

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday September 9th, 2019 at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

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

Cambridgeshire County Councillor (CCC) Cllr S King.

Members of the public: 2

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 P Davies, J Fish and District Councillor S Bligh.

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 5 August 2019

The minutes were amended as it was agreed to delete the first line of item 13, then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

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

5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

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. **Granted**

(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. **Withdrawn**

(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**

August Meeting

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Refused**

(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. **Pending Decision**

(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.

Pending Consideration

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR19/0652/F Erection of an entrance porch to front of existing dwelling at Gable Ends 74 Murrow Bank Murrow. Applicant Mr. Corstorphine. Agent Norfolk Architectural Design Services Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR19/0680/F Erect a 2-storey side and rear extension, a single storey rear extension and a detached double garage to existing dwelling at 42 Station Drive Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs M Doherty. Agent Malcolm Doherty Architects. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR19/0693/F Erect a detached workshop to existing dwelling at 1 Snowdrop Cottages Mill Road Murrow. Applicant Mr M Mobius. Agent N/A **Recommend Approval subject to approval of North Level District IDB due to proximity to drain.**

(d) F/YR19/0724/F Conversion of existing ground floor carpenters workshop and first floor flat to a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling at Old Chapel High Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mrs Fiallus. Agent Morton & Hall Consulting Ltd. **Recommend Approval subject to use of suitable materials consistent with the nature of the building.**

(e) F/YR19/0725/F Erect single-storey side and rear extensions involving demolition of existing conservatory, formation of a dual pitched roof to existing extension, erect a detached twin garage and a 2.1 m high (max height) front boundary gate and 1.8m high fence to existing dwelling at 4 Halls Farm Thorney Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr M Bottomley. Agent Morton & Hall Consulting Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(f) F/YR19/0730/F Erection of an amenity block (retrospective) at Plot 2 Little Acre Hooks Drove Murrow. Applicant Mr D Morris. Agent Mr B Shemeld. **Recommend Refusal – too large, not in keeping with surrounding open countryside.**

(g) F/YR19/0736/VOC Variation of conditions 4, 6, 7, 8 and 14 (condition listing approved plans) of Planning permission F/YR16/0194/F (Erection of 4 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings and the formation of 2 new accesses) at Land South East Of Mole End Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr R Grundy. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval subject to completion of footways prior to occupation of the last plot.**

(h) F/YR19/0525/F Revised Proposals. 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) FDC – Fenland Local Plan Conference/Workshop. Cllrs Wheeler, Humphrey and Booth will attend. Cllr Booth stressed that this was an opportunity to begin influencing planning policy. The updated Local Plan could mean that Neighbourhood Plans were no longer required.

(b) MAGPAS Air Ambulance – Thank You **Noted**

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that Electrical Testing proposed to start work on the arterial routes 16 September 2019. He was asked to clarify estimated costs for the upgrade of the remaining street lights.

Two street lights were reported out – The Chairman will report these to Wisbech Electrical.

(b) Highways

Cllr Allen stressed the need for High Road Guyhirn to be resurfaced.

Cllr Knight reported weed growth throughout High Road Wisbech St Mary.

Cllr Booth reported that only one Local Highway Improvement bid was allowed from the Parish despite community groups being invited to bid. This effectively meant that a community bid had no chance of being considered. This seemed unfair as it was a large Parish with several villages and three County Councillors and many issues to resolve. The Clerk was asked to contact CCC to voice concerns and request a review.

Cllr Britain drew attention to a large depression in the highway verge at Tholomas Drove. Cllr Britain will report it via the CCC reporting system.

Cllr King offered to investigate the issues raised.

The Clerk reported that locations for the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign at Guyhirn were being identified. Before the sign can be deployed Insurance is required for volunteers, the increase in premium will be reported to a future meeting. **Noted**

8. FINANCE MATTERS

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

The Clerk circulated the report, drew attention to planter sponsorship received and to the Bank Reconciliation which balanced at £118,132. **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk August salary £729.33 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

(c) Tax and NI £209.00 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

The Chairman explained that the changes were due to the Clerk no longer paying National Insurance.

(d) Clerk postage and office consumables £108.70 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

The Clerk reported this was for a new printer with five year warranty.

(e) FDC – Litter bins £1111.46 LG Act 1983 SS5-6 **Agreed**

(f) Thorney Toll Village Hall - hire August £40.00 LG Act 1972 S134 **Agreed**

(g) Bowles Tree & Garden Services – maint'. £2310.00 LG Misc Prov Act 1976, S196 **Agreed**

The Clerk reported that the sum was £100 less than the invoiced amount to pay for planter sponsorship.

(h) SWARCO Traffic Ltd – Mobile speed sign £3688.57 Highways Act 1980 **Agreed**

The Clerk reported the amount differed from that shown on the Agenda due to a typing error. The Clerk had amended the amount invoiced to reflect work claimed for which had not been provided, with the agreement of SWARCO.

Grant application

(i) Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre -£5,000.00 towards sports field upkeep, LG Misc Prov 1976 S19. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Knight seconded by Cllr Humphrey to grant £5000. **Agreed unanimously.**

9. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

The pond at Wisbech St Mary requires improvement, councillors Knight and Humphrey agreed to meet with S Bowles to discuss what could be achieved. **Agreed**

Cllr Britain reported that Clarion Housing had requested house numbers for the trees that required pruning. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the weeds to be removed at the Thorney Toll Bus Shelter.

(b) Defibrillators – Cllr Britain reported the replacement batteries and pads had been fitted. **Noted**
Cllr Britain asked if a defibrillator could be provided at Tholomas Drove, to be discussed at the next meeting.

(c) Planters – it was noted that some minor attention was required to a few of the planters.

10. MURROW BUS SHELTERS

Cllr Fryett suggested two shelters but sites were difficult to identify. Councillors Knight, Fryett and Scrimshaw would meet to identify potential sites taking into account passenger pick up points.

11. GREEN DOG WALKERS SCHEME

Following discussion it was agreed to support the scheme in principle subject to costs. It was suggested that Wisbech St Mary Street Pride Group could consider this and apply for a grant.

12. HIGHWAY VERGES – VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING

Following discussion it was proposed to invite five quotations for three and four cuts per year commencing 2020. **Agreed**

13. GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD – Meeting/Changing Room

Cllr Allen reported that Cllr Davies had received 40-50 replies and more information would be provided

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

14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

CCC Cllr King reported:

- (a) At the Highways Infrastructure Meeting tomorrow it was proposed that non-intervention level potholes would be repaired during the same visit of the Dragon-patcher as intervention level pothole repairs. Also, there was a possibility of capital funding for community facilities to be put into a 'pot' to be bid for.
- (b) Trees at Tholomas Drove – pruning/removal of dangerous growth had been arranged, the landowners will be invoiced.

FDC Councillor Booth reported:

- (a) Parnel Road had been submitted for resurfacing.
- (b) Report regarding Street Lighting energy may go to FDC Cabinet.
- (c) FDC are selling surplus assets including plots of land.
- (d) Council Tax Support Scheme – consultations likely at the end of the year.

15. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that no report had been received. Police have provided a link to web pages that enabled details of crimes in the area to be viewed. (report received and distributed 10 September 2019).

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only) NIL

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th October 2019 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20

Monday 11th November 2019 Murrow Village hall

Monday 9th December 2019 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 13th January 2020 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 10th February 2020 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

Monday 9th March 2020 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 13th April 2020 Thorney Toll Village Hall

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

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: Cllr. D Wheeler, Chairman