

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday July 13th, 2020 via 'Zoom'.

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): Cllr S King.

Fenland District Council (FDC): Cllr S Bligh.

Members of the public: 0

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

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Fish.

1. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS dated 8 June 2020

Item 4 - Cllr Booth corrected an error in that the minutes should have read: 'declared that he was now a substitute member for FDC Planning Committee although he had not yet been called, and as such if called to attend the Committee would keep an open mind on Parish Council Planning Matters discussions'. It was agreed to amend the minutes accordingly. Due to the coronavirus they would be signed by the Chairman at a future date.

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

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda

Cllr D Wheeler Items 7 (g) pecuniary interest. and 4.2 (d)

4. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council (FDC) were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. **Noted**

2. Planning applications for discussion:

(a) F/YR20/0214/F Revised proposals. Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 4-bed) and the temporary siting of a caravan during construction at Land West Of Hollycroft Heights High Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr D Wiles. Agent Anglia Building Consultants. **Recommend Approval**

(b) F/YR20/0212/F Revised proposals. Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 4-bed) and the temporary siting of a caravan during construction at Land East Of Corbiere High Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr R Stanford. Agent Anglia Building Consultants. **Recommend Approval**

(c) F/YR20/0513/F Erect a dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) involving demotion of existing garages and Anglian Water pumping station at Anglian Water Treatment Works The Pigeons Murrow. Applicant Mrs G Beecham. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. Following discussion and vote by eight votes to 1: **Recommend Refusal – over development, not a suitable design for this location.**

(d) F/YR20/0524/F Erect a single-storey rear extension and insertion of 2 x dormer windows to front roof slope (to enable a loft conversion) to existing dwelling at 9 St Marys Close, Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr & Mrs Warren. Agent Inspire Architectural. **Recommend Approval**

(e) F/YR20/0300/F Revised proposals. 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 at Fen Falconry Centre Station Road Wisbech St Mary. Applicant Mr M Willis. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend Refusal, same reasons as before.**

(f) FMW/061/19 Reconsultation. Proposed erection of a gas injection plant, to be operated in association with the existing anaerobic digestion plant, to allow injection of containerised gas from remote sites into the transmission and supply network including the construction of 4 coolers, 4 compressors, 4 pressure reducing metering systems (prms) and 2 Low Voltage (LV) board kiosks, 4 off-loading stations (8 trailer bays), 4 instrument air and earthing kiosks, one filling station comprising one dispensing bay, fuel management panel, storage cylinder and trailer bay, a vehicle turning / manoeuvre area, and construction of a ~130m underground pipeline connection to the AD plant. Murrow AD Plant, Somerset Farm, Cant's Drove, Wisbech, Murrow

Applicant Mr M Willis. Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd. **Recommend refusal – same reasons as before. Council recommend a traffic route plan for vehicles entering and leaving the site via Black Drove.**

(g) F/YR20/0553/F Change of use to dog training facility including erection of a training/activity/office building. South View Hooks Drove Murrow. Applicant Mr & Mrs Chapman. Agent Alexandra Design. **Recommend Approval – recommend known surface water flooding issues be remedied.**

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Letter of thanks – Thorney Village Hall. **Noted**
- (b) Letter of concern – planning application F/YR20/0513/F. **Noted and taken into consideration during discussions on planning application item 4.2.(c) above.**

6. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- (a) Street Lighting

The Chairman reported that Electrical Testing Ltd had provided an update that the suppliers were due to complete 17 July, they would keep us updated.

- (b) Highways

(i) Cllr Britain complained that the roundabout at Guyhirn was again overgrown and an eyesore. Cllr King agreed to contact Highways England.

(ii) Cllr Knight reported weed growth in the highway and asked if action could be taken. Cllr Booth agreed to investigate.

(iii) Cllr Fryett reported a highways sign that required raising – to be reported via the CCC website

(iv) Cllr Allen requested resurfacing of High Road Guyhirn. Cllr King offered to review progress.

7. FINANCE MATTERS

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

The Clerk circulated the report prior to the meeting. He drew attention to £11,938 paid by FDC for the contribution to CAT2 street lighting repairs, and £4,660 Concurrent Functions Grant received from FDC. The bank reconciliation balanced at £125,014.

