

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday November 11th, 2019 at Murrow Village Hall.

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

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Cllr J French.

Fenland District Council (FDC) Cllr S Bligh.

Members of the public: 8

OPEN FORUM – Parishioners are invited to address the Council.

- (a) Parishioners enquired as to item 14 – The Chairman explained that details were not available due to the Councillor being absent. The item would be deferred to the next meeting.
- (b) Diane Cutler provided an update on Murrow Street Pride and Speedwatch.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr B Britain, Cllr S King.

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 14 October 2019

Cllr Booth proposed amendments to Attendance and item 6, agreed unanimously. The Minutes were amended.

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

Cllr Fish reported the sweeping at Lindens Close had been done and the light on the pub had been redirected and was no longer a problem.

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

Cllrs Davies and Allen declared on interest in Item 8(k).

Cllr Davies declared an interest in Items 12 and 13.

5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

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. **Withdrawn**

(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. **Granted**

(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.

Certificate Issued

September Meeting

(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 **Pending Decision**

(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. **Pending Decision**

October Meeting

- (a) F/YR19/0753/F Erect 1 dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) and detached garage/workshop. Land East Of Roans Devon Gull Drove Guyhirn. Applicant Mr & Mrs R Watson. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Granted**
- (b) F/YR19/0788/VOC Re-Consultation. Variation of condition 8 to enable amendments to approved plans of planning permission F/YR17/0232/F (Erection of a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling and detached double garage with games room above involving the demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings) in relation to re-position of garage. Gull View Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant JA Investments (London) Ltd. Agent Morton & Hall Consulting Ltd. See also F/YR19/0788/VOC Revised Proposals received 8 October 2019. **Granted**
- (c) F/YR19/0816/F Erect a single storey side extension to existing dwelling. Longfield Barn New Drove Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr J Wyatt. Agent N/A. Revised proposals were taken into account. **Pending Decision**
- (d) F/YR19/0817/F Erect 3 x 8.0 metre high (max) lighting columns and 1 x 8.0 metre high (max) lighting/CCTV column (retrospective). Offices Somerset Farm Cants Drove Murrow. Applicant Biocow Ltd. Agent Plandescil Ltd. Recommend Refusal - Lights should not pollute neighbours properties – they should be changed if there are objections. **Pending Consideration**
- (e) F/YR19/0823/F Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Bungalow 3 Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr & Mrs Cocks. Agent Anfoss Ltd. **Pending Decision**
- (f) F/YR19/0841/VOC Variation on conditions 8 and 9 to enable amendment to approved plans relating to Planning permission F/YR18/0386/O (Erection of up to 3 x dwellings (Outline with matters committed in respect of access)) Land West of Sunset Rooms Station Road, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mrs Symonds, Mrs Goodger and Ms Plumb. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Pending Consideration**
- (g) F/YR19/0842/F Erect a single-storey extension to front of existing dwelling. 114 Back Road Murrow. Applicant Mr & Mrs Walsham. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Pending Decision**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

