

MINUTES OF WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
held on Monday 18th May 2009 at Thorney Toll Village Hall

PRESENT

J Parrin (Chairman)	P Barnes	B Britain	J Carney	P Davies	J Fish	T Fowler	C Fryett	B Payne
Visitors	D Thrower	R Scrimshaw	J Tuck					
Parishioners	P C J Coales	T Wadsley						
	T Coleman	P Allen	F Allen	D Weldon	Mrs Weldon			

OPEN FORUM

There were no matters discussed in the Open Forum

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from K Bagg and C Bellamy.

86. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

- It was proposed by T Fowler, seconded by P Davies and agreed unanimously that D Thrower be elected as Chairman.
- It was proposed by J Parrin, seconded by J Fish and agreed unanimously that B Payne be elected as Vice Chairman.

87. **TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** dated 27th April 2009

The minutes of the 27th April 2009 were signed as a true record.

88. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** (information only)

There had been no reply to the letter to CCC Highways, Malcolm Moss MP, Highways Agency or the Chief Constable regarding the A47 through Thorney Toll.

89. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

90. **FDC NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

Report by T Wadsley re progress being made by Fenland Neighbourhood Community team.

- The meeting was advised that a Neighbourhood Community offer has been recruited for Elm and Christchurch and should commence the middle of June.
- The Rural West Wisbech Children's Centre at Murrow School will be officially opened on the 27th May between 10.00 and 4.00 pm. The formal opening will take place at 11.00 am. During the day there will be activities for children under 5.
- The Easter activities had gone well and there were similar organised for the May holidays. A new programme is being organised for the summer holidays. There is a Fun day based on health issues on the 31st May at Guyhirn Playing Field free to the community from 2.30pm to 5.00pm weather permitting.

91. **POLICE MATTERS**

Report by the Community Beat Officer

- PC J Coales reported that there had been theft of fuel at Guyhirn, 2 domestic assaults at Thorney Toll and thefts from garden sheds, garden ornaments and vehicles at Wisbech St Mary. At the moment there are a number of thefts from garden sheds in the rural areas and they are being to gain access by unscrewing the hinges and it is recommended that residents reinforce them. The theft of fuel and metal theft appears to be on the decline, but there have a number of thefts of vehicles and theft from vehicles in the Wisbech area.
- The meeting was advised that it is understood that the speed camera in Thorney Toll is to be repaired.
- The meeting was advised that there is a Police Panel meeting at Elm school on the 24th June at 7.30 pm.
- A discussion took place in respect of the increase in height of the flood defences in North Brink and the difficulties of traffic with the parked vehicles. It is understood that after this work is complete there may be no parking in North Brink to ease the traffic congestion.

92. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

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

List of Planning Enforcements for April 2009

A discussion took place in respect of the Planning Enforcements being made public. It was agreed that the clerk should show the list to the Chairman before the Parish Council meeting and if she feels that any should be discussed a Private Session will be held at the end of meeting.

93. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (a) Thank you letter from Murrow Village Hall in respect of the grant. **Noted.**
- (b) Details from CPALC regarding outreach training sessions. **Noted. It was agreed that the clerk set up an evening for the Power of Well Being training. Clerk to contact Parson Drove Parish Council to see if they would like to join us.**
- (c) Thank you letter from S Layton in respect of the grant of £200.00 for the website. **Noted**
- (d) NHS Cambridgeshire Launch of public consultation – The future of health Services for south Fenland residents. **Noted, but did not relate to the area.**
- (e) Station of Persons Nominated for election of County Council for the Waldersey Division. **Noted.**

- (f) Thank you letter from Murrow Bowls Club for the grant of £375.00. **Noted.**
- (g) Power of Well Being course for clerk on Saturday 11th July 2009 cost £25.00. **It was agreed that the clerk should attend.**
- (h) Thank you letter Murrow Playing Field for grant of £3000.00. **Noted.**
- (i) CCC regarding The Big Lunch on Sunday 19th July 2009. **Noted.**

Correspondence in folder for information only

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94. **HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS**

