

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Thorney Toll Village Hall.

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

Cambridgeshire County Councillor (CCC) Cllr S King.

Members of the public: 4

Item 2 was taken first so guests were not unduly delayed.

### **2. DEREK BURGOWNE, BIOCOW ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Chairman welcomed two representatives of Biocow. Derek Burgoyne (DB) gave a presentation of the background, objectives and process involved and then took questions. The objective is to produce green energy. Food waste feeds cattle, cattle waste goes to the anaerobic digestion plant, liquid waste is spread on the land which boosts the crop. No waste is brought to site. Gas can be brought in from other sites. Renewable energy is fed into the national transit grid. The trial is supported by OFGEM and National Grid. Injection of biomethane into the national grid will commence in one month. In response to questions DB said there could be 12 extra tanker movements over a 24 hour period 7 days per week to bring in gas, in addition to existing movements. A second lagoon was being constructed – this was simply to ensure the first did not fill to capacity which could halt production. DB explained that they wish to work with the local community and funds were available to contribute to highway improvements.

The Chairman thanked Derek Burgoyne and his colleague for attending.

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

- (a) Diane Cutler (DC) provided an update on Murrow Street Pride. DC reported that additional volunteers were coming forward and MSP was promoted on social media.
- (b) DC reported there had been an excellent response to appeals for volunteers for Guyhirn Speedwatch, twelve were awaiting training. It was clear from survey results that more measures are required if vehicle speeds were to be reduced from 40 to 30mph.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs G Booth, M Fryett and D Scrimshaw

### **3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS** dated 9 July 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) The Clerk reported that the LHI 2020/21 bid was submitted 25 July 2019.
- (b) The Police had provided a link to web pages that enabled details of crimes in the area to be viewed.

### **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).

#### **June Meeting**

(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. **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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

#### **July Meeting**

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Pending Consideration**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR19/0569/VOC Variation of condition 20 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission 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) to change the layout to meet the required maintenance of drainage ditches and swales; highways changes and garage changes. Land North Of Orchard House High Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Queensbridge Homes Ltd. Agent Michael Hyde & Associated Ltd. **Noted**

(b) F/YR19/0576/F Change of Use of building to single-storey 2-bed dwelling including erection of a single storey extension. Land Rear Of Sunset Station Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mrs K Smith. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd.

Following discussions and vote 5:1 were in favour of approval. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR19/0597/F Erection of a single-storey extension to rear and erection of porch, extension to garage and erection of car-port to front of existing dwelling involving removal of existing conservatory. Trianda High Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr M Holmes. Agent David Broker Design Services. **Recommend Approval**

(d) F/YR19/0619/CERTLU Certificate of lawfulness (Existing) Erection of a single-storey 3-bed dwelling. Pescy High Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mrs S Holliday. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. Councillors recognised the development as having existed for several years.

**No objection**

3. Alexandra Design – Pre-application consultation Gull Road, Guyhirn.

Following discussion councillors decided to make no comment at this stage.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The clerk read an email from CCC about Tackling Scams inviting the Council to sign up to the 'Against Scams Partnership'. Following discussion details were noted, it was decided not to join at this stage.

## 8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

### (a) Street Lighting

Electrical Testing Ltd have said that upgrading streetlights on the arterial routes would be completed by end September 2019.

Street Lighting Energy. The Clerk summarised the situation: FDC have said that the Parish Council must have arrangements in place for paying energy costs direct by 1 August 2019, arrangements with UK Power Networks have been completed, arrangements with EON are nearing completion. The quotation from EON is £8,595 per year, i.e. £57.30 per light per year. They have said the Council is not obligated to accept this quotation and can seek quotes from alternative suppliers. CCC have contacted all Town and Parish Councils announcing that they will no longer buy energy their behalf and the recharge them at the end of every year. Wisbech St Mary Parish Council have never paid for energy, FDC have paid for energy. It is the view of the Council that they should continue to do so. The Council has been contacted by Utility Aid, an energy broker, asking if the Council wishes them to procure energy on the Councils behalf (they currently have twenty-five clients, a number which is likely to increase). The question of energy payments is to be considered by FDC Cabinet in September. Some of the other parishes within FDC were awaiting the outcome of Cabinet before

deciding on action. It was suggested the Council should follow suit; the Clerk would advise those concerned. **Agreed unanimously.**

(b) Highways

CCC Cllr King reported the outcome of a site meeting to review the Bellamy Bridge Project: the design had been amended, resurfacing would take place September/October which would improve the effectiveness of the red centre line. Signage is the best achievable. He suggested a bid for a major improvement should be added to the Transport Infrastructure Plan. Cllr agreed to the chairman's request to monitor progress.

The Chairman agreed to Cllr King making his report early as he has another commitment to attend to. CCC Cllr King reported:

- i. 'Speed Cameras' were only installed in Cambridgeshire if justified by killed and/or seriously injured accident data.
- ii. Tholomas Drove trees – Cllr King agreed to attend the meeting with Cllr Britain.
- iii. A meeting was planned for Thursday – how to address potholes.
- iv. Innovate to Cultivate – a new round of bidding had commenced

## 9. FINANCE MATTERS

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

***To approve payment of outstanding accounts:***

(b) Clerk July salary	£706.40 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(c) Tax and NI	£231.93 LG Act 1972 S112 <b>Agreed</b>
(d) Murrow Village Hall – hire 8 July 2019	£30.00 LG Act 1972 S134 <b>Agreed</b>
(e) K Clarke – Refix and reoil notice boards	£42.50 LG Act 1972 S111 <b>Agreed</b>
(f) Glasdon UK Ltd – replacement seat	£651.98 Parish Councils Act 1957 <b>Agreed</b>
(g) Creation Booth Ltd banner	£100.00 LG Act 1972 S142 <b>Agreed</b>

**Grant application**

- (h) MAGPAS Air Ambulance

The Clerk read a bid including detail of the high costs involved in running the service. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Fish, seconded by Cllr Mann that £1200 be granted. **Agreed**

## 10. PARISH PROPERTY

- (a) Maintenance - The Chairmen reported the new seat had arrived.  
(b) Defibrillators

The Clerk reported replacement packs had been ordered and were expected shortly.

- (c) Planters

David Broker has renewed his sponsorship for this year but will not be renewing next year as he is retiring. £50 sponsorship was received from Cllr Britain.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Knight for her efforts in maintaining a planter.

## 11. WOODLAND TRUST – TREES

Following discussion, it was agreed to defer the matter for future consideration.

## 12. GREEN DOG WALKERS SCHEME

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

## 13. GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD – Meeting/Changing Room

It was noted that public surveys were out and that quotations had been invited.

## 14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Kings report included in item 8 (b) above.

## 15. POLICE MATTERS

The Police have provided a link to web pages that enabled details of crimes in the area to be viewed.

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

- (a) Cllr Britain reported Murrow councillors had identified potential sites for new bus shelters. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

- (b) Cllr Britain asked if any progress had been made on defibrillator training by the first responders.  
The Chairman replied that he would contact them.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

**DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20**

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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Signed: Cllr. D Wheeler, Chairman