- (a) F/YR19/0816/F Revised Proposals. Erect a single storey side extension to existing dwelling. Longfield Barn New Drove Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr J Wyatt. Agent N/A **Recommend Approval**
- (b) F/YR19/0842/F Revise Proposals. Erect a single-storey extension to front of existing dwelling. 114 Back Road Murrow. Applicant Mr & Mrs Walsham. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd. **Recommend Approval**
- (c) F/YR19/0861/O Erection of up to 6 x dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) including the formation of 6 x new accesses and the creation of Natural Open Space. Land North East Of Hazeldene Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Land Investments Ltd Agent Alexandra Design. **Recommend Refusal**
- (d) F/YR19/0887/F Erect a detached double garage with store above to existing dwelling. Ferry Farm Cottage High Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr M Edwards Agent Mr J Stephenson **Recommend Approval**
- (e) F/YR19/0899/F Change of use of public house (A4) to car sales/office and 2no 1-bed flats (sui generis/C3) including alterations to front elevation and erection of MOT service building (sui generis), including palasade fencing (1.8m high). Black Hart Public House Wisbech Road Thorney Toll. Applicant The Motor Group Peterborough Agent SLR Architectural **Recommend Refusal – Highway considerations (increased congestion and potential safety issues with right turning traffic) and object to the change of use.**
Councillors also object to a planning application received after the work has been done.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) FDC Conduct Procedure – The amended Procedure now applies
- (b) CCC Operation London Bridge – CCC leads on the protocol through the Lord-Lieutenant's office. Gillian Beasley Chief Executive will be providing more information.
- (c) UK Power Networks (UKPN) – Wayleave Agreement Mouth Lane.
 The Clerk explained that UKPN were acting for CCC/BT superfast broadband and were requesting a wayleave agreement to install an underground electric supply from the pole at the rear of the allotment to the road at the front. Councillors considered an underground supply unwise, suggested overhead as an alternative and £500 as a reasonable one-off grant to the Council.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

The Clerk provided an update on the current phase – Electrical Testing Ltd were committed to completing work including two new units at Murrow Bank.

Phase 2 – The Clerk referred to the options considered in April: £12,500 for lantern only conversions (51 units), £15,800 for column replacements and re-plumbs (15 units), £13,300 pole bracket units (20 units). All lanterns would be LED. Total cost £41,600.

Following discussion and vote by 8 in favour, 1 against it was decided to proceed. **Agreed**

(b) Highways

(i) Community Speed Watch – signs Cllr Booth declared an interest

The Clerk read an email requesting support for the installation of signs to raise awareness of the need to adhere to speed limits. Diane Cutler explained that the Parish Council needed to make an application to CCC who would provide an assessment, estimate including staff costs and timescale. Murrow was suggested as the first village to be considered. It was agreed to support the proposal and make the application.

8. FINANCE MATTERS

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(a) Clerk October salary	£729.33 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(b) Tax and NI	£209.00 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(c) Clerk postage and office consumables	£131.88 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(d) The Oliver Twist Country Inn Hire October	£40.00 LG Act 1972 S143	Agreed
(e) E-ON Lighting Energy September	£293.41 Parish Councils Act 1957	Cancelled

Councillors agreed to consider a further invoice received after the agenda and been issued:

E-ON Lighting Energy Sept/October	£1,203.00 Parish Councils Act 1957	Agreed
(f) Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – 3 wreaths	£60.00 LG Act 1972 s137	Agreed
(g) Electrical Testing Ltd street lighting Phase 1	£25,148.95 Parish Council Act 1957 S3	

The Clerk reported some work included had been duplicated agreed with ETLtd, a credit note had been issued. Revised invoice

(h) Clerks & Councils Direct - subscription	£132.00 LG Act 1972 S143	Agreed
(i) K Clarke – notice board maintenance	£141.00 LG Act 1972 S111	Agreed
(j) K Clarke – War Memorial maintenance	£160.00 War Memorials (LA Powers) Act 1923	Agreed

Grant applications:

(k) Guyhirn Playing Field Association - maintenance £2500.00 LGMisc Prov 1976 s19

It was proposed by Cllr Humphrey seconded by Cllr Knight that £2500 be approved. **Agreed unanimously**

(l) Councillors agreed to consider a grant to Wisbech St Mary Street Pride Group for the Green Dog Walkers Scheme deferred from the last meeting. Cllr Bligh explained the scheme and what was proposed. It was proposed by Cllr Humphrey seconded by Cllr Knight to grant £265. **Agreed**

9. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

The Clerk reported quotes had been invited for highway grass cutting in the villages with a return date 4 December 2019.

Cllr Davies reported that lettering at the Guyhirn War Memorial was in need of attention. It was agreed a properly qualified and experienced supplier was required.

