

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 26th April 2010 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove

PRESENT

D Thrower (Chairman)	C Allen	P Barnes	B Britain	P Davies	J Fish	C Fryett
	T Fowler	J Hall	J Parrin	B Payne	C Bellamy	R Scrimshaw
Visitor	P C J Coales					
Parishioners	T Jennings	A Purdy	B Reay			

The Chairman welcomed Mrs J Hall to the meeting as the new co-opted member of the Parish Council. Mrs Hall had signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the commencement of the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from J Tuck.

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

- The meeting was advised that the pond water level is too high to work in the area. There are pairs of ducks and moorhens and toads. The committee are enquiring as to the cost of renewing the Liability Insurance.

64. TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING dated 29th March 2010.

The minutes of the meeting of the 29th March were signed as a true record.

65. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (information only)

There were no matters arising.

66. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

Mrs D Thrower declared a prejudicial interest on item 72k and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

Mr P Barnes declared a prejudicial interest on item 72k and l and left the meeting at the appropriate time.

67. FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

A Report from the Community Development Officer re progress being made by Fenland Neighbourhood Community Team was read by the Chairman.

- The meeting was advised that the Easter holiday's children's programme had gone well with some venue exceeding 100 children attending with other areas only attracting a few.
- The Village Plans will have to be revisited in order to revise the Parish Plan. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Plan has been looked at for five years and no progress has yet been made.

68. POLICE MATTERS

- Report by the Community Beat Officer stated that there had been several thefts of and from vehicles throughout the parish. There had been one assault and an incident of domestic violence in Wisbech St Mary. The main concern at the moment was theft of motor fuel and John Deere Tractors. P C J Coales reiterated the importance of reporting incidences.
- The car parked in the village has been reported to the DVLA and the CCC Highways. It is expected that this will be moved in the next few days.
- After the Community Fair on Saturday, 24th April there had been a Police Panel meeting and only two parishioners from Murrow had attended. The main point raised was speeding along Leverington Common. It was agreed that the two major concerns of villagers was speeding and anti social behaviour.
- P C J Coales requested that the Parish Council writes to Highways requesting that the yellow lines outside the Wisbech St Mary School be repainted. It was agreed that this was not the only area and that the clerk writes requesting all lines within the parish be repainted especially those outside the school, bus stops and road junctions.
- A suggestion has been made that the junction of Pidgeon Corner, Back Road, Seadyke and Silvers Lane be redesigned and Parson Drove Parish Council will be in touch with us in due course.
- A van is parked at Pidgeons Corner and is causing some concerns.
- Cars and motor bikes being driven on Murrow Playing Field are causing some distress to local residents.

69. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- CCC introduction of electronic consultation regarding planning requesting the Parish Council to let them know of any concerns by 01.05.10 as they intend to switch to electronic communications by 01.06.10. **Noted.**

List of Enforcement cases reported in the period between 01.03.10 and 31.03.10. **Noted.**

List of planning applications determined by the Fenland District Council.

- (a) F/YR10/0234/A display of 1 no internally illuminated pole mounted display units (retrospective) New Toll Service Station, South Wisbech Road, Thorney Toll. Applicant Mr M Swindles **We support this development and recommend approval**

70. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) FDC Crimebuster Bus Guyhirn 1st June 2010 8.30 to 12.30 and Murrow 8th June 8.30 to 12.30 pm. **Noted. Clerk agreed to let the villages have posters. It was agreed that the clerk writes advising the organisers that Wisbech St Mary Parish consists of 3 villages and 2 hamlets.**

- (b) Thank you letter from Murrow Methodist Church for the grant. **Noted.**
 (c) Chairman of FDC Civic Events for 2010 16.07.10 Chairman's Civic Reception 7.00 to 8.30 pm and Chairman's Christmas Carol Concert 12.12.10 from 3.00 to 4.30 pm. Both venues to be confirmed at a later date. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

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71. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- (a) Update from CCC Highways regarding items passed to them from Parish Council meetings. **Noted.**
 (b) CCC review of the A and B road speed limit review No. 25 – A141. **Noted. Has the road through Wisbech St Mary to Guyhirn been declassified and if so when was this carried out and what is the road number. Can we have it reinstated as a B road and have 30 mph through the villages and 20 mph outside our school. We understand that if this has been declassified it should not now be used to divert traffic off the A47 when there has been an accident.**
 (c) Letter from Governors of Guyhirn School that we write to the owners of Sheraton House asking them to cut back their conifers at the front of the house. **Noted. The clerk stated that she had spoken to a representative of the Governors at the Community Fair stating that we have written on several occasions to the owners. It was agreed that the clerk acknowledge receipt of this letter.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Curb at the Black Hart still not been repaired.
2. Numerous pot holes at Tholomas Drove.
3. Yellow lines throughout the parish need repainting particularly those outside school, bus stops and road junctions.
4. Large pot holes at Bellamy's Bridge and road lines need repainting.
5. Top of Gull Drove to Gull Road hedge and trees overhanging junction.
6. Gull Road slip to the A47 numerous pot holes.
7. Pot holes at the junction of The Pidgeons, Silvers Lane and Back Road.
8. Hawthorn tree has been cut back by the occupier of the house next to the footpath at 120 Back Road, Murrow. It was agreed that the clerk writes stating that they should not cut back trees and hedges that do not belong to them.

72. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 year end. **Closing balance was ££97786.79 credit.**
 (b) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2010/2011 year to date. **Balance to date was £119652.79 after receipt of the first instalment of the Precept of £21866.00.**
 (c) Approval of the Accounts for the year 2009/2010. **It was unanimously agreed to approve the Accounts for the year 2009/2010.**
 (d) Approval of the External Audit form for 2009/2010. **It was unanimously agreed to approve the Annual return for the year ended 31st March 2010 and that the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer sign it on behalf of the Parish Council.**

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

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| (e) The Chequers Hire of Hall | £30.00 LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed. |
| (f) Murrow Village Hall for meeting on the 29.03.10 | £25.00 LGAct 1972 S134 Agreed |
| (g) Clerk April salary | £533.33 LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (h) Tax & NI | £157.78 LGAct 1972 S112 Agreed |
| (i) Cambridgeshire ACRE affiliation fees | £25.00 LG Act 1972 S143 Agreed |
| (j) CPALC Affiliation fees | £622.42 LG Act 1972 S143 Agreed. Some concerns were voiced as to whether we should continue to pay these Affiliation fees, but the overall consensus was that if we ever had a serious problem we would know where to go for help. |

To approve payment of grants

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| (k) Murrow Playing Field Association | £2500.00 LG Mis Prov 1976 S196 Agreed. |
| (l) Murrow Village Hall | £1000.00 LGAct 1972 S133 Agreed |

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

Report of the Parish Risk Assessment

1. Panswell Lane bushes need cutting back. **Advise CCC Highways.**
2. Speed limit at the pond turned facing pond not road. **Resolved.**
3. Railings outside bus shelter Chapelfield Road need painting. **This is a job that may be able to be carried out by Future Jobs Fund employee.**
4. Honeysuckle Cottage, Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn posts on the Highway. **Advise CCC Highways**
5. Is a seat needed in bus shelter at Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn. **No further action.**
6. Is a seat needed in bus shelter Mouth Lane, Guyhirn. **No further action.**
7. Is a seat needed in bus shelter Tholomas Drove. **No further action.**
8. Grass cutting at Tholomas Drove is carried out by the proprietor of The Chequers should this be paid for by the Parish Council. **No further action to be taken.**
9. Manhole at Tholomas Drove still fenced off. **Now resolved.**
10. Hedge needs cutting at Sheraton House, High Road, Guyhirn. **Have written and Mr Davis called and owner has**

agreed to cut the hedge.

11. Hedge needs cutting at fern House, High Road, Guyhirn. **Clerk to write to owner.**

12. Murrow Lane street sign missing. **Advise CCC Highways**

- At this point of the meeting it was agreed that the Chapel of Ease and the cemetery was an asset to the village. It was agreed however that the land opposite to this area, land owned by the Cambridgeshire County Council was a very unkept area. It was agreed that the clerk contact CCC to see if the Parish Council could either rent or purchase this area for the Guyhirn Playing Field.

74. **GUYHIRN POND**

Progress on work on the Pond area and Public Liability Insurance.

The meeting was advised in the Open Forum that the pond water level is too high to work in the area for the time being. There are pairs of ducks and moorhens nesting in the area together with toads. The committee are enquiring as to the cost of renewing the Public Liability Insurance.

75. **COMMUNITY FAIR AT WISBECH ST MARY 24.04.10.**

Report from the Community Fair on the 24.04.10.

Items reported on the day were:-

1. Trees and hedge at Sheraton House, High Road, Guyhirn.
2. Hawthorne Hedge at the Footpath in Murrow having been cut down.
3. Additional bus service to the college in term time 8.15 in the morning and 5.10 return in the evening at a cost of £1.60 single or £2.50 return. It was agreed that the clerk distribute poster for the notice boards.
4. Concerns regarding the footpath from the Chapelfield Road to the Guyhirn Playing Field across the Chapel of Ease Cemetery. This land is owned by the Ely Diocesan and will be discussed at their next meeting.

76. **FUTURE JOBS FUND**

Karl Crofts employed at interview on Friday, 9th April. Started work in Parson Drove on the 19th April 2010. Employment is for 6 months 25 hours per week.

- (a) Make decision regarding where he is to work and when. **Agreed that Mrs Thrower would meet with K Crofts on Tuesday at 9.00 am, Mr Parrin at Wisbech St Mary and Mr Allen and Mr Davies at Guyhirn. It had been agreed with Parson Drove that we let him have a list of jobs that will last him for about two weeks.**

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

- Meeting advised that a resident of Canon Close would like the Cannon Close sign removed from the side of her bungalow. It was agreed that the clerk writes to Roddons to see if they are able to resolve this.
- The meeting was advised that the Community Centre need to improve the ventilation in the kitchen at a cost of £3,000. FDC have agreed to cover half the cost of this. It was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The meeting was advised that a Planning Meeting is to be held at the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre on the 5th May at 2.30 pm. All members of the public are able to attend.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

78. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 24th May 2010 – Guyhirn Village Hall - Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by the Annual General Meeting

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

Monday, 21st June 2010 – Thorney Toll Village Hall

Monday, 19th July 2010 – Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavillion

Monday 16th August 2010 – Murrow Village Hall

Monday, 13th September 2010 – The Chequers, Tholomas Drove.

Monday, 11th October 2010

Monday 8th November 2010

Monday, 6th December 2010

Monday, 10th January 2011