

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday February 10th, 2020 at The Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn.

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

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC): CCC Leader, Councillor S Count and Cllr S King.

Fenland District Council (FDC): Cllr S Bligh.

Members of the public: 1

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

- (a) Diane Cutler provided an update on Murrow Street Pride and Speedwatch. The bus shelter at Murrow is progressing well.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Fish.

2. STEVE COUNT, LEADER CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

3. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 13th January 2020 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) Precept Form was completed and returned to FDC 13 January 2020.

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).

December Meeting

(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. **Granted**

January Meeting

(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. **Pending Consideration**

(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. **Refused**

(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.

Pending Consideration

(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.

Refused

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR19/1105/F Erect part single-storey part first-floor extension to dwelling and detached gym. Kilhams Acre Willock Lane Wisbech St Mary
Applicant Mr T Wheeler. Agent Morton & Hall Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR20/0004/VOC Variation of condition 13 (condition listing approved plans) of planning permission F/YR19/0736/VOC (Removal of condition 7 and Variation of conditions 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 of planning permission F/YR16/0194/F (Erection of 4 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings and the formation of 2 new accesses)) to allow changes to house types. Land South East Of Mole End Gull Road Guyhirn. Applicant Estover Properties Ltd. Agent Anglia Building Consultants Ltd. **Recommend Approval – subject to completion of footways prior to occupation of the last plot.**

(c) F/YR20/0079/F Erect a dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) involving demolition of existing side extension to existing dwelling (including access and parking to serve 42 Station Drive). Land North Of 42 Station Drive Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Doherty. Agent n/a. **Recommend Refusal – over development.**

(d) F/YR19/1020/F Revised proposals. 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. **Recommend Approval**

3. Street Naming – Land North of Orchard House, High Road, Wisbech St Mary.

Councillors considered the names suggested had no local connections and suggested Strawberry Fields and Orchard Way as alternatives that had local connections due to previous land use. These comments do not imply approval of the proposed development.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED Nil

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a.1) Street Lighting: FDC letter 7 January 2020 and 4 February 2020

Following discussion, councillors reiterated that the current system was unfair as parishioners were now paying twice for energy costs. In the past the Parish Council would have expected a subsidy from FDC towards the cost of upgrading street lighting to modern standards when necessary. Upgrading to LED, has the added benefits of reducing energy usage and costs. The following response was agreed:

- (i) FDC should pay energy costs and reimburse costs already paid by the Parish Council.
- (ii) FDC should provide additional financial support for capital costs incurred so far.
- (iii) FDC should provide additional financial support for capital costs to complete the remainder of the upgrade of the Parish Council lighting stock.
- (iv) Future maintenance costs should be reclaimed from FDC.

The Clerk was asked to reply to FDC accordingly.

(a.2) The Chairman referred to a quotation from Electrical Testing Ltd (ETL) for the upgrading of lights other than those on the arterial routes. Following a joint inspection with ETL some anomalies had become apparent. He proposed that an order be placed with ETL for the remainder of the lighting stock to be upgraded; those on the arterial routes yet to be completed together with those not on the arterial routes.

(b) Highways

CCC Cllr King explained that due to the high cost of Local Highway Improvement (LHI) bids it was likely that only 50% could be approved this year. The Parish Councils LHI bid would go to the Highway & Infrastructure Committee March 2020 but it was unlikely to be approved. There is a possibility that the budget would be increased for future years.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

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

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(b) Clerk January salary	£729.33 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(c) Tax and NI	£209.00 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(d) Clerk postage and office consumables	£93.93 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed
(e) Tamar It Ltd Domain & Hosting	£84.00 LG Act 1972 S142 Agreed
(f) Bowles Tree & Garden Services	£180.00 LG Misc Prov Act 1976 S196 Agreed
(g) CCC LHI contribution 30CPX02316	£705.05 Highways Act 1980 Agreed
(h) ILIFFE MEDIA advert	£570.00 LG Act 1972 s112 Agreed

Grant applications:

(i) Murrow Sports Club - playing field maintenance £2,500 LG Misc Prov 1976 S19

Following discussion and taking into account the figures supplied Cllr Booth proposed £2,200, seconded by Cllr Humphrey. **Agreed unanimously**

10. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance I was suggested another Deep Water sign was needed at Murrow Pond. Cllr Fryett volunteered to arrange it. **Agreed**

(b) Defibrillators **Nil**

(c) Planters

Fenland Timber had volunteered to provide an additional planter, free of sponsorship charge for a year.

Agreed

11. MURROW BUS SHELTERS

Cllr Knight reported bases had been completed and shelters would be installed shortly. The Chairman thanked all involved for their efforts. The Clerk was asked to order a litter bin for each one.

12. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

CCC Cllr King reported:

- (a) Patching at Plash Drove and Silt Pit Lane will be done in the next 2-3 weeks.
- (b) Various locations have been put forward for patching
- (c) The blocked drain at the bus shelter Wisbech St Mary has been jetted, a drainage scheme has been submitted for 2021/22.
- (d) Missing bus stop sign on Black Drove opposite Folley's Drove – Cllr Fryett will provide Cllr King with details as it does not appear on CCC record.

FDC Cllr Bligh reported:

- (a) WStM Green Dog Walking Scheme is progressing.
- (b) WStM StreetPride preparing to take over planters.

FDC Councillor Booth reported:

- (a) FDC Council Meeting is 20 February.
- (b) Community Speedwatch is active.

13. POLICE MATTERS None received

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th March 2020 Murrow Village Hall

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20

Monday 6th April 2020 Thorney Toll Village Hall

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

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed: Cllr. D Wheeler, Chairman