

## MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall

### PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	P Barnes	B Britain	P Davies	J Fish	T Fowler
	J Parrin	B Payne,	R Scrimshaw	C Bellamy		
Visitor	A Waterston					
Parishioners	S Bowles	T Coleman	T Jennings	S Mead	A Purdy	B Reay

### OPEN FORUM

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from C Fryett and J Tuck

**OPEN FORUM** – Member of the public are invited to address the Council.

- The meeting was advised that the corner near the Oliver Twist High Road, Guyhirn was lethal and several cars have gone off the road.

#### 1. **SPEAKER FROM THE MURROW CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Speaker from the Murrow Children's Centre to keep the Parish Council up to date as to what their role is in the community.

Ann Marie Waterston attend the meeting to outline the services offered by Children's Centre in Murrow to children and their families such as obesity, education, parents from low income and workless households. The meeting was advised that Sure Start works with the local authority and OFSTED and that there will be approximately 3500 such centres set up across the UK. There are two other centres in Wisbech one in the Oasis Centre covering the Waterless area and one in Nene School. The Centre in Murrow is for the villages nine in total Wisbech St Mary, Guyhirn, Murrow, Thorney Toll, Tydd St Giles, Newton, Elm, Fridaybridge and Coldham. The Peckover School in Wisbech is also covered by Murrow. There are several groups that meet at Murrow such as Play activity groups, pregnant mums and new mums and workshops such as gardening groups encouraging healthy eating of fruit and vegetables and cooking. Our help was asked for to enable them to identify families who would benefit from their services.

Some families had stated that the meeting room was not big enough to accommodate many families and that the changing facilities for babies were poor. Ms Waterston pointed out that there was nothing she could do about the size of the room, but they had taken on board the comments about the changing facilities and these were being improved.

#### 2. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were signed as a true record.

#### 3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)

The meeting was advised that the drainage to the Wisbech St Mary Pond was going ahead and that it was taking the original suggested route behind the houses in High Road. Mr Quince has agreed to tidy up the drain behind his house.

#### 4. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda

Mr P Davies declared a personal interest on item 13 a and c.

Mr B Britain declared a personal interest on item 13c.

Mr Parrin declared a prejudicial interest on item 11b and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

Mr Fowler declared a prejudicial interest on item 7 c and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

#### 5. **FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

There was no report by T Wadsley re progress being made by Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team.

#### 6. **POLICE MATTERS**

There was no report by the Community Beat Officer.

#### 7. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVE**

Reply from FDC Planning regarding the Section 106 monies for Guyhirn. As this was not a standard request the Parish Council would not have been consulted. **NOTED.**

**List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.**

(a) F/YR09/0770/TRTPO WORKS TO 1 Lime Tree covered by TPO 16/1990 78 Murrow Bank, Murrow. Applicant Miss M Lane. No agent. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

(b) F/YR09/0777/RM erection of a detached 3 bed chalet bungalow with associated parking land South of Selwyn Nursery High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr M Dalsar. Agent Mr David Broker. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

(c) F/YR09/0773/F erection of a 5 bed detached house with detached single garage land west of Bramble Corner, Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove. Applicant Mrs T Fowler. Agent Mr Gareth Edwards. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

(d) F/YR09/0798/TRTPO felling of 1 willow tree covered by TPO 1/1995 The Village Pond, High Road, Guyhirn. Applicant Mr R Reed. **We support this development and recommend approval.**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) FDC forms for Councillors to obtain copies of the Electoral Role. **Noted. Forms were handed to Mr C Allen and Mr P Barnes**
- (b) Confirmation from CPALC of the Councillors who took part in the Power of Well Being Training. **Noted.**
- (c) Details of Street Pride Event Schedule. **Noted.**
- (d) Letter of resignation of James Carney. **Noted. It was agreed to discuss his replacement at the end of meeting without members of the public being present.**

**Correspondence in folder for information only**

Community Action Winter 2009  
FDC Streetscene December 2009

FCVS Training Feb to March 2010

9. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) CPALC HCV Issues & Countywide Advisory Freight Map. **This matter was discussed under agenda item 14.**
- (b) Reply from Highways regarding items passed to them. **Noted.**
- (c) Reply from Highways regarding the drainage works at High road, Wisbech St Mary. They are willing to make a contribution of £2000 in total towards the cost. **Noted. In view of the fact that a new pipe need to be installed from the Wisbech St Mary pond and it would be cost effective for this work to be undertaken at the same time. Mr B Britain stated that this work would not be undertaken before March 2010. Mr Parrin agreed to meet with Mr B Britain and the Drainage Board to ensure that this pipe would be installed at the same time as the drainage work the cost of which was being covered by the Drainage Board and CCC Highways.**

