

WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
September 2011 NEWSLETTER

List of Councillors

Mr C Allen, Halls Farm, Wisbech Road, Guyhirn, Wisbech	01733 849300
Mr P Barnes, Westview, 38 Murrow Bank, Murrow PE13 4HB	01945700200
Mr B Britain, Fort Farm, Gull Drove, Guyhirn, Wisbech PE13 4HB	01733 849262
Mr M Clarke, 4 Railway Cottages, Long Drove, Murrow, Wisbech PE13 4HG	
Mr P Davies, Riverside, Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn, Wisbech PE13 4ED	01945 450234
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Mr B Payne, 7 Churchfield Way, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4SY	01945 410755
Ms B Reay, Holly Farm, High Road, Guyhirn, Wisbech PE13 43ED	
Mr R Scrimshaw, The Rambles, Hooks Drove, Murrow, Wisbech PE13 4HH	
Mrs D Thrower, Acquest, Front Road, Murrow PE13 4JQ	01945 700213

List of Parish Council Meetings for 2011 and 2012 at Village Halls

Notices and Agendas of meetings together with Council minutes are displayed on all the parish notice boards and the Wisbech St Mary website at www.wisbechstmary.org.uk. Meetings have been held at different venues throughout the year. Please note below the dates and venues for the Parish Council meetings.

- Monday, 5th September 2011 at Thorney Toll Village hall
- Monday, 3rd October 2011 at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
- Monday, 7th November 2011 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove
- Monday, 28th November 2011 at Murrow Village Hall
- Monday, 19th December 2011 at Guyhirn Village Hall
- Monday, 16th January 2012 at Thorney Toll Village Hall

Parishioners are invited to attend any of the above meetings. Please do attend and voice your opinion on any subject relevant to the Parish during the Open Forum at the beginning of every meeting.

Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly took place Monday, 16th May at the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre. There were 11 Councillors, 4 parishioners, Councillor R Scrimshaw and Councillor G Booth present. It was Parishioners chance to let the Parish Council know their opinion on any subject relevant to the Parish. At this meeting the Parish Council accounts, together with those of the Poores Allotment Charity Details of these Accounts are:

Poores Allotment Charity Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2011

The income was £2409.22, expenditure £1387.64 and the balance carried forward to the next financial year was £421896.96. The meeting was advised that the Trustees were making every effort to get the Charity Scheme changed in order that the Capital could be used to building affordable housing on exception sites in Guyhirn.

John Bens Charity Accounts for the year ending the 5th April 2010 and 2011.

The Income for 2010 was £7744.95 and the dole payout was £4280 and balance carried forward was £2962.95. The income for 2011 was £5406.86 and the dole payout was £4080.00 and balance carried forward was £3101.86.

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2011

The income was £53604.28 and expenditure was £37798.49. Included in the expenditure figure were grants of £17966.90 given to the following organisations within the Parish.

Royal British Legion	£49.50
Wisbech St Mary Playing Field	£2500.00

Murrow Village Hall	£1000.00
Thorney Toll Village Hall	£1250.00
Guyhirn Playing Field	£2500.00
Murrow Playing Field	£2500.00
Guyhirn Cemetery	£350.00
Citizens Advice	£1000.00
Guyhirn Village Hall	£1000.00
Guyhirn Playing Field Play Equipment	£1817.40 Paid out of grants from FDC

Also included in the expenditure was £2550 spent on Section 137. Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972 as amended enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £6.44 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. The limit for this Council in the year ended 31st March 2011 was £18418.40 (2860 x £6.44). The following organisations benefited.

Cambs Shievalry Police Charity £500.00

Murrow Pre School £500.00

Wisbech St Mary Play Group £350.00

Guyhirn Friendship Club £100.00

Murrow Sunshine Club £100.00

Murrow Book Café £1000.00

The Annual General Meeting followed the Parish Assembly and Mr B Payne was elected as Chairman and Mrs D Thrower as Vice Chairman for twelve months.

The following items were discussed and the clerk requested to report them to the appropriate authorities.

1. Footpath, Hollycroft House Front Road, Murrow needs resurfacing.
2. Trees overhanging road along Seadyke, Murrow.
3. Trees overhanging road along Sandbank, Wisbech St Mary.
4. 40 mph sign have fallen down at Murrow Bank towards Guyhirn and the chevrons on the corners are also missing.
5. The 30mph signs on the bus shelters have been removed by the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways. The question was asked will the 30 mph signs erected by the Fenland Transport Campaign also be removed. It was stated that this would not be the case as they will only be in place for three weeks.
6. Guyhirn roundabout vegetation needs cutting and the height also reducing as it was very dangerous and was a matter of health and Safety.
7. Some concern was voiced that the Guyhirn Bank cut by Cambridgeshire Highways and the top by the Environment does not be carried out at the same time so looks very untidy. It was agreed that this would not be possible as the Environment Department only cuts their part only once a year.
8. Trees and bushes are again growing and blocking the footpath in Guyhirn ie Shereaden House, the Police House and Glebelands, The trees are covering the 40 mph and school signs. The hedges at the Guyhirn Playing Field also need cutting.

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