

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

To members of the Council:

CORONAVIRUS - In view of the current situation and in line with national advice the following meeting was cancelled:

Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting 18 May 2020 - these will be held later in the year.

In order to complete the essential business of the Council alternative arrangements were considered. The option to suspend all business until later in the year was discounted as payments must be made otherwise causing hardship for suppliers at a critical time. The option to hold a meeting remotely was discounted as some members do not have the capacity to take part. It was considered of primary importance that all councillors must take part to ensure all areas of the parish are democratically represented. It was concluded that virtual meetings would be arranged: Agendas distributed electronically and on notice boards, just as before. In addition, draft minutes will be published electronically and on notice boards.

This procedure ensures that all councillors, the press and public have an opportunity to contribute before the meeting date, and during the period that the draft minutes are published by contacting their local councillor as usual. Council minutes will be reviewed and signed at the following meeting if approved.

DRAFT MINUTES 18 MAY 2020

1. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 6 April 2020 **Agreed**

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only) **Nil**

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda
Cllr Fish declared an interest in item 7(l)

4. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

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

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR20/0271/F Erect a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling with garage including the siting of 2no temporary caravans during construction. Pescy High Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr & Mrs Holliday. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd.

Following a vote: Approve 6, Refuse 4, No Recommendation 1, the decision is **Recommend Approval**.

(b) F/YR20/0291/F Erection of a 2-storey side extension with Juliet balcony to rear and insertion of 2no dormers to front elevation and external render of existing dwelling. Holly Cottage High Road Bunkers Hill.

Applicant Mr KR Mansell. Agent D Broker Design Services. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR20/0293/A Display of an internally illuminated Fascia Sign. Bretts Transport Limited Thorney Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr Brett. Agent Plandescil Ltd **Recommend Approval**

(d) F/YR20/0300/F Erect a dwelling (3-storey 3/4 bed) in association with existing business, an aviary and lecture/office building involving the demolition of existing aviary. Land North East Of At Last Station Road Wisbech St Mary.

Applicant Mr Willis. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Refusal**

(e) F/YR20/0377/F Erect a 2-storey 4-bed dwelling. Land North West Of Gull View Gull Drove Guyhirn.

Applicant JA Investments Ltd. Agent Morton & Hall Consulting Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

(f) F/YR20/0367/VOC Variation of conditions 2 and 5 (list of approved plans) of appeal decision

APP/D0515/W/18/3206451 relating to planning application F/YR17/1015/F (Erection of 2no 3-bed dwellings involving demolition of existing outbuildings). Land South Of 14 Selwyn Cottages High Road Guyhirn.

Applicant Mr L Stacey. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Approval**

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED **NIL**

6. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Street Lighting The Clerk reported that Electrical Testing Ltd (ETL) carried out work to seven units on 5 May 2020. An invoice will be presented to the next meeting. ETL anticipate commencing the remaining works 22 June 2020 as previously notified by the Chairman. **Noted**

(b) Highways **Nil**

7. FINANCE MATTERS

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

The Clerk referred to BCR previously circulated. He drew attention to VAT received £9135.92 and allotment rent £850. The Bank Reconciliation balances at £117,482.02. **Noted**

(b) Internal Audit Report to 31 March 2020 and reappointment of internal auditors.

The clerk referred to the Report previously circulated. Cllr Booth proposed this item be deferred to the next 'virtual meeting' **Agreed**

(c) Ratification of decision made 13 January 2020 minute 8 to increase the precept by £25,000 to £80,510.

The Clerk referred to details previously circulated. Cllr Booth proposed this item be deferred to the next 'virtual meeting' **Agreed**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

(d) Clerk April salary	£743.76 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(e) Tax and NI	£213.29 LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(f) North Level Internal Drainage Board – rates	£12.55 Financial Provisions Act 1963	Agreed
(g) E-ON Lighting Energy March	£ 800.44 Parish Councils Act 1957	Agreed
(h) Bowles Tree & Garden Services	£1860.00 LG Misc Prov Act 1976 S196	Agreed
(i) Auditing Solutions Ltd– internal audit 2019/20	£300.00 Accounts and Audit Regulations 1996	Agreed
(j) CAPALC membership fees	£725.13 LG Act 1972 S143	Agreed

Grant applications:

(k) Murrow Book Café – running costs LG Act 1972 S137

Cllr Davies proposed to grant £1,250 as last year, seconded Cllr Allen. **Agreed**

(l) Thorney Toll Village Hall - £575 grounds maintenance LG Act 1972 S133 **Agreed**

8. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance – the first round of highway grass verge cutting has been completed. **Noted**

9. RECRUITMENT Interviews postponed until further notice **Noted**

10. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

CCC Cllr King provided the following update:

1. Although all non-urgent major highway works have had to be suspended as required by the government, Cambridgeshire County Council has continued to repair potholes. This has also included potholes that do not meet the normal intervention levels as CCC has spare capacity
2. The new £5 million capital fund is proving very popular. Two substantial proposals within my Division have already been progressed to the second stage
3. There has been a change in the committees at CCC and I am pleased that I am a member of the new committee responsible for Highway policy
4. We had a virtual meeting of CCC members to discuss LHIs and I suggested the following: as towns can submit LHIs based upon the number of county councillors, this should be extended to parish councils; the amount of money available for LHIs should be increased; in order to better manage expectations for completing schemes, we should not give firm completion dates; the advice we get from the police is often inadequate and unhelpful and we should be challenging them more

11. POLICE MATTERS Nil

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th June 2020 - a virtual meeting will be held

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2020/21 These are subject to possible cancellation due to Coronavirus

Monday 13th July 2020 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 10th August 2020 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 14th September 2020 Chequers Inn Tholomas Drove

Monday 12th October 2020 Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Monday 9th November 2020 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

Monday 14th December 2020 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 11th January 2021 Murrow Village Hall

Monday 8th February 2021 Chequers Inn Tholomas Drove

Signed: Cllr. D Wheeler, Chairman

