

## **WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **February 2009 NEWSLETTER**

Wisbech St Mary is one of the largest parishes in Fenland District. It includes Murrow, Guyhirn, Thorney Toll, Tholomas Drove and Wisbech St Mary.

#### **List of Councillors**

Name	Address	Telephone Number
Mr K Bagg	Meadow View, Gull Road, Guyhirn, Nr Wisbech PE13 4ER	01945 450713
Mr P Barnes	Westview, 38 Murrow Bank, Murrow, PE13 4HB	01945 700200
Mr B Britain	Fort Farm, Gull Drove, Guyhirn, Wisbech PE13 4HB	
Mr J Carney	52 Murrow Bank, Murrow PE13 4HD	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

#### **List of Parish Council Meetings for 2009 and January 2010**

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at The Chequers, Tholomas Drove  
Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove  
Mon, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by AGM, at Thorney Toll Village Hall.  
Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Murrow Village Hall  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at WSM Field Pavillion. (change of venue)  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove  
Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Guyhirn Village Hall  
Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Murrow Village Hall  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at WSM Playing Field Pavillion  
Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at The Chequers Tholomas Drove  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Guyhirn Village Hall  
Please note that we are again having our meetings in the Village Halls in order to try and make our meetings more accessible to all of the parishioners.

Fenland District Council and Parish Council elections took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and Mr R Scrimshaw was elected as a District Councillor and Mr B Britain was elected as a Parish Councillor. We would like to welcome Mr Britain to the Parish Council and congratulate Mr Scrimshaw

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. The Parish Council is very pleased that many Parishioners attend the Parish Council meetings on a regular basis, together with representatives from the Police and Fenland Links.

#### **Precept**

The Parish Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 built a budget for the financial year 2009/2010 and has set the precept at £43732.00, no increase on last year. The members intend to continue with the grants to local clubs and associations as far as possible within financial

constraints and will use any carry forward from the current financial year 2008/2009 to ensure that this happens.

#### **Highway Matters**

The Parish Council was unsuccessful in their two bids for jointly funded minor highway improvements. These bids were for a footpath at Bunkers Hill from Rat Row to Bridge Inn and to put in a barrier to enhance safety on the A47 at the Gull Road slip road. We will of course reapply in the next bidding round in 2009/2010.

The Parish Council continues to identify roads and footpaths that are in need of repair and continue to lobby the Highways Department to ensure that this work is carried out as soon as possible.

In the current financial year we have undertaken maintenance work on all of the bus shelters. In addition, we are trying to improve the disabled access to the bus shelter in Guyhirn.

The Parish Council is in the process of purchasing land from the Fenland District Council to increase the size of the Guyhirn Playing Field.

Inspector Sissons attended our meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 to outline details of the Community Speed Watch Scheme. This is for members of the community to get involved in stopping speeding. Members of the public will be trained to use the camera, but will not be able to operate it in their own parish so it is important that parishioners get involved as without volunteers to work in other parishes it is doubtful that any members of other parishes will want to come into our parish.

Notices and Agendas of meetings together with Council minutes are displayed on all the parish notice boards and the minutes on the Wisbech St Mary website on [www.wisbechstmary.org.uk](http://www.wisbechstmary.org.uk).

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