

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council held on Monday 12th June 2023 at The Chequers Public House, Tholomas Drove

Attended by: Councillors: M Knight MBE DL (Chairman), D Wheeler (Vice Chairman), B Britain, M Fryett, S Mann, A Weldon, R Blackmore, G Booth, C Allen & D Scrimshaw.

FDC Councillors: G Booth & D Cutler

Members of the public: 2

1. OPEN FORUM - Parishioners are invited to address the Council.

- A member of the public addressed the Parish Council regarding their plans for land at the Horseshoe, Gull Road, Guyhirn that they intend to apply for planning permission on.
- Cllr Diane Cutler as The Chairman of Murrow Street Pride reported that all Murrow planters will be planted up with summer bedding plants shortly and monthly litter picks are well attended.
- Cllr Diane Cutler as The Co-Ordinator of Parson Drove & Wisbech St Mary Ward Community Speedwatch reported that June sessions are underway with speeding on High Road, Guyhirn still being a priority; however, with lower percentages of speeding from when the scheme began, she believes the group is having a positive impact.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Received and accepted from Cllr J Humphrey and CCC Cllrs S King & S Count

3. TO CONSIDER MEMBER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION - Nil

4. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on this agenda.

- Items 11.4(k) and 12.2 Cllr Knight declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Handyman is his brother.
- Item 11.6(a) Cllr Weldon declared a non-pecuniary interest as an Officer of Thorney Toll Village Hall and will take no part in the discussion or vote.
- Item 8.2 (f) & (g) Cllr Britain declared a non-pecuniary interest as the applicant is a family member.
- Item 11.6(b) & 15 Cllr Booth declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Murrow Street Pride and Murrow Community Facilities.

5. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 15th May 2023. The Council resolved including any amendments to accept as a true record, the minutes of the meeting. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only).

The Clerk advised that:

- A letter was written to Frank Jordan – CCC Executive Director for Place & Sustainability, and his visit to the Parish was undertaken on 1st June 2023.
- The overgrown Murrow Greenwich Meridian Trail footpath was reported to CCC, with a response received that the surface cut was completed on 2nd May 2023.
- Regarding using Special Police to monitor parking outside Schools, the question had been raised with the Wisbech Neighbourhood Policing Team and would follow up at the next forum meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS - Agenda item time limited to 10 minutes.

- Cllr Cutler reported that Cllr Booth will always deliver the FDC report on behalf of them both.
- Cllr Booth reported his attendance at the FDC Annual Meeting which elected Cllr Nick Meekins as Chairman of the District Council.
- Cllr Booth reported that all the public correspondence received on the Emerging Local Plan has been published on the FDC website.
- Cllr Booth reported that Clarion aim to go out to tender for the ground's maintenance at Thorney Toll.
- Cllr Booth reported that the County Council are in talks with the developer regarding the unfinished footpaths at Sayers Crescent in Wisbech St Mary.
- Cllr King sent his apologies for the meeting and circulated his report via email.

8. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS

8.1. Planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council (FDC). - **Noted**

8.2. Planning applications for discussion:

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(a)	F/YR23/0401/AG1	Erect an agricultural building at Redgate Farm Fen Road Guyhirn Cambridgeshire The Parish Council was not required to submit a consultation response.
(b)	F/YR23/0443/F	Formation of a dropped kerb to existing dwelling at Bridge House High Road Tholomas Drove Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4SW The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL, subject to Highways approval.
(c)	F/YR23/0458/F	Erect detached garage/workshop to rear of existing dwelling at The Poplars Bevis Lane Wisbech St Mary Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4RR The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.
(d)	F/YR23/0460/FDC	Erect 2 dwellings (2-storey 3-bed) at Land at Inhams Close Murrow Cambridgeshire The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.
(e)	F/YR23/0468/F	Erect a double garage (single-storey), log cabin annexe for residential use (single-storey, 1-bed), a greenhouse and a shed including change of use of land to residential use at Lake View Gull Road Guyhirn Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4EP The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL. The Parish Council also recommend an environmental assessment for possible contamination as the land was formally an old pit.
(f)	F/YR23/0480/F	Erect a single-storey side extension, and a 2.4m high front boundary wall and 1.1m high railings to existing dwelling, involving the demolition of existing fence at Hollycroft House 180 Front Road Murrow Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4HU The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.
(g)	F/YR23/0481/LB	Internal and external works to a listed dwelling including the erection of a single-storey side extension, and a 2.4m high front boundary wall, 1.1m high railings involving the demolition of existing fence, and alterations to conservatory roof at Hollycroft House 180 Front Road Murrow Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4HU The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.
(h)	F/YR23/0482/F	Alterations to existing outbuilding and installation of external staircase to form 2 dwellings (2 x 1-bed) with attached stores and utility/wet room at The Old Vicarage Barton Road Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4RP The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL. The Parish Council also recommend additional parking for the dwellings and allowing sufficient turning room for vehicles to arrive and leave in a forward gear out onto Barton Road.
(i)	F/YR21/1344/F RECONSULTATION NOT ON AGENDA	Retention of three units of holiday accommodation comprising a single timber log cabin, a two-storey coach house and a 'gypsy' style caravan with two associated shepherd huts, ancillary timber buildings housing three individual hot tubs, associated plant room and part-enclosed sheltered decking area, plus a timber workshop for the Applicants personal use at Sheraton House High Road Guyhirn Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4ED The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.
(j)	CCC/23/048/VAR NOT ON AGENDA	Erection of a single storey 60 place SEMH social emotional and mental health school for pupils in KS3 and KS4 11 to 16 years, with associated vehicle and pedestrian access, formal sports pitches and amenity space, car and cycle parking, vehicular drop off area, landscaping, and associated ancillary works together with the provision of a footpath and associated highway works, creation of a new access to The Still for agricultural vehicles, and demolition of existing residential farmhouse and barn. Informative: This is a S73 application to vary Condition 9 (Highways Works, Condition 31 (Footpath No.1 (The Still) Post Dilapidations Survey) and add Condition 9a (footway) of CCC/21/215/FUL, by amending the approved plans and the time limit relating to the footpath along Barton Road, and the time limit and trigger for the post dilapidations survey at Land North of Barton Road East of Gadds Lane and West of The Still Wisbech Cambridgeshire The Parish Council recommended REFUSAL. The Council considers the footpath a vital installation for children and staff on the grounds of health & safety and recommend that the footpath remains required to be installed prior to occupancy. Therefore, recommend that the variation of condition 9 is refused.

8.3. Planning Enforcement (ENF/257/19) Land south east of Gore Villas, Mill Road, Murrow relating to a breach of condition 6 of planning permission F/YR18/0190/VOC – Complaint Update

The Clerk reported that an update had been received from FDC that the planning enforcement case was moving forward as they believe they have now discovered the responsible parties and will update again once contact has been established. This was noted by the Council.

8.4. For Councillors to consider FDC S106 Holding Balances Report as at 25th May 2023

Cllr Booth reported on this item by explaining the report listed four contribution amounts for the ward of Parson Drove & Wisbech St Mary, all of which refer to the Parish of Wisbech St Mary. Out of the four; £28,835.82 was for an NHS contribution and would go to the Doctors Surgery. Cllr Booth explained the two

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smaller sums of £1500.00 and £4000.00 from developments in Guyhirn and can be used to improve open spaces/community facilities in the village. The Clerk to contact Guyhirn Playing Field Association and discuss possible project ideas to compliment the recently installed new playground. The final and largest amount for £120,000.00 is to be used towards affordable housing, Cllr Booth raised the possibility of exploring an exception site within the Parish. The Chairman supported this suggestion and expressed his concern that the recent developments within the Parish are for housing with a purchase value of £400,000+, putting them outside the reach of young families now starting out in life. The Council agreed for the Clerk to make contact with FDC to explore the possibility of an exception site.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) National Highways – Guyhirn A47 Bus Stop Accessibility Review – Works commencing 13th June 2023

The Clerk reported that works to the two bus stops on the A47 at Guyhirn were due to start following an accessibility review by National Highways (NH), this involved the relocation of the Westbound stop closer to the roundabout, carriageway markings and adding shelters to both East and West bound stops. The Clerk and Cllr Wheeler reported that they had both contacted the Project Manager at NH querying whether thought had been given to creating laybys to ease traffic congestion; and were informed that this was dismissed due to lower traffic speeds in the area, proximity to the roundabout and land acquisition. Cllr Booth expressed disappointment at this decision by NH and requested that the Parish Council writes to complain due to the lack of consultation and inconsistencies in the reasoning compared to the original discussions undertaken prior to the Guyhirn Roundabout Improvements. This was agreed to by the Chairman and Council and the Clerk to follow up.

