. Access onto Station Road via Trafford Farm is considered safer. Recommend Approval subject to access off Station Road. Pending Decision. The Clerk reported that CCC Highways favoured the proposed access location as submitted. Discussions were ongoing as to what measures could be introduced to mitigate the risks.**

(c) F/YR19/0055/F Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling. Land South West Of Rose Lodge Selwyn Corner Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr J Patten. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Pending Decision**

(d) F/YR19/0062/F Erection of a detached workshop to existing dwelling. 1 Snowdrop Cottages Mill Road Murrow. Applicant Mr M Mobius. Agent Nil. **Pending Consideration**

(e) F/YR19/0063/F Installation of 716 solar panels mounted on 7 No. 2.7m high (max) ground mounted panels. Volmary Limited Station Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Volmary Ltd. Agent Geo Green Power Ltd. **Pending Consideration**

## 2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR19/0099/F Erection of a part single-storey part 2-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving part demolition to rear. Old County Police House High Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr & Mrs N Colella. Agent Andrew M Wright Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR19/0118/F Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of utility/store. 11 Chapelfield Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr Warby & Miss Edwards. Agent Gowler Architectural. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR19/0002/O Revised Proposals. Erection of a dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved). Land North West Of Long Acre Gull Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Jarlett. Agent Maxey Grounds & Co. **Recommend Approval**

(d) F/YR19/0156/F Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling and detached garage with study over. Redfern House Cants Drove Murrow.

Applicant Mr T Lawrence. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) FDC Press Release. The Clerk referred to the press release to the effect that Enforcement Officers would allocate 10% of their time to community activities.

## 8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting – costs for replacement lighting were awaited from Electrical Testing Ltd. Cllr Knight reported a recent road traffic collision at Bellamy Bridge and stressed the urgency in completing the Local Highway Improvement. It was noted that something more major may be required through the Fenland Transport Plan.

## 9. FINANCE MATTERS

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

The Clerk circulated the BCR, drew attention to income for the year of £75,176 and current balance for the year of £105,187.25. **Noted**

(b) To receive the allotment account statement for 2018/19

The Clerk circulated the statement, all rents had been received in the sum of £1762.60. **Noted**

(c) Internal Audit arrangements.

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit would take place 30 April 2019.

## To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(d) Clerk February 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 £103.31 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(g) Electrical Testing Ltd – new street light £1520.18 Parish Council Act 1957 S3 **Agreed**

(h) Bowles Tree & Garden Services – maintenance £450.00 LG Misc Prov Act 1976 S196 **Agreed**

(i) Oliver Twist Country Inn – hire 11 February £40.00 LG Act 1972 S143 **Agreed**

(j) FDC street light replacement FPC1 Fen Road £1011.16 Parish Council Act 1957 S3 **Agreed**

**Grant application Nil**

#### **10. PARISH PROPERTY**

(a) Maintenance

The Chairman suggested grass cutting should commence. **Agreed**

The Chairman suggested the canopy of the trees at Tholomas Drove opposite the Chequers Inn be raised. **Agreed**

(b) Defibrillators - **no business**

(c) Planters - **no business**

#### **11. MURROW VILLAGE HALL – HM Land Registry, Transfer of whole of registered title**

The document naming Wisbech St Mary Parish Council as Custodian Trustees was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

#### **12. GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD – Meeting/Changing Room**

Cllr Davies reported that the planning application had been submitted and the funding identified. Cllr Knight reiterated that a decision could not be made until a formal bid had been submitted and discussed. It was agreed to add the item to the Agenda for May.

#### **13. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM GUYHIRN**

Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Allen would try a different table layout for the next meeting at Guyhirn.

#### **14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

FDC Cllr Booth reported:

(a) FDC had agreed to freeze Council tax.

(b) FDC now has two enforcement officers, there are 230 cases.

(c) The Local Plan is due to be considered after the elections. Target date for completion is 2021.

(d) Recent Speedwatch figures: of 664 vehicles checked 13% were speeding. Of those checked at High Road, Guyhirn 22% and 28% were speeding.

FDC Cllr Bligh reported:

(e) Wisbech St Mary Streetpride had attracted 20 volunteers.

(f) Police had been working with schools to raise the profile of the school 'Keep Clear' markings.

It was noted that Purdah, the period immediately before the election when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place, commences 19 March 2019.

#### **15. POLICE MATTERS Report circulated 11 March 2019**

#### **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**

(a) The Chairman commented, supported by others, that work recently undertaken by CCC Dragon Patcher was ineffective and a waste of money.

#### **17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Thorney Toll Village Hall

#### **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed: Cllr. B Britain, Chairman