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (b) Clerk June salary | £743.96 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (c) Tax and NI | £213.09 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (d) Clerk postage and office consumables | £116.94 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (e) E-ON Lighting Energy May | £682.92 Parish Councils Act 1957 Agreed |
| (f) CCC – Bellamy Bridge LHI contribution | £636.44 Highways Act 1980 Agreed |
| (g) D Wheeler – reimbursement of Zoom charges | £14.39 LG Act 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (h) Bowles Tree & Garden Services | £1860.00 LG Misc Prov Act 1976 S196 Cancelled as the original cheque issued and thought lost had since been presented. |

Grant applications:

The Clerk reported an application received from Wisbech St Mary and Guyhirn Parochial Church Council requesting a contribution to maintenance costs associated with the churchyards. It was unanimously agreed to consider the application at the next meeting.

8. PARISH PROPERTY

(a) Maintenance – Defibrillator cabinets Guyhirn and Murrow. The Clerk reported the units were out of manufacturers warranty. The estimated cost to replace with stainless steel was £655 per cabinet. Following discussion Cllr Britain offered to arrange minor repairs which should keep the cabinets serviceable for several more years. The Chairman thanked Cllr Britain for the offer. **Agreed.**

It was noted that Cllr Fryett would take on responsibility for the defibrillator at Murrow.

(b) Land at Tholomas Drove. Application from The Chequers to support a 'pub is the hub' project. The Clerk explained that the tenant of the pub had applied for a Community Services Fund grant. They were seeking the support of the Parish Council. The Clerk explained that a ramp leading from existing ground level up to the new patio on land at the rear of the pub would be constructed on Parish Council land. Following discussion it was concluded that the proposal was supported as a valuable local community asset. The Clerk was asked to reply accordingly and make clear that the land on which the ramp would be built was owned by the Parish Council. **Agreed**

9. GUYHIRN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Chairman referred to the latest details provided by Guyhirn Football Club. During discussions it was clear there was a discrepancy between the £96,000 quotation and the anticipated costs for new portable units of £65,000. Further clarification was required including a clear Project Plan showing all items including services and costed business plan showing existing use and projected use/income. Current accounts were also required. The Clerk was asked to reply accordingly and to send the grant application form and guidance notes.

10. RECRUITMENT

The Chairman reported that one applicant had withdrawn leaving four to be interviewed by zoom 21 July 2020. He had arranged a pre-interview meeting for panel members Monday 20th July.

11. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

CCC Cllr King:

- (a) Queried that the Wisbech St Mary Parish Council Local Highway Improvement bid for 2020/21 had not been included in a recent Highways and Transportation Committee report. The Clerk was asked to copy details to Cllr King.
- (b) Major works were now progressing including; A47 proposed roundabout at Broad End Road junction and improvements to A47/A1101 roundabout.
- (c) Reopening the Wisbech/March rail link is now looking optimistic.
- (d) Reinstatement of the 'missing' bus stop at Tholomas drove is progressing.

FDC Cllr Bligh reported:

- (a) Most community activities have been on hold due to coronavirus.
- (b) Most planters have now been improved – thanks to Volmary.
- (c) FDC land at The Birches (Chapel Avenue) – there are plans to allow residents to maintain.
- (d) StreetPride are exploring the possibility of carrying out weed treatment.

FDC Councillor Booth reported:

- (a) FDC continue to support the Freedom Leisure contract.
- (b) Overview & Scrutiny – following a Covid19 spike the message is to continue with basic precautions: wash hands regularly, social distancing etc.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Booth for helping those vulnerable people.

- (c) Volunteers continue to deliver prescriptions via North Brink Dispensary and Pharmacy. Helping Hands may apply for funding to help with travel costs.

12. POLICE MATTERS Nil

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)

- (a) Cllr Britain enquired if there was a possibility of a defibrillator at Tholomas Drove.
- (b) Cllr Allen drew attention to the poor condition of Guyhirn Churchyard. The Clerk was asked to request an improvement.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING These are subject to possible change due to Coronavirus

Monday 10th August 2020 by zoom.

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2020/21

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

Monday 8th March 2021 Oliver Twist Country Inn Guyhirn

Monday 12th April 2021 Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday 10th May 2021 Parish Assembly/Annual Meeting Wisbech St Mary Community Centre

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: Cllr. D Wheeler, Chairman