

MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CAGE ON WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2008.

Attended by Councillors:- C. Bellamy (Chairman), A. Sanderson (Vice Chairman), G. Bellamy, G. Booth, P. Everett, M. Shelley & P. Spriggs. P.C. Julie Coales, J. Tuck (C.C.C.) N. Franklin & R. Scrimshaw (members of the public).

08/162. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from T. Wadsley (Fenland Links).

08/163. Presentation by PCSO Andy Bush on the Speed Watch Scheme.

Mr Bush did not attend the meeting as arranged.

P.C. Julie Coales provided Councillors with some details on the scheme as well as Councillor Shelley and the Clerk from information provided by Fenland Links. So far only two parishioners had volunteered for the scheme and from information provided it appeared that 10 volunteers were required from each parish.

08/164. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October.

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

08/165. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor G. Booth declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Items Numbered 08/169 d) and 08/171.

Councillor Booth is a member of the Section 106 Working Group and the Parish Plan Action Group.

Councillor P. Everett declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Items Numbered 08/169 d) and 08/171.

Councillor Everett is a member of the Section 106 Working Group and the Parish Plan Action Group.

Councillor M. Shelley declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 08/169 d).

Councillor Shelley is a member of the Section 106 Working Group.

08/166. Matters Arising from the Minutes. (For information only).

Councillors C. Bellamy & G. Booth attended a seminar organised by Fenland Links on Affordable Housing. Councillor Booth gave a brief verbal report to the Council on the various topics covered and advised that more information would be provided by Fenland District Council for the Parish Council to consider in the near future.

Councillors G. Bellamy & P. Everett had been unable to attend the Cultural Awareness Event on the 15th October organised by Fenland Links due to unforeseen circumstances.

08/167. Planning Matters & Applications.

There were no planning applications to consider.

The Clerk informed Councillors of the planning application decisions made by Fenland District Council.

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.

Planning application granted on 10th October 2008

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.

Planning Application granted on 21st October 2008.

c) D Buffham, Planning Application Number F/YR08/0753/F, Agent David Trundle Design Services, for the erection of a 3 bed detached chalet bungalow and detached double garage with office use above and widening of existing access involving the demolition of the existing dwelling at Sunnyside, 125 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Planning Application granted on 3rd October 2008.

08/168. Fenland Links report by Thelma Wadsley.

The Clerk handed out information to Councillors on future events being arranged by Fenland Links as Thelma Wadsley was unable to attend the meeting.

08/169. Accounts & Finance

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoices for payment:-

EON, electricity for The Cage, £39.23. L.G.A. 1972 s. 133

Agriscap (UK) Ltd., yearly contract for grass cutting & maintenance, £3,951.52

Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10.

The Office Key, administration supplies, £48.89. L.G.A. 1972 s. 111.

b) To consider request from Parochial Church Council for the annual maintenance grant for the churchyard and a grant towards improvements made to the Garden of Remembrance.

Councillors resolved to give a total grant of £1,000 based on a £500 grant for the improvements to the Garden of Remembrance and a £500 grant for the annual maintenance of the churchyard. L.G.A. 1972 s 214 (6).

c) Letter from the Quilt & Flower Festival Committee enclosing a copy of the Accounts Balance Sheet.

Information noted by Councillors. No further action required.

d) Letter from the Section 106 Working Group requesting financial support for the Pavilion extension project.

Councillors resolved to agree to fund the Planning Application Fees, estimated at £1,340.

Councillors resolved to defer any decision on the request for a grant towards the capital costs of the project and the possible shortfall in revenue costs of £2,000 per annum for the first 3 years until the budget and precept meeting in December.

e) To consider and agree on application to Fenland District Council for the Concurrent Functions Grant for 2009/2010.

Councillors resolved to submit the grant application on the basis suggested by the District Council for £4,685 based on inflation of 2.5% and to apply for the maximum funding of £780 for a street light under the additional items bid.

f) Request from Fenland District Council for the Parish Precept figure for 2009/2010 by the 6th January 2009.

Councillors resolved to hold an additional Council Meeting on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30 in The Cage to set the budget and agree on the Precept figure for 2009/2010.

08/170. Report on the site meeting with representatives from Fenland Friendship Club on the positioning of a memorial seat on the village green.

