

# Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at The Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn.

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

Cambridgeshire County Councillor (CCC) Cllr S King.

Fenland District Councillor (FDC) Cllr S Bligh.

Members of the public: 3

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

- (a) Diane Cutler (DC) provided an update on Murrow Street Pride and Speedwatch.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Wheeler.

In the Chairman's absence Councillor J Humphrey (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair.

### 2. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 9 September 2019

### 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**

(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. **Granted**

#### **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**

(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**

#### **September Meeting**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

(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**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Granted**

(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. **Refused**

(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**

(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. **Granted**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(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. **Recommend Approval**

(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. **Recommend Approval**

(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. **Recommend Approval**

(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**

(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. **Recommend Approval**

(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. **Recommend Refusal**

(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. **Recommend Approval**

(h) The Clerk referred to an email from FDC Planning Department regarding F/YR19/0736/VOC and requesting the Council to reconsider the previous decision. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Councils recommendation to 'Recommend Approval subject to completion of footways prior to occupation of the last plot' stands.

(i) The Clerk reminded councillors that planning training was available at FDC on 21 and 28 November 2019.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Fenland Local Plan Presentation - Town & Parish Council Conference. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Booth had attended the Conference.

## 7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting

(i) The Clerk reported that Electrical Testing Ltd had encountered problems with providing the additional street lights ordered. This is due to the regulations governing the installation of street lighting columns

in close proximity to overhead cables. Consequently those planned for High Road Guyhirn and replacements for those removed cannot go ahead. It is hoped that additional units at Murrow will be provided once satisfactory positions have been identified. A meeting is required with UK Power Networks to clarify what can be achieved.

(ii) The Clerk reported that the UMSO (Unmetered Supply) Agreement and UMSO Certificate had been received.

(iii) The estimate for the upgrade of the remaining street lights was £41,000 in April 2019.

Councillors were unhappy that some work had not been completed and other work had not been completed on time. An update on progress for Phase 1 was requested. It was agreed to defer further discussion to the next meeting.

(b) Highways

It was noted that the CCC weed spraying contractor had recently been working in the area.

(c) Guyhirn MVAS Risk Assessment and Safe Method of Working

The Clerk circulated a copy. It was proposed by Cllr Booth and agreed that the wording be amended.

## 8. FINANCE MATTERS

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

The Clerk drew attention to receipt of the final Precept payment by FDC and allotment rent. The Bank Reconciliation balanced at £140,041. **Noted**

(b) To receive the External Audit Report for 2018/19

The Clerk reported that the Council had met all obligations and there were no matters requiring attention. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his efforts. **Noted**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

(c) Clerk September salary £729.33 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed**

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

(e) Andrew Depford defibrillator replacements £228.00 Public Health Act 1936 S234 **Agreed**

The Clerk reported payment made 20 September approved by the Chairman to avoid unnecessary delay.

(f) PKF Littlejohn – external audit fees £360.00 Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996 S11996/590 **Agreed**

(g) C&D Property Maintenance – fix new seat £170.00 Parish Councils Act 1957 **Agreed**

(i) The Oliver Twist Country Inn Hire June £40.00 LG Act 1972 S143 **Agreed**

Councillors agreed to make the payment as the invoice had just been received.

**Grant applications:**

(h) Murrow Pre-School LG Act 1972 S137

Following discussion Cllr Scrimshaw proposed a grant of £1200, seconded by Cllr Mann. **Agreed unanimously**

(j) Wisbech St Mary Streetpride – Green Dogwalkers Scheme, bid for £265. Councillors expressed concern at the cost of bags. It was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting to enable detailed proposals to be brought forward.

## 9. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance. The maintenance and improvement of Wisbech St Mary Village Pond was discussed including encouraging adjacent owners to contribute. It was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

(b) Defibrillators **Nil**

(c) Planters **Nil**

## 10. MURROW BUS SHELTERS

Cllr Knight reported that two potential sites had been identified and a quotation from ProEdge Construction obtained for the bases. CCC had said that risk assessments would be required for the proposed shelters and a £500 fee would apply – this was queried as risk assessments may have already been carried out by CCC Public Transport in order to identify safe bus stop locations. Cllr King agreed to clarify the situation. It was noted that the approval of CCC, Public Transport and Highways, was required prior to installation. It was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

## 11. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk circulated NALC Standing Orders and Financial Regulations 2019 to all councillors.

## **12. FENLAND LOCAL PLAN**

The Clerk circulated data provided by FDC. Following discussion it was agreed that councillors would consider their respective villages taking into account: what facilities were to be protected, where future development was preferred, and whether development line boundaries should be reintroduced, and feedback to the next meeting.

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

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

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

CCC Cllr King reported:

- (a) Weed spraying had been completed.
- (b) Bellamy Bridge work was progressing.
- (c) An order had been raised to remedy the blocked drain at Wisbech St Mary near the bus stop.
- (d) Multiple Local Highway Improvement bids – it may be possible to change the policy when it is reviewed in the Spring.
- (e) BioCow – plans to resurface Cants Drove could be progressed in the near future.

FDC Councillor Booth reported:

- (a) FDC Council Meeting 18 September; new conduct procedures had been adopted.
- (b) Council tax proposals – a consultation was proposed for those affected by universal credit.

FDC Councillor Bligh reported:

- (a) A pilot scheme for areas with dog fouling was proposed.
- (b) Street Pride initiatives were progressing.
- (c) Chapel Avenue Bus Shelter – there is a need for a seat.

## **15. POLICE MATTERS** Circulated 14 October 2019

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

Cllr Booth reported proposals by Parson Drove Parish Council for a footpath on the bank. It was agreed that the Council would support the project.

Cllr Davies reported damage to the playing field access by HCV's accessing land at the rear.

Cllr Davies reported problems with obtaining appointments at the surgery.

Cllr Britain requested clarification of the extent of land ownership at Murrow Pond.

Cllr Fish reported the need for sweeping at Lindens Close – he was advised to contact FDC.

Cllr Fish reported a light on the pub was a potential hazard to drivers – he was advised to contact Highways England.

Cllr Fryett had been contacted by a gentleman who volunteered to add poppies to street lights in the village – the idea was welcomed and unanimously supported.

## **17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Murrow Village Hall

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

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 9.15 pm

Signed: Cllr. D Wheeler, Chairman

