

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Murrow Village Hall.

Attended by: Councillors D Wheeler (Chairman), J Humphrey (Vice-Chairman), C Allen, G Booth, B Britain, P Davies, M Fryett, S Mann, D Scrimshaw.  
Cambridgeshire County Councillor (CCC) Cllr S King.  
Fenland District Councillor (FDC) Cllr s Bligh.  
Members of the public: 6

### **OPEN FORUM** – Parishioners are invited to address the Council.

- (a) The Notice Board at Thorney Toll was loose.
- (b) Diane Cutler (DC) provided an update on Murrow Street Pride. DC reported that the seat at Murrow had been painted green and should not be creosoted as part of the routine maintenance contract.
- (c) DC provided an update on Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward Community Speedwatch.
- (d) The new 30mph speed limit features in Wisbech St Mary were considered a waste of time.
- (e) Bellamys Bridge speed/safety management features so far completed were considered incorrect and poorly executed.

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Knight and Fish

#### **2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS** dated 10 June 2019

Cllr Booth pointed out that item 12 (i) should read Cllr Bligh, not Cllr Booth. Noted and amended. The amended minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)

#### **4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on this agenda

Cllr Britain declared an interest in item 8 (e).

#### **5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS**

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

##### **April Meeting**

(c) F/YR19/0207/VOC Variation of Condition 1 in relation to plots 33-41 inclusive to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR18/0452/NONMAT (Non-material amendment: requirement of a condition listing approved plans relating to planning F/YR05/1405/RM (Erection of 43 houses comprising; 15 x 2-bed, 11 x 3-bed and 17 x 4-bed with garages, sewage treatment plant and landscaping) to allow revisions to layout and house types. Land At Sayers Field Church Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant CMD Building Ltd. Agent Mr C Nash. **Granted**

(f) F/YR19/0239/O Erection of a workplace home (outline application with matters committed in respect of access). Land West Of P Tibbs Glass And Glazing Ltd Long Drove Murrow.

Applicant Mr P Tibbs. Agent Planning Direct. **Refused**

##### **May Meeting**

(b) F/YR19/0304/F Erection of a building (Unit 3) and change of use of site from B1 to B2 use with ancillary sales and trade counter (retrospective). Sandbank Barns Industrial Units Sandbank Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr S Frankham. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Granted**

(c) F/YR19/0319/F Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling. 20 Churchfield Way Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr K Jolly. Agent ALS Design Services. **Granted**

(e) F/YR19/0349/F Erection of a single-storey 2-bed dwelling. Land South Of Gull View Gull Road Guyhim. Applicant 3A Investments Ltd. Agent Morton & Hall Ltd. **Refused**

##### **June Meeting**

(a) F/YR19/0240/F **Revised proposals.** Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling and a detached 2-storey 4-bay garage/storage involving the demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and the temporary stationing of 2 caravans and a shipping container. The Broad Willock Lane Wisbech St Mary

Applicant Mr & Mrs Goat. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Granted**

(b) F/YR19/0365/F Change of use of land for domestic purposes involving infilling drain and the erection of a 1.8m high boundary fence (retrospective). Land North West Of Leylandii The Pigeons Murrow. Applicant Mr K Bridges. Agent N/A. **Pending Consideration**

(c) F/YR19/0366/VOC Variation of Condition 3 (Materials) and 6 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR15/0567/F (Conversion of former pumping station to 2-storey 1-bed dwelling) to insert 2no windows. Building At Former Pumping Station Mouth Lane Guyhirn. Applicant Mr & Mrs Ayres. Agent N/A. **Granted**

(d) F/YR19/0380/F Erection of a single storey extension to rear of dwelling involving alterations to front and side windows, removal of chimney, rendering of walls and demolition of garage. Hollycroft Bungalow High Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Wiles. Agent Anglia Building Consultants Ltd. **Granted**

(e) F/YR19/0388/F Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing building. Guyhirn Church Of England VC Primary School High Road Guyhirn. Applicant Guyhirn Primary School. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Granted**

(f) F/YR19/0394/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension with juliet balcony to rear and insertion of 2no dormers to front elevation of existing dwelling. Holly Cottage High Road Bunkers Hill.