- a. CCC regarding Carriageway Surface dressing programme Hooks Drove, Wisbech St Mary and Long Drove, Wisbech St Mary. **Noted.**
- b. Reply from CCC Highways regarding various issued passed to them from Parish Council meetings. **Noted.**
- c. Reply from CCC Streetlighting regarding the reporting of FPC 13 in High Road, Guyhirn leaning over. **Noted.**

Highways reports from Councillors on problems

1. Overhead lighting not working in Goosetree Road.
2. Gull Drove and Gull road junction cannot see as the junction is obscured by trees and heavy brambles.
3. Junction of the A47 from Gull Road slip road obscured by trees near the old Railway Inn. This is now a matter of urgency as these are now growing and this is now becoming dangerous.
4. Live electric cable across the road near Tall Trees Gull Road.
5. 40mph sign to be moved further along Gull Road. This had been agreed to be moved by the FD Neighbourhood Community Development team.
6. Hedge and bushes encroaching over the footpath at Manor House, station Road, Wisbech St Mary.
7. Lay By Fence on the South side of the A47 outside Redgate Farm Thorney Toll needs repairing, section missing.
8. Grass cutting unsatisfactory only cutting 3 ft side of the road.
9. Road and footpath flooding outside Walnut Cottage, High Road, Wisbech St Mary. The reason for this is that the root from his garden is blocking the outlet to the sump. This was reported by a CCC Highways representative. Can this please be advised to the resident of Walnut Cottage.
10. Pot hole Church Road Sayers Field entrance Wisbech St Mary.
11. Posts encroaching on the highway at the white Tudor style house ¼ mile after the Guyhirn sign from Tholomas Drove.

95. **FINANCE**

- (a) To receive a budgetary control report for the 2009/2010 to date. Balance of account £103208.68.
- (b) To approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2009. **Statement of Accounts approved.**
- (c) Review balance on Current account regarding investment. It was agreed that the clerk look into possible investments.

To approve payment of outstanding accounts:

- (d) Clerk May salary £495.66 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed.**
- (e) Tax & NI £174.62 LG Act 1972 S112 **Agreed.**

To approve payment of grants

- (f) Guyhirn Friendship Club £100.00 LG Act 1972 S132 **Agreed.**

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

- The work on the Chapelfield Avenue, Guyhirn Bus shelter cannot be undertaken until Barhales have completed the installation of the first time sewerage.
- Agreed that the BT telephone box in Wisbech St Mary should either be repaired or removed.

97. **GUYHIRN POND**

No Progress report

98. **GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD**

Cheque for £1400 received from AWA. **Noted.**

Confirmation from Frawer Dawbarns of the ownership of land at Guyhirn purchased from the Fenland District Council. **Noted. Clerk to contact Fraser Dawbarns to obtain a map of the land purchased.**

99. **POWER OF WELLBEING**

It was agreed that the clerk set up an evening for the Power of Well Being training at a cost of £350.00. Clerk to contact Parson Drove Parish Council to see if they would like to join us.

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

- The meeting was advised that the North Level Internal Drainage Board at their June meeting are to recommend that they take on the project to improve the drainage at the rear of the properties in High Road, Wisbech St Mary.
- The clerk advised the meeting that she had received a letter from K Bagg resigning from the Parish Council due to work commitments.
- The clerk was requested to find out how far the sale of the allotment in Mouth Lane had reached as Mr Parrin stated that he had been contacted by a parishioner wishing to rent this land.

- Mr Parrin advised the meeting that there was a Community Health Champion meeting at 8.30 am on the 2nd June 2009.
- Mr Payne advised the meeting that work to repair and restore the Clarkson Memorial starts on the 1st June 2009.
- Two members of the Thorney Toll Village Hall committee thanked the Parish Council for their financial help to enable them to restore the Village Hall.

101. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 15th June 2009 at Murrow Village Hall

102. **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2009/2010**

Monday, 13th July 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Playing Field Pavillion.

Monday 17th August 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

Monday, 14th September 2009 at Guyhirn Village Hall

Monday, 12th October 2009 at Murrow Village Hall

Monday 9th November 2009 at Wisbech St Mary Playing Field Pavillion

Monday, 7th December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove

Monday, 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall