

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday January 13th, 2020 at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

Attended by: Councillors D Wheeler (Chairman), C Allen, G Booth, B Britain, P Davies, J Fish, M Fryett, J Humphrey, S Mann, D Scrimshaw.

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Councillor S King.

Members of the public: 4

OPEN FORUM – Parishioners are invited to address the Council.

- (a) Diane Cutler gave an update from Cllr Bligh.
- (b) Diane Cutler provided an update on Murrow Street Pride and Speedwatch.
- (c) A long standing flooding issue outside the shops in Wisbech St Mary was reported.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr M Knight MBE DL due to illness, and Cllr S Bligh.

2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 9 December 2019 The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

- (a) High Road, Wisbech St Mary Local Highway Improvement – Project Feasibility
The Clerk reported that CCC had been notified to proceed, and an acknowledgement received.
- (b) Grass Verge Cutting - CCC and TA Blackmore notified and acknowledgements received.

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).

October Meeting

- (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. **Granted**

November Meeting

- (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. **Refused**

December Meeting

- (a) F/YR19/0817/F Revised Proposals. 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. Agent Plandescil Ltd. **Granted**
- (b) F/YR19/0977/F Erect a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling involving demolition of conservatory. Westonia High Road Guyhirn. Applicant Mr & Mrs Fowler. Agent Alexandra Design. **Granted**
- (c) F/YR19/1007/F Erection of an amenity block (part retrospective). Plot 2 Little Acre Hooks Drove Murrow. Applicant Mr D Morris. Agent B R Shemeld. **Pending Consideration.**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

- (a) F/YR19/1020/F Erect 5 x greenhouses and a boiler house/storage building (part retrospective). Volmary Limited Station Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Volmary Ltd. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to Recommend Approval – subject to the establishment of noise abatement measures to protect nearby residents.**

- (b) F/YR19/1025/F The siting of 3 x static caravans for residential use (retrospective). Land South West Of Windy Ridge New Drove Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr & Mrs Wigginton. Agent Maxey Grounds & Co. **Recommend Refusal – residential units are proposed on agricultural land and due to the risk of flooding.**

- (c) F/YR19/1048/F Siting of a residential caravan (retrospective). Land Rear Of Sunset Station Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr E Neale. Agent Peter Humphrey Associates.

Recommend Approval

(d) F/YR19/1080/F Erect a detached car port to front of existing dwelling. Trianda High Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr M Holmes. Agent David Broker Design Services.

Recommend Approval

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Parochial Church Council – thank you **Noted**
- (b) Citizens Advice Rural Cambs – thank you **Noted**
- (c) EACH – thank you **Noted**

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- (a) Street Lighting

The Chairman reported a meeting with Electrical Testing Ltd (ETL) to visit all those lights not yet completed from phase 1 - some require traffic management. A further meeting has been arranged for 28 January to visit all those to be included in the phase 2, this will include some that were missed during the original survey. ETL have acknowledged that improvements need to be made and have confirmed their commitment to satisfactorily completing the work. Materials will be ordered following the meetings ready for installation May/June 2020. Two new units will be installed at Murrow. ETL cannot install two new units at Guyhirn due to high voltage overhead cables. The Clerk is exploring whether UK Power Networks can install them, approval is firstly required from CCC for the Parish to install new apparatus in the highway.

- (b) Highways

(i) Cllrs Wheeler and Booth will attend the Local Highway Improvement assessment on 22 January.

(ii) Cllr Booth requested consideration of speed management at Murrow Bank and Sand Bank through the privately funded highway improvement process. It was agreed to go ahead in principle to enable the possibilities to be explored and to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

8. BUDGET FOR 2020/21 FOR PRECEPT

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Administration	£18,752.69	£14,728.00	£15,478.00
CsExp	£869.40	£750.00	£750.00
Grants	£18,000.00	£16,000.00	£14,000.00
Capital Ex	£13,820.00	£15,201.00	£24,776.96
137 Provision	£4,500.00	£4,000.00	£4,500.00
Maintenance	£11,000.00	£11,000.00	£11,000.00
Street Lights	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	£41,600.00
St Lights Energy			£8,595.42
Allotment exp	£11.67	£12.00	£12.36
Election	£0.00	£4,389.15	£0.00
Total	£86,953.76	£86,080.15	£120,712.74
Precept	£53,732.00	£55,510.00	£55,510.00

The Clerk explained the predicted spend for 2020/21 was higher than normal due to street lighting replacements and energy. If the precept remained the same it would result in a low end of year figure. It was proposed to increase the precept by £25,000 to achieve an end year figure more in line with the precept, generally considered a wise precaution. The resulting increase payable would be £20 per year, 40p per week. Cllr Davies highlighted that Fenland District Council had previously paid energy costs but were now forcing the Parishes to pay for energy in addition to replacing street lights, so there is no alternative to increasing the precept. Proposed by Cllr Britain, seconded by Cllr Fish councillors reluctantly agreed unanimously to increase the Precept.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

- (a) To receive the Budgetary Control Report for 2019/20 to date

The Clerk circulated the Report and reported the current Balance was £ £ **108,740**, the Bank Reconciliation balanced. **Noted**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk November salary	£729.33 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(c) Tax and NI	£209.00 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(d) E-ON Lighting Energy November, December	£1789.84 Parish Councils Act 1957 Agreed
(e) Thorney Toll Village Hall Hire December	£40.00 LG Act 1972 S143 Agreed

Grant applications: NIL

10. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance

The Chairman reported that a qualified stonemason would submit a quotation for renewing lettering at Guyhirn War Memorial.

(b) Defibrillators **Nil**

(c) Planters **NIL**

11. MURROW BUS SHELTERS

Cllr Fryett reported inspections of the proposed sites had taken place with CCC officers. The cost has increased due to the variance in ground level. Objections had been considered by CCC and in view of the benefit it was agreed unanimously to proceed.

12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

CCC Cllr King reported:

(a) Cants Drove – a section is to be resurfaced, paid for by BioCow c. £200k.

(b) Verge at Plash Drove and Salt Pit Ln – a temporary repair has been arranged, a more permanent repair will follow later in the year.

(c) Missing bus stop sign on Black Drove opposite Folley's Drove – CCC has no record of it but I will pursue it.

FDC Councillor Booth reported:

(a) Council Tax reduction scheme continues as it is.

(b) Commercial Investment Strategy agreed.

13. POLICE MATTERS None received

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

(a) Regarding the proposal by UK Power Networks at Mouth Lane the Clerk had received an amended plan showing an overhead service. Councillors were content and the Agreement was signed by The Chairman.

(b) The Clerk circulated a Job Description and 'Staff Vacancy' advert. Both were approved. The advert would be placed for two weeks at CAPALC and Fenland Citizen job adverts as they also include other web sites. It will also appear in Village Voices and the Parish Web Site.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th February 2020 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20

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 8.50 pm

Signed: Cllr. D Wheeler, Chairman