Applicant Mr K Mansell. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Pending Consideration**

(h) F/YR19/0432/F Erect 1 dwelling (2-storey, 4-bed) 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 Ltd. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR19/0472/F Erection of a single storey rear extension and porch to front elevation and insertion of 2no bay windows to front elevation of existing dwelling at Laira High Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr & Mrs Steel. Alexandra Patrick Design. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR19/0486/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension with solar panels to roof, single-storey rear extension involving demolition of existing conservatory, erection of a detached 3-bay garage and 1.8 metre high wall with gate to front boundary of existing dwelling at 4 Halls Farm Thorney Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr M Bottomley.

Agent Morton & Hall Consulting Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR19/0490/F Erect 1 dwelling (2-storey 4-bed) with detached garage and study over at Redfern House Cants Drove Murrow.

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

(d) F/YR19/0525/F Erection of a 2-storey side and rear extension involving rendering and cladding of existing dwelling, demolition of existing single-storey elements and detached shed and siting of a temporary mobile home during construction at 7 Selwyn Cottages High Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr Johnson.

Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Stephen Barclay MP – The Clerk read a letter of thanks for the donation to Read to Succeed.

## 7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### (a) Street Lighting

The Clerk reported a pole mounted bracket at Front Road, Murrow reported as dangerous which had been repaired by Wisbech Electrical within 24 hours.

The Clerk was asked to request an update on planned commencement from Electrical Testing Ltd.

### (b) Highways

(i) Cllr Davies drew attention to potholes in High Road, Guyhirn between the School and the old Post Office marked with yellow paint for repair. They had not been repaired and the paint had now faded. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of CCC Councillors Count and French.

(ii) Councillors expressed concern at how the scheme had been progressed; how it had been managed, lack of progress, work seemed poor quality, concern at potential costs and the Parish Council unhappy to pay a contribution. Councillor King agreed to arrange meeting with himself, Cllr Count, Cllr French and Cllrs Wheeler, Booth and Bligh.

### (c) Local Highway Improvements – bids for 2020/2021:

It was noted that the deadline for submissions was 4 August 2019.

- i. Barton Road, footway to Scout Hut. Constructing a footway in Station Road on the west side, from Church Road to High Road was discussed. There was potential for a

- Residents Group scheme with a section to be completed each year. The Council could contribute 10% each year. Cllrs Booth and Bligh would explore this further.
- ii. High Road, Guyhirn – Traffic Calming. Following discussion, it was agreed that this scheme should be put forward to the Local Transport Plan and CCC Transport Infrastructure Plan. The desire was for traffic calming with chicanes.
  - iii. Tholomas Drove – speed management. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer this proposal.
  - iv. High Road, Wisbech St Mary – speed management. It was proposed to bid for a 30mph speed limit from the Barton Road village entrance (currently 40mph) aided by a chicane near The Wheel Public House. Proposed by Cllr Britain seconded by Cllr Humphrey, agreed unanimously.
  - v. Church Road, Wisbech St Mary – 20 mph speed limit. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer this proposal.

## 8. FINANCE MATTERS

- (a) To receive the budgetary control report for 2019/20 to date.

The clerk circulated the report and drew attention to income from Auditing Solutions Ltd for postage and the Concurrent Functions Grant paid in full. He also highlighted cheques yet to be banked and payments yet to be credited, the Bank Reconciliation balanced. **Noted**

### To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk June salary	£706.20 LG Act 1972 S112	<b>Agreed</b>
(c) Tax and NI	£232.13 LG Act 1972 S112	<b>Agreed</b>
(d) Clerk postage and office consumables	£98.61 LG Act 1972 S112	<b>Agreed</b>
(e) Barry Britain presentation	£20.00 LG Act 1972 S112	<b>Agreed</b>
(f) K Clarke – Repair notice board	£22.40 LG Act 1972 S111	<b>Agreed</b>
(g) Bowles Tree & Garden Services, maintenance	£1,535.00 LGMisc Prov Act 1976, S196	<b>Agreed</b>
(h) Wisbech Electrical Ltd – street light repair	£86.40 Parish Council Act 1957 S3	<b>Agreed</b>