(b) FDC – Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation until 30th June 2023

The Clerk reported that FDC were requesting consultation responses on whether an order which helps tackle issues associated with irresponsible dog ownership should be renewed. The Clerk reported that the PSPO currently exists and (for a further three years) gives FDC the ability to take enforcement action for issues such as failing to keep a dog on a lead in some public open spaces and failing to clear up dog fouling. The Clerk recommended responding to the consultation by stating that the PSPO should be renewed but the Parish Council considers the enforcement to be lacking in the rural areas. This was agreed by the Chairman and Council and the Clerk to follow up.

(c) Murrow Book Café – Grant funding letter of thanks - **Noted**

10. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

10.1. Street Lighting – **No matters discussed**

10.2. Highways

(a) 20mph LHI Scheme – Back Road, Murrow – Survey Responses

The Clerk reported that approximately 90% of the responses received voted YES to Back Road, Murrow becoming a 20mph speed limit; however, many of those responses felt it was pointless as it wouldn't be enforced. One of the main comments received was regarding more passing places and if CCC took back highways verge land that had been unlawfully taken by individual properties, there would be enough room to deliver these. Cllr Booth reported that Parson Drove Parish Council was due to discuss the responses on Wednesday 14th June 2023, and it was decided to defer any further discussion until both Councils had considered the survey results.

(b) Any other Highways issues to be raised by Councillors.

The Clerk reported to Councillors a matter that wasn't on the agenda but needed immediate attention regarding the Barton Road, WSM 21/22 LHI Scheme.

Following a letter that had been sent on behalf of the Parish Council to the Executive Director of CCC Place & Sustainability (which outlined some of the problems the Parish Council was experiencing; including the logging of highways issues and how long the 21/22 LHI was taking to deliver), the Parish Council had received a response from the Design Engineer dealing with the LHI delivery. The response highlighted that the target costs for the scheme that had been approved by the Parish Council would now see an overall total cost of £44,790.71 (which included a 15% contingency). Due to the vastly increased price, which would see the Parish Council having to fund anything over the £15,000.00 CCC Contribution, a descope

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revision had been designed. The design still allowed for the installation of the new 30mph with a highly visible gateway solution to make drivers aware they were entering a built-up area but the give-way chicane feature and central islands had been removed; this was estimated at a total cost of £26,026.30. The Clerk reported that a third option was available which would be to remain with the original design using cheaper pre-moulded islands; this had an estimated total cost of between £30,000 – £33,000.

Cllr Wheeler expressed frustration and disappointment that the Parish Council would not be in this position and subjected to such high costs if the LHI Scheme had been delivered by CCC in a timely fashion, and feels that CCC should be absorbing these extra costs; and if not, the matter needed to be brought to the attention of the Press.

Cllr Booth expressed the opinion that CCC will not fund any more than the £15,000 contribution originally agreed to based on their policies and budget constraints, and as the Parish Council have made it publicly known that their aim is to make all of WSM 30mph, that is the very least that the Council need to agree to.

Cllr Allen questioned whether the PFHI for Sandbank - WSM, Murrow Bank - Murrow and Tholomas Drove would see increased costs? The Clerk responded that as the Parish Council have received actual costings (which had seen the scheme double in cost), this should not increase.

Cllr Fryett expressed the opinion that the speed limit change should definitely go ahead, as the Parish Council had promised that this would happen.

Cllr Booth reported that the gateways are a good feature to have; as studies have shown that they make drivers aware that they are entering a village, and adjust their speed accordingly.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the scheme should be redesigned to have the entire village 30mph, and should include the Village Gateways to help calm traffic alongside monitoring by the MVAS.

Cllr Booth expressed concern that trying to change the scheme now could delay it another six months and recommended that the Parish Council agree to the descoped design at a cost of £26,026.30.

Cllr Fryett and Cllr Weldon expressed their agreement to this proposal due to not wanting to look at raising the precept next year to cover the increased costs, and by changing the speed limit to 30mph at least shows that the Parish Council are listening to parishioners concerns and doing what is within their limited resources.

The Clerk summed up the discussion by confirming that the Parish Council would like to agree to the descoped redesign at a total cost of £26,026.30, this was agreed by all Councillors.

Cllr Britain raised the question regarding Bellamy Bridge, and what improvements could be achieved following two recent accidents.

Cllr Wheeler reported that he had tried to arrange a meeting with Cllr Count and the Executive Director at this location whilst they were visiting the area; looking at other Parish highways issues, but due to individuals' availability the meeting failed to happen. Cllr Wheeler expressed the opinion that the location is one of the most dangerous junctions in the Parish, and needs a mini roundabout there.

The Clerk reported that CCC Cllr King had emailed stating that he had been chasing road alignment at the junction and that the Service Director for Highways & Transport stated that it could be made a candidate for funding in 2024-2025 and it was likely to cost at least £700,000.

The Chairman expressed an opinion that realigning the junction into a crossroads would at least let road users know who has right of way, which seems to be the main cause of accidents there.

Cllr Booth raised the point that Parson Drove Parish Council voted against the realignment of the road into a crossroads junction.

Cllr Wheeler questioned whether the red lines are being replaced, the Clerk had been informed that this had been agreed by Highways and believed it to be planned works.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk raises the issue again by contacting both Parson Drove and Gorefield Parish Councils to revisit what could be achieved at the junction. The Clerk to follow up.

11. FINANCE MATTERS

11.1. To receive the Finance & Budget Report for 2023/24 to date.

The bank reconciliation of 2nd June 2023 balanced at £102,220.76 which was agreed to and signed off by Cllr Gavin Booth. The Clerk drew attention to the VAT reclaim of £23,256.84 which had received during the

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previous month and had failed to bring to Councillors attention at the last meeting. The Clerk also explained that the balance of £102,220.76 was between the Barclays Current Account of £52,220.76 and £50,000.00 invested with the CCLA PSDF.

11.2. To receive the Investment Reports for 2023/24 to date.

(a) CCLA PSDF – Current yield and return.

The Clerk reported that the investment had made £423.76 since its inception on 17th March 2023.

(b) CCLA COIF – The Middle Pit & Tholomas Drove Wash Pit Fund Charity – Current yield and return.

The Clerk reported that the investment had made £107.56 since its inception on 16th May 2023.

11.3. CCLA PSDF - To consider increasing maximum investment amount

The Clerk recommended increasing the maximum amount to be invested in the CCLA PSDF whilst the yield is currently at a high percentage rate; this would also mean amending the Investment Policy too.

Cllr Booth expressed caution due to the potential loss of funds.

Cllr Wheeler proposed that the maximum amount invested be raised to £75,000, and the policy amended to allow for this. This was seconded by Cllr Booth, and agreed to by Councillors.

11.4. To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

Item	Description	Total Amount	Power	
(a)	Clerk May Salary	£1355.91	LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(b)	Clerk HMRC Tax and NI	£315.45	LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(c)	Clerk Monthly Expenses (May)	£107.12	LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(d)	Nest Pensions – May (Direct Debit)	£93.78	LG Act 1972 S112	Agreed
(e)	Chairman Quarterly Allowance	£20.00	LG Act 1972 S15 (5)	Agreed
(f)	Councillor Quarterly Allowances (TOTAL)	£140.00	Local Authority (Members Allowances) (England) Regs 2003 S25 (1b)	Agreed
(g)	Npower Lighting May Energy	£537.02	Parish Councils Act 1957 S3	Agreed
(h)	Tamar IT – Microsoft 365 (Direct Debit)	£13.54	LG Act 1972 S111	Agreed
(i)	Kevin Clarke Carpentry – Noticeboards	£198.00	LG Act 1972 S111	Agreed
(j)	Viking Direct – Office Consumables	£163.12	LG Act 1972 S111	Agreed
(k)	Mr Stephen Knight – Handyman May Work	£597.40	Open Spaces Act 1906 S9-10	Agreed
(l)	Long Acre Nursery – Compost	£75.00	Highways Act 1980 S96	Agreed
(m)	Kevin Clarke Carpentry – Guyhirn Gate Signage	£38.00	Public Health Act 1936 S234	Agreed
(n)	Waverley Nurseries – Summer Bedding Plants	£351.00	Highways Act 1980 S96	Agreed
(o)	Mark Fryett Reimbursement – Bolt fixings GPF	£13.06	Road Traffic Reg Act 1984 S57 (1) (b)	Agreed

11.5. For Councillors to ratify payments made by the Chairman and Clerk using their powers as outlined in the Financial Regulations under **Budgetary Control and authority to spend (4.1)** arranged for the following invoices to be paid due to time constraints:

Item	Description	Total Amount	Power	VAT Element
(a)	UK Safety Store – Large Deep-Water Sign	12.48	Public Health Act 1936 S234	Agreed

The Council **resolved** to **authorise** the expenditure for the month of May and **ratified** the payments already made totalling £4030.88.

11.6. Grant Applications

(a) Thorney Toll Village Hall – Insurance & Grass Cutting - £1000.00 LG Misc Prov 1976 S19

(b) Murrow Street Pride – Provision of Lawn Mower - £195.00 LG Act 1972 S137

Following discussion both grant applications were supported and the amount requested awarded.

