

MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CAGE ON WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2008.

Attended by Councillors:- C. Bellamy (Chairman), G. Bellamy, P. Everett, M. Shelley & P. Spriggs. P.C. Julie Coales, G. Booth & 2 members of the public.

08/146. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor A. Sanderson, J. Tuck (C.C.C.) & Thelma Wadsley (Fenland Links).

08/147. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd September 2008.

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

08/148. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors.

08/149. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

The information received regarding plans for 12 new PCSO's was inaccurate it was in fact 3 new PCSO's to be based in Wisbech.

Councillors G. Bellamy & P. Everett had visited the North Level Drainage Board Offices and pumping station during the day and had found the visit most informative.

08/150. To fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council by co-option, application received from Gavin Booth.

Councillors resolved to co-opt Gavin Booth onto the Parish Council. The Clerk provided Mr Booth with the Declaration Of Acceptance of Office together with the Register of Members Interest Forms and other relevant documents for completion.

08/151. Planning Matters & Applications.

a) R. Selway Planning Application Number F/YR08/0831/F, No Agent for the erection of a conservatory to side of existing dwelling involving removal of chimneys and demolition of existing store room and outbuildings at Briarhaze, Elbow Lane, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the application.

b) Mr Hawthorne, Planning Application Number F/YR08/00837/F, Agent Keith Baker Design & Management, for change of use of agricultural land to rear of garden & erection of greenhouse, summer house/studio (retrospective) & erection of workshop/store at The Poplars, 135 Back Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to raise no objection to the application.

08/152. Report on Fenland District Council Neighbourhood Review Meeting regarding Fenland Links held on 6th October.

Councillors C. Bellamy, G. Bellamy & M. Shelley had attended the meeting and gave a verbal report to Council on the main proposals discussed relating to the structure of the new Management Boards and Forums expected to be implemented in April 2009.

08/153. Accounts & Finance

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoices for payment:-
Fen Warreners, renewal of annual Pest Control Contract £325. Public Health Act 1987 s. 164.
Anglian Water, half year rates for the Cage, £32.29. L.G.A. 1972 s. 133
Information Commissioner, Date Protection Renewal Fee, £35. L.G.A. 1972 s.143
Smith of Derby, Cage Clock annual service, £179.78. Parish Councils Act 1957 s.2.

b) To consider and approve Receipts & Payments Bank Reconciliation Account and Budget Update Report.

Councillors resolved to accept the reports presented and no action was required on the budget at present.

08/154. To discuss and agree responses where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

a). Letter from Parson Drove Football Club regarding proposal to install floodlights on the playing field and requesting a letter of support for the project.

Councillors resolved to support the proposed project subject to the Football Club liaising with other sport user groups.

b). Invitation to attend the Rural Neighbourhood Police Panel Meeting on Thursday 9th October at 7.30 in Kirkgate Methodist Church, Kirkgate Street, Walsoken.

No action required as for information purposes only.

c). Invitation from the Mayor & Mayoress of Wisbech to attend a Sausage & Cider Evening on Friday 17th October or Saturday 18th October at 7.30 tickets £10 each.

No action required as for information purposes only.

d). Letter from Chattertons Solicitors confirming that our applications had been submitted to the Land Registry following the completion of the sworn declaration by the Clerk.

No action required as for information purposes only.

e) Information from Fenland Links on the Training & Learning Programme organised from September to March at various locations.

Councillors noted information received and resolved for a copy to be displayed in public notice board.

f) Request from Robin Sissons for 10 volunteers to operate the speed watch equipment and offering to attend a Parish Council Meeting.

Councillors resolved to invite Robin Sissons to the next Council Meeting and to include information on the speedwatch scheme in the Parish Council Newsletter appealing for volunteers.

g) Letter from the Sue Ryder Care requesting support for the centre at The Old Palace, Ely by advertising their forthcoming events and for a community group to organise a fund raising event.

Councillors resolved for information to be included in the newsletter and on the notice board.

h) Invitation by Fenland Links to attend a Cultural Awareness Event on Wednesday 15th October at 9.30am being held at the Oasis Centre, St Micheals Avenue, Wisbech. Councillors G. Bellamy & P. Everett agreed to attend on behalf of the Council.

i) Consultation document on Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Preferred Option 2.

Document made available for Councillors to study and respond if desired.

j) Reply from Cambridgeshire County Council & Fenland District Council regarding our enquiry over the confusion of the street names of Fen Road, Bridge Drove and Swan Bridge.

Fenland District Council had confirmed the exact locations of Fen Road and Bridge Drove. Councillors resolved that a copy of their letter with supporting map be sent to the parishioner raising the matter.

k) Letter from Fenland Friendship Club requesting permission to place a memorial bench seat on the village green.

Councillors resolved to agree to the proposal in principal and requested the Clerk arrange a site meeting to discuss the exact location being suggested.

l) Consultation document received from Primary Care Trust on the proposed options for Doddington Hospital.

Councillors resolved for this document to be circulated and then discussed at the next Council Meeting.

08/155. Gardens & Allotments

a) To consider correspondence received from Mr B. Thomas.

As a letter had already been sent informing Mr Thomas that the Council had agreed to continue with the tenancy for a further year Councillors resolved to take no further action on this matter at present but to suggest to Mr Thomas that if further discussions were required to attend the parishioners open surgery on 30th November.

b) Letter giving notice by tenant to vacate land at College Lot.

Councillors resolved to accept the letter giving notice to vacate the land at College Lot and to defer any decision on the future of this land to the next meeting.

08/156. To report any faulty streetlights and highway matters.

The Clerk was requested to report the two faulty streetlights and again enquire into the outstanding highway matters. Also to report the road and footpath flooding outside St Marks Methodist Church every time it rains.

08/157. Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Councillor Shelley advised that grant applications had been submitted by the Section 106 Working Group for the extension to the Pavilion. The Amenities 95 Committee had submitted a grant application to Fenland District Council for disabled accesses to the village hall. The large gates to the playing field were now being kept closed.

08/158. To consider complaint received from Grass Cutting Contractor regarding bricks and stones on the village green.

Councillors noted the complaints made by the contractor.

08/159. To agree on Remembrance Day Service arrangements.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to order a Wreath and this would be laid by the Chairman.

08/160. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

No questions were put to the Clerk or Chairman.

08/161. Any other business (information items only).

An exhibition of hand painted pottery was being held in The Cage on Saturday 8th November 10.00a. to 4.00pm. And an Arts & Crafts Exhibition was being held in The Cage on Saturday 29th November 10.0am to 6.00pm.

The Street Pride Group was proposing to embark on a project to improve the gateways into the village by putting plants in the grass verges around the village signs. A grant application had been made by the group to Fenland Links for the plants and a grant application was being submitted to Fenland District Council for new village signs for the four gateways into the village.

The Clerk was requested to contact Anglia Water informing them of a damaged sewerage control box outside Pine Lodge, Fen Road.

As the small area of land next to the footbridge at Swan Bridge adjoining the road was not well maintained by North Level Drainage Board, resulting in poor visibility at this junction, it was suggested that the Council consider taking over the maintenance of this area of land.

Meeting closed 9.40pm.