

MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST MARKS METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL 2008.

Attended by Councillors:- C. Bellamy (Chairman), A. Sanderson (Vice Chairman), G. Bellamy, P. Everett, M. Shelley & P. Spriggs. J. Tuck (C.C.C.)

08/48. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor A. Mills, P.C. Julie Coales & Thelma Wadsley (Fenland Links)

08/49. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2008.

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

08/50. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda

Councillors C. Bellamy & G. Bellamy declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 08/52. Reason – Agents also acts for the Councillors.

Councillor P. Everett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 08/55 c). and left the room whilst this matter was discussed. Reason – Councillor Everett is the post mistress at Parson Drove Post Office.

08/51. Matters Arising from the Minutes. (For information only).

- a) Report on Neighbourhood Policing Meeting held on 27th March organised by Fenland Links.

Councillors C. Bellamy, G. Bellamy & M. Shelley had attended the meeting which had been very positive. Details on the outcome of the meeting would be circulated by Fenland Links in the near future.

- b) Enquires into alternative land for the extension of the Churchyard.

The Clerk advised that an approach had been made regarding purchase of land but none was available directly adjoining the existing churchyard although access could be given for land further away. However the purchase price would be more than that already being asked by the Agents acting on behalf of the Diocese. Councillors therefore resolved to take no further action on this at present.

08/52. Planning Matters & Applications.

- a) Planning Application Number F/YR08/0289/F, Elgood & Sons, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates, for the erection a 3 bedroom detached house with detached double garage on land south west of Swan Inn, Main Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to raise the matter of no access to the plot as this was shown on the plans as being over the village green.

08/53. Thelma Wadsley - Fenland Links Update Report.

Thelma Wadsley had been taken ill during the day was unable to attend the meeting to present a report.

08/54. Accounts & Finance

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoices for payment.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils, affiliation Fees 2008/09,£356.67. L.G.A. 1972 s. 143.

Fenland District Council, rates on The Cage, £231.00. L.G.A. s 133.

b) To receive and approve a Receipts & Payments Account/Bank Reconciliation and Budget Up Date Report to financial year end of 31st March 2008.

The Clerk presented the reports to Councillors and advised that in view of the Invoice soon to be received for the erection of the Bus Shelter it was necessary to transfer funds from the postal deposit account at Barclays to the current account at Alliance & Leicester. Councillors resolved to accept the reports and agreed for £3,000 to be transferred.

c) To consider quotation received from Cambridgeshire County Council, Street Lighting Department for new street lights at Swan Bridge junction.

Councillors resolved to defer this matter for the time being pending the outcome of the Safer Routes to School application submitted by the Payne School and to give further consideration on how the scheme could be funded in view of the high cost.

08/55. To consider and respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received from:-

a) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council, Highways Department regarding the Safer Routes to School application made Payne Primary School advising that the application would be considered during early May and if successful the Parish Council would be invited to participate in the scheme which would take two years. No further action required pending notification of decision by County Council.

b) Letter from Fenland District Council inviting members to attend a training session on Health & Safety Inspections on Memorials, on Wednesday 23rd April costing £105 per person. No Councillors indicated a wish to attend.

c) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding Post Office closures in Cambridgeshire and advising what action was being taken by them to influence the decision of Post Office Ltd. The Clerk advised that a letter with the petition was ready for forwarding to Post Office Ltd., but according to local Newspaper Reports individual letters would also assist with the campaign. Councillors resolved for posters obtained from the Eastern Daily Express to be displayed together with an article in Village Voices urging members of the public to send individual letters. This request would also be emphasised in the June issue of the Parish Council Newsletter.

d) Letter from Chattertons Solicitors, concerning Land Registry applications for voluntary registration of three pieces of Parish Council Land advising that the Land Registry were requesting up to date maps for all pieces of land together with measurements. Councillor Spriggs agreed to carry out the measuring of the land and the Clerk had already obtained an up to date Ordinance Survey Map for the Village Green and would obtain the other maps being requested.

e) Consultation document from the East of England Regional Assembly on Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England.
Councillors resolved to take no action on this matter.

08/56. To report any faulty street lights & highway matters.

The Clerk was requested to report the faulty street light along The Bank and to request that the 30mph speed limit sign at the junction of Silvers Lane & Back Road, Murrow is moved away from the hedge as it is not visible.

08/57. To receive an Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Councillor Shelley advised that the Accounts had been audited and the AGM would be held on Friday 25th April at 7.30pm.

08/58. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

The Clerk was asked if a sign could be placed on the swings on the village green stipulating an age limit as these were being used by adults. Clerk to enquire with ROSPA on this matter.

08/59. Any other business (information items only).

Quad and motor bikes were using the access to the College Lot land and this is to be reported to the Police.

Meeting closed at 10.35pm.