Cllr Booth reported in his capacity as a committee member of the Wrydecroft Windfarm Fund that there is the possibility that £5000.00 will be issued to the Parish Council to manage so it can be awarded to local Community Groups.

12. PARISH PROPERTY

12.1. Maintenance

(a) For Councillors to note purchase and installation of self-closing mechanism and Deep-Water Sign for

Guyhirn Pond Gate.

The Clerk reported that two deep water signs had been purchased, one is sited on the open space between Spencer Drove and the Pond, and the other has been placed onto the gate. The Clerk also reported that modern self-closing hinges had been purchased and fitted. The clerk explained that these work the same as normal hinges and close the gate softly, which greatly reduces the risk of trapped fingers.

(b) For Councillors to consider applying for available funding to dredge and rejuvenate Guyhirn Pond.

The Clerk reported that ADC Ltd had supplied an UpToDate quote for £14,250.00 (Exc VAT) for the works and that both Anglian Water Flourishing Environments (Max £10,000) and Wrydecroft Windfarm (Max £5,000) currently have funds open to accept applications and the Parish Council could possibly jigsaw them both together to achieve enough funding for the rejuvenation of Guyhirn Pond. The biggest issue would be finding land for the silt disposal to be placed onto. Following further discussion Cllr Booth suggested obtaining another quote from ADC to include disposal of the silt, but recommended applying for both these grants as a way to fund this project. This was agreed to by the Council.

12.2. Handyman

(a) For Councillors to consider any potential work orders

Discussed under Item 13(b); It was agreed that the Clerk would work through the Asset Inspection Report and forward work to the Handyman as needed.

12.3. Bus Shelters - Discussed under Item 13(b)

12.4. Planters

(a) For Councillors to review planter sponsorship renewal charges prior to invoicing in July.

Following discussion, it was agreed for the sponsorship amount would remain at £50.00 per year.

Cllr Booth raised the question whether the Murrow planter on Seadyke could be moved to a better location near Pigeons Corner, as it was not very visible. The Clerk confirmed that its current location was officially within Parson Drove Parish boundary, so would recommend its relocation onto the other side of the road; it also needed two new sleepers following the asset inspection and this would be a good opportunity to do that. FDC Cllr Cutler reported that Murrow Street Pride would maintain the planter where it currently sits until next season to give the Parish Council chance to make a decision on its relocation.

13. ASSET INSPECTIONS 2023-2024

(a) For Councillors to note fixed Asset Inspection Reports - **Noted**

(b) For Councillors to discuss issues and agree to any remedial actions.

The Clerk reported that nearly all the villages had a problem with their noticeboard hence why it had been added to the agenda; and solutions would be discussed at item 14.

The Clerk reported other urgent issues that needed consideration were the roofs of three of the bus shelters needing repair, the two Wisbech St Mary old railway signs attached to two benches need repainting and there is a need to clean the benches, bus shelters and A1 Information boards more regularly. The Chapel of Ease Information board was placed under trees, and due to that fact, it was illegible due to bird droppings; and the Clerk recommended that a canopy was a possible way forward rather than moving it. The WSM Pond board was also suffering from the same issue but only mildly.

The Clerk recommended creating a separate cleansing contract at the end of this financial year, as the four washes a year on the current maintenance contract clearly is not enough. This would allow for the benches, bus shelters, A1 Information Boards and defibrillator cabinets receiving a wash down monthly.

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting was being arranged with the Maintenance Contractor to go through any queries, but agreed with the Clerks recommendation that a new contract needed to be created next year; however, extra maintenance by the Handyman would be considered during the current year to keep assets clean as and when needed.

Following further discussion Councillors gave the Clerk delegated authority to work through the Asset Inspection Report arranging repairs as needed.

Cllr Booth expressed concern regarding the budget allowance for the Handyman and whether all the work that was potentially needed being affordable. The Clerk confirmed that this was a justified concern due to

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only a £2000 budget being allocated to the Handyman. The Clerk recommended virement from the Community Project Budget into the Handyman Budget to allow these repairs to take place. Cllr Booth recommended the virement of £2000, leaving the Community Projects Budget at £8000 and the Handyman Budget at £4000. This was agreed to by all Councillors.

14. NOTICEBOARDS

For Councillors to discuss the possible replacement of Parish Noticeboards

The Chairman opened the item up for discussion by requesting clarification on the problems that are being experienced with the current wooden noticeboards.