### Grant applications

Nil

## 9. PARISH PROPERTY

- (a) Maintenance

The Clerk confirmed that Inspections had been completed 27 June and a minor number of repairs ordered. The Chairman propose that as litter bin be provided at High Road Bus Shelter on the exit to the village towards Tholomas Drove. FDC had quoted £308.74 per bin. **Agreed unanimously**  
FDC recommended an additional litter bin in High Road Wisbech St Mary next to the bench outside the Fish & Chip Shop. **Agreed unanimously**

The position for a new litter bin at Murrrow Bank/Mill Road junction was agreed. **Agreed unanimously**  
The Chairman reported that the refurbished Murrow Village Sign should be replaced shortly.

- (b) Defibrillators

The Clark reported that 2 pairs of pads and the ChargePak @ £95.00 each needed to be replaced by 11 August 2019. It was proposed that replacements be ordered such that a spare set were always available. **Agreed unanimously.**

- (c) Planters – Murrow Street Pride

The proposed planter was discussed in detail. The grass verge is CCC Highway verge although the precise position of the rear boundary seems to be in question. Murrow Street Pride will develop plans for a planter set a reasonable distance back from the carriageway. **Noted**

As Murrow Street Pride Group will be taking over responsibility for four Parish Council Planters it was proposed that sponsorships received be paid to the Group. **Agreed unanimously**

- (d) Golden Age Fair – The Chairman had acquired a banner for the event costing £100. **Agreed**  
The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would attend.

## 10. WOODLAND TRUST – TREES

The Chairman reported that Cllr Knight had been made aware that Wisbech St Mary Pre-School may have some 'tree-sticks' available from the Woodland Trust. Councillors were asked to consider potential locations for planting.

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

FDC Cllr Bligh reported by email:

- (a) Wisbech St Mary StreetPride Group has been set up.
- (b) The Green Dog Walkers Scheme is a potential initiative to highlight the problem of dog fouling.
- (c) The Golden Age Fair is Thursday 11 July.
- (d) Cllr Bligh displayed the stickers to go on wheelie bins to reinforce speed limits. Cllr King offered to pay half the cost.

FDC Councillor Booth reported:

- (e) FDC had set up a Local Plan Working Group, consultation was proposed for the end of the year.
- (f) Street Nameplates that needed attention had been reported to FDC.
- (g) Latest Speedwatch survey results showed 6% of vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

CCC Cllr King reported:

- (h) There would be a Highway and Infrastructure Meeting 9 July which would consider how to reduce the number of people killed or injured on Fenland roads as the figures were disproportionately high.
- (i) Biocow would attend the August Parish Council Meeting It is believed that they have funds available to improve Cants Drove.
- (j) Speed Limits – CCC must consult the Police before a proposed speed limit can be installed. Cllr King has arranged a meeting with CCC/Police to discuss a consistent approach to requests and consistent criteria for their assessment.
- (k) He will arrange a site meeting to review Bellamy Bridge scheme.

## **12. POLICE MATTERS                      Report circulated 6 July 2019**

Cllr Booth considered the report too general and requested more detail regarding peak issues and trends in rural areas. The Clerk was asked to contact Inspector Lombardo. Agreed

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

- (a) Cllr Fryett explained that there were no bus shelters in Murrow although there were three regular bus services. It was agreed that Murrow councillors would seek a suitable location and report back.
- (b) The grass verge was encroaching the footpath between Mill Road and Front Road, Murrow – could this be cut back?
- (c) Cllr Britain again raised the issue of trees at Tholomas Drove – Cllr King will investigate.

## **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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

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 9.00 pm

Signed: Cllr. D Wheeler, Chairman