**Highways reports from Councillors on problems**

- 1. High Road, Guyhirn and roads in Murrow has not been salted. It was understood that High Road, Guyhirn had not been salted as it had been changed from a B road to a C Road. It was agreed that the clerk ascertains when this change had been made.
- 2. Pot holes across the road in Foleys Drove at the West End near Murrow Bank.
- 3. Gull Drove, Guyhirn very unlevel.
- 4. Murrow Bank and Gull Road to the A47 is subsiding.
- 5. The salt boxes at Thorney Toll are not being filled.
- 6. Willock Lane potholes filled with water completely across the road.
- 7. Pentlow Corner near Peartree Cottage is over 9 inches deep.
- 8. Cars parked outside Murrow School two and three deep and it is very dangerous.
- 9. 4 cars parked outside the bungalows at Pidgeons corner and the opposite side of the road is collapsing.
- 10. Front Road, Murrow two pot holes have been filled a number of times and they keep reappearing.
- 11. Vegetation at the side of the road from Bellamy's Bridge to the Bridge Inn at Wisbech St Mary needs cutting back.
- 12. Pot holes in Panswell Lane opposite Miletree Lane towards the old crossing.

10. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. Balance of account is £109143.94
- (b) Concurrent Functions grant second instalment £3605.00. **Noted.**

**To approve payment of outstanding accounts:**

- (c) Clerk January salary £495.66 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (d) Tax & NI £174.62 LGAct 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (e) The Chequers December meeting £30.00 LGAct 1972 S134 **Agreed.**
- (f) FDC painting railings Main Road, Guyhirn £161.43 LG1894 S8 (1i) **Agreed.**
- (g) Compass Shredder £172.47 LGAct 1972 S143 **Agreed.**

**To approve payment of grants**

- (h) Victim Support £300.00 LGAct 1972 S137 **Agreed.**
- (i) Wisbech St Mary Community Car Scheme £300.00 LG&Rating Act 1997 S26 **Agreed.**

11. **PARISH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATTERS**

- (a) Painting of the Wisbech St Mary Village sign by Whitemoor Prison. **Mr Parrin stated he had not heard and the clerk was requested to telephone the Prison's Education Department to see if this matter could be moved forward.**
- (b) Quotations for wooden seat in the bus shelter next to the Wheel public House, Wisbech St Mary. **The clerk advised the meeting that two quotations had been received one for £275 and one for £230. After a discussion it was agreed to with the quotation of £230, which was given by Mr M Parrin.**

12. **GUYHIRN POND**

- (a) Tenders to remove or trim trees around the Pond. **The clerk advised the meeting that two quotations had been received one for £8000 plus VAT and one for £3500.00. The North Level Drainage Board was unable to quote due to the close proximity to the dwellings in Spencer Drove. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to go with the quotation of £3500, which was given by Bowles Tree and Garden Services.**
- (b) Correspondence from C Summers regarding the trees being cut down. **Noted.**

13. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

- (a) Discussion regarding the hard standing for the recycling bins and the roadway. **Mr P Davies advised the meeting that a quotation for a hard standing had been received for £550. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that this work go ahead.**
- (b) Details of the Playing Field boundary. **The Clerk advised the meeting that she had not heard from the Solicitors regarding these details, but that she would contact them again. It was also agreed that the FDC be contacted to see if they could help in this matter. It was understood that Maxey's had also agreed to contact the clerk, but to date no details had been received.**

14. **MURROW BANK**

Discussion regarding the number of lorries using Murrow Bank. **It was agreed that the clerk contacts CPALC HCV Issues & Countywide Advisory Freight Map stating that numerous lorries are using Murrow Bank. It was agreed that the clerk submits the petition handed to the Parish Council at their last meeting regarding this matter. The clerk was instructed to contact Jill Tuck advising of this matter.**

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)**

- (a) Mr Parrin advised the meeting that the meetings to be held in the Sports Pavillon in Wisbech St Mary would now be held in the new Community Centre.

**At 8.55 pm the meeting closed to the public to discuss the casual vacancy brought about by the resignation of Mr James Carney.**

**The clerk outlined the procedures that have to be followed in a casual vacancy and advised the meeting that the FDC Election Department had been advised of the vacancy and were in the process of preparing posters. It was agreed that if possible we would delay an election to the General Election in order to save on the cost.**

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 – Thorney Toll Village Hall

17. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2010/2011**

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 – **Wisbech St Mary Community Centre** (please note change of venue)  
Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Murrow Village Hall  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove  
Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – Guyhirn Village Hall - Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by the Annual General Meeting  
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 – Thorney Toll Village Hall  
Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 – **Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.** (please note change of venue)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – Murrow Village Hall  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.  
Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010  
Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011