Cllr Britain reported that the linseed oil used to preserve the wood is sitting on top of the surface, causing them to be sticky and tacky to the touch when opening.

Cllr Wheeler and Cllr Weldon both agreed, but mentioned that there were other issues with the noticeboards; mainly the back board being hard to put pins into.

The Chairman recommended the Clerk obtains quotes with a view to replacing them with recycled plastic in the near future.

Cllr Weldon requested metal back boards that utilised magnets for paperwork placement. The Chairman agreed with the proposal and requested that option be included in quotes.

15. MURROW PLAYING FIELD

For Councillors to note completion statement and amended Land Registry Certificate naming Wisbech St Mary Parish Council as custodian trustees.

The Clerk reported that the matter had concluded and Wisbech St Mary Parish Council were now named as the proprietor on the Land Registry Certificate for Murrow Playing Field. The solicitors had to obtain a copy of the death certificate of one of the previous trustees, which incurred a small cost, but now all matters had finalised there was a credit balance of £59.60, which Murrow Sports Club (now re named Murrow Community Facilities) were happy for the Parish Council to retain.

16. PAPERLESS PARISH COUNCIL

(a) For Councillors to note unsuccessful grant application to the National Lottery - **Noted**

(b) For Councillors to consider funding options for iPads, Projector, Projector Screen & Wi-Fi

The Clerk reported that the National Lottery had explained that the application was unsuccessful as it was considered that iPads etc are part of the day-to-day running of the Parish Council and felt there were better projects needing their funding. The Clerk recommended that the Parish Council look to fund them by utilising the Community Project budget, some of this money could vire into Capital Expenditure to enable these to be bought.

Cllr Booth recommended the Clerk survey all Parish Councillors to see who would want an iPad to get a better idea of cost. Cllr Wheeler expressed the view that Parish Councillors must be made aware that the device would only be used for Parish Council business, and would need to be returned if an individual left the Parish Council. Cllr Fryett recommended that training might be needed to individuals that were a novice to iPads/Apple products.

Cllr Wheeler expressed concern regarding the wi-fi and how that could be achieved, the Clerk agreed to investigate what options are available as the project moves forward.

The Clerk agreed to email all Councillors with options available and costs once quotes were obtained.

17. POLICE MATTERS

For Councillors to note Police Report & Crime Statistics for the Parish.

The Clerk circulated the Crime Statistics Report from the month of April 2023, the total amount of crime reported in the Parish was 18; with Wisbech St Mary at 7, having the most reported crime. The Clerk also reported that the next Police & Parish Council Forum was scheduled for 23rd June 2023 and asked whether there were any matters that needed to be brought up.

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18. THORNEY TOLL VILLAGE HALL

For Councillors to receive any updates.

Cllr Weldon reported that the hall was operating as normal and had received more bookings, but expressed disappointment that still no volunteers had come forward to join the management committee.

19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To consider any items for a future meeting agenda.

- Cllr Booth requested that the War Memorial at Murrow be added to the next agenda regarding a future project to add names of the fallen from WWII to the two blank faces of the memorial.
- Cllr Britain reported that a member of the Murrow Methodist Chapel had complained about how much paperwork was being added to the Murrow noticeboard. The Clerk expressed frustration as the noticeboard was the asset and property of the Parish Council and as such can add as much as needed, most of which was a legal requirement. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council were happy that community groups use the noticeboard but priority must be placed on the Parish Council paperwork.
- Cllr Allen reported that on the 15th July 2023 the Guyhirn Community Hall Committee would be holding a Car Boot on the Playing Field. The Clerk (out of courtesy) advised that the Land Tenancy Inspections are scheduled in for Monday 17th July 2023.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th July 2023	7:00pm	Guyhirn Community Room
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DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2023/2024

Monday 14th August 2023	7:00pm	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 11th September 2023	7:00pm	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 9th October 2023	7:00pm	The Chequers Public House – Tholomas Drove
Monday 13th November 2023	7:00pm	Guyhirn Community Room
Monday 11th December 2023	7:00pm	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 15th January 2024	7:00pm	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 12th February 2024	7:00pm	Guyhirn Community Room
Monday 11th March 2024	7:00pm	Thorney Toll Village Hall
Monday 15th April 2024	7:00pm	Murrow Village Hall
Monday 13th May 2024	7:00pm	WSM Community Centre – Sidings Room

Meeting closed at 9:20pm

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Chairman
Cllr Mark Knight MBE DL