Cllr Humphrey reported that adjacent owners had agreed to help with maintenance of Wisbech St Mary Pond.

(c) Defibrillators

Cllr Knight reported that the unit at Wisbech St Mary had recently been required.

Cllr Booth reported that Cambridgeshire Community Foundation had agreed to review the bid for a unit at Tholomas Drove.

(d) Planters

Cllr Wheeler reported that the Planter at Tholomas Drove damaged by a vehicle collision had been made safe and repair would follow. It may be possible to claim through insurance.

10. MURROW BUS SHELTERS

Cllr Knight explained that to progress the proposed Bus Shelters at Murrow an assessment was required by CCC for which £500 was required in advance. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Scrimshaw seconded by Cllr Allen to agree payment to avoid undue delay. **Agreed unanimously**

CCC – bus shelter assessment £500.00 LGMisc Prov Act 1953, S4 **Agreed**
The Clerk was asked to clarify with CAPALC whether CCC had powers to charge for the assessment.

11. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was proposed by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Fish to formally adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations circulated at the last meeting. **Agreed unanimously**

12. GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD – Meeting/Changing Room

The Clerk reported that no formal grant application had been received. Cllr Davies said a quote was awaited. It was agreed to add the item to the next agenda if a grant application was received.

13. GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD ACCESS

Cllr Davies reported that the owner of land to the rear of the playing field had been contacted and he would meet with them shortly to discuss damage to the access by heavy lorries.

14. MURROW ‘POND’

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

15. UNADOPTED ROADS – TOP DRESSING

Cllr Mrs French explained that CCC were offering surplus road planings free of charge to help with maintenance of unadopted roads. Applicants will need to spread them themselves. It was agreed that councillors would supply names of roads to the Clerk to pass on to Cllr French.

16. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

FDC Councillor Bligh gave an update including:

- (a) 1000 leaflets had been printed to encourage people to get involved with maintaining the planters.
- (b) £500 grant had been secured from FDC for wheelie bin stickers to raise the profile of speed limits.
- (c) Seats were required in two bus shelters, one near Chapel Avenue.

FDC Councillor Booth reported:

- (a) At the 4 November Council meeting a new remuneration scheme for District Councillors had been agreed.
- (b) A new rate relief policy was proposed to encourage medium sized enterprises
- (c) At Overview and Scrutiny Committee it was announced Kingdom Street Scene enforcement was coming to an end. However, FDC Street Scene officers will continue enforcement.

CCC and FDC Cllr Mrs French reported:

- (a) As Time Banking Champion there were opportunities to apply for support, £20k over 2 years.
- (b) Regarding Street Lighting Energy a draft report was expected to go to Cabinet 9 January 2020.
- (c) FDC Cabinet – in-house enforcement was being considered, including decriminalised parking (not pay parking).

CCC Cllr King's report was given by the Clerk in his absence:

- (a) Biocow - I arranged a meeting to discuss the planning conditions for their most recent application. We agreed that completing the resurfacing of Cants Drove from Biocow to Murrow Bank (and possibly the passing places) would be a condition so these improvements should be completed in the near future.
- (b) Bus Shelter - Despite my best efforts, I am very sorry to say that I have been unable to get the £500 fee waived. All I can promise is that I will try to get my fellow councillors to reconsider this charge as it relates to Parish Councils in the future.
- (c) Tholomas Drove Trees - As soon as I have more information, I will forward it to the Clerk.
- (d) Bellamys Bridge - The bridge repairs should be done shortly.
- (e) Verge at Plash Drove and Salt Pit Ln - I'm very sorry this has not been reinstated and I've chased it up
- (f) Missing bus stop sign on Black Drove opposite Folley's Drove - I've also chased this up

17. POLICE MATTERS Report circulated 12 November 2019

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

Cllr Knight supported the installation of seats in two bus shelters at Wisbech St Mary.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th December 2019 Thorney Toll Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20

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 6th 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