

WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
September 2008 NEWSLETTER

List of Councillors

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Mr J Carney	52 Murrow Bank, Murrow PE13 0HD	01945 700569
Mr P Davies	Riverside, Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn, Wisbech PE13 4ED	01945 450234
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Mr C Fryett	Llanberis, Gull Road, Guyhirn PE13 4ER	01945 450340
Mr J Parrin	Paradene, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4RN	01945 410539
Mr B Payne	7 Churchfield Way, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4SY	01945 410755
Mrs D Thrower	Acquest, Front Road, Murrow PE13 4JQ	01945 700213
Mr P Wait	Station Farm, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4RY	01945 410526

We would like to welcome Mr J Carney as a Councillor to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr P Carpenter.

List of Parish Council Meetings for 2008 and January 2009 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drive

Monday, 1 st September 2008	Monday, 24 th November 2008
Monday, 22 nd September 2008	Monday, 15 th December 2008
Monday, 13 th October 2008	Monday, 5 th January 2009
Monday, 3 rd November 2008	

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, 12th May at the Wisbech St Mary Sports Pavilion. There were 9 Councillors, 10 parishioners, PC J Coales our Community Police Officer,

Councillor Jill Tuck and Councillor C Bellamy 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 and the John Bends Charity were available. Details of these Accounts are:

John Bends Charity Account for the year ending the 5th April 2008

The income was £7299.35 and the dole payout was £4720 to 118 people and the balance carried forward was £1951.75.

Poores Allotment Charity Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2008

The income was £97613.70, expenditure £22318.65 and the balance carried forward to the next financial year was £422301.90. Mr Davies Chairman stated that further education grants will be considered as and when they are requested. If you are in further education whatever your age, please contact the clerk of the Poores Allotment Charity, Mrs C Jobson in writing when applying for grants to help with fees, books etc. Please enclose copies of invoices etc in order to allow the Trustees to make an informed decision. Depending on when you apply there may be some delays to allow for interest on investments to be received.

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2008

The income was £44765.47 and expenditure was £33024.70. Included in the expenditure figure were grants of £12029.50 given to the following organisations within the Parish.

Royal British Legion	£49.50
Wisbech St Mary Social and Community	£2500.00
Wisbech St Mary PCC re Churchyard	£300.00
Guyhirn Cemetery	£350.00
Southea PCC re Churchyard	£350.00
Guyhirn Playing Field	£2500.00
Murrow Playing Field	£2500.00
Thorney Toll Village Hall	£1500.00
Murrow Village Hall	£500.00
Wisbech St Mary Youth Club	£380.00
Guyhirn Village Hall	£1000.00
Wisbech St Mary Website	£100.00

Also included in the expenditure was £2750 spent on Section 137. Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972 as amended enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £5.64 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 2008 was £15972.48 (2832 x £5.64). The following organisations benefited.

Murrow Pre School	£350.00	Guyhirn Little Lambs	£350.00
Guyhirn Friendship Club	£100.00	Voluntary Bureau	£100.00
Fenland Adventure	£500.00	Vital Communities	
£500.00			
Victim Support	£300.00	Murrow Book Café	
£100.00			
Wisbech St Mary Luncheon Club	£100.00	Guyhirn School	£350.00

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

Other items discussed at the Parish Assembly were trees encroaching onto the footpaths, numerous pot holes in Back Road and Front Road, Murrow and complaints concerning the Turf End Bridge traveller site. A discussion took place in respect of the proposed change of use of the Little Chef, Guyhirn to an Adult Shop. It was agreed that the Parish Council had been misrepresented in the press and this was due in no small part to the information that the Fenland District Council, Planning Department had given to the clerk. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the Chief Executive and the Leader of Fenland District Council objecting to this change of use and supporting the Guyhirn Action Group against this proposed change.

Notices and Agendas of meetings together with Council minutes are displayed on all the parish notice boards and the Wisbech St Mary website on www.wisbechstmary.org.uk.

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