Councillors resolved to agree for the new seat to be sited in line with the bus shelter and in front of the Oak tree planted by the Friendship Club as discussed at the site meeting. Clerk to provide the Friendship Club with brochure from the company previously used for purchasing seating by the Parish Council in order to ensure continuity on style and design.

08/171. To consider and approve the updated Parish Plan Action Plan.

Councillors were informed that the updated Action Plan had been presented to the Fenland Strategic Partnership Group by Councillor Booth in the hope that they would assist with the remaining actions as progress on these areas were dependant upon funding and co-operation from other service providers.

08/172. To discuss and agree responses where appropriate to items of correspondence received as shown below.

a). To complete consultation response on the future of Doddington Hospital.

Councillors resolved to support the proposals being put forward of improving services for people aged over 65 and focusing on out-patient and diagnostic services.

b). Fenland Road Safety Campaign (Charlottes Way) by Graham Chappell.

Councillors resolved to support the campaign to improve road safety in Fenland.

c). Letter from Endsleigh Claims Service regarding our claim for damage to the railings around the pond, Main Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for this Agenda Item.

The Clerk advised that Cambridgeshire County Council Highways had indicated they would repair the damaged railings and therefore Councillors resolved to take no further action regarding the insurance claim at the present time pending the railings being repaired by the County Council.

- d). Letter from Land Registry advising that a Surveyor would be inspecting the property in our application for voluntary first registration.
Information noted by Councillors, no further action to be taken at present pending surveyors findings.
- e) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council advising that our application for an extension to the footpath along Fen Road was not successful under the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Scheme for 2009/2010.
Decision noted by Councillors. Clerk to contact Payne Primary School regarding progress on their Safer Routes to School Scheme application as this may include provision of a footpath along Fen Road.
- f) Consultation documents from Peterborough City Council on the Planning Policies and Site Allocations Development Planning Policies.
Information to be circulated to Councillors.
- g) Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of CPALC on Saturday 6th December at Bluntisham Village Hall, Mill Lane, Bluntisham starting at 10.00am.
Information noted by Councillors, Chairman may attend.
- h) Letter from Lincolnshire County Council advising of the consultation on the Minerals & Waste Core Strategy.
Clerk to study information and refer document back to Council if relevant.
- j) Consultation document on Codes of Conduct for Members & Employees from Communities & Local Government.
Information to be circulated to Councillors and discussed at the next meeting.
- k) Invitation from Fenland District Council Standards Committee for the Chairman & Clerk to attend a seminar on Tuesday 16th December at 6.00pm.
Chairman and Clerk agreed to attend.
- l) Letter from Councillor F. Yeulett with workshop feedback on the review for the development of the Neighbourhood Management Boards & Forums.
Information noted by Councillors. No further action required at present pending notification of the next consultation meeting.

08/173. Gardens & Allotments

- a) To consider request by G. Fowler to purchase land at College Lot, Murrow Bank. Councillors resolved in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for this Agenda Item.

Councillors resolved to defer this matter until the Land Registry had determined our application for voluntary first registration.

- b) Clerks report on collection of Garden & Allotment Rents.
All the rents had been paid except for two Garden Tenants and one Allotment Tenant. Councillors resolved for the Clerk to wait until the following week and if payment had still not been received then to send out reminder letters.

08/174. To consider new Freedom of Information Act - Model Publication Scheme that must be adopted by the 31st December 2008.

Councillors resolved to defer this matter until the next meeting in order for the Clerk to enquire with the Website manager as to how much Parish Council information could be included in the village website.

08/175. To elect three Parish Council representatives as Trustees for the John Bend's United Charities.

Councillors resolved that Councillors C. Bellamy, A. Sanderson and P. Spriggs should continue as Trustees representing the Parish Council for a further 4 year term.

08/176. To report any faulty streetlights and highway matters.

Councillors reported that the speed sign along Murrow Bank had been turned round.

08/177. To consider and agree on proposed location for new street light.

Councillors resolved to defer this matter to the next meeting in order to allow parishioners more time to respond to the newsletter asking for suggested locations.

08/178 To consider and agree on proposed locations for new litter bin and public seat.

Councillors resolved to defer this matter to the next meeting and in the meantime to approach the Street Pride group regarding suggestions for the location of the new litter bin.

08/179. Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Councillor Shelley informed the Council that the ladies toilets were to be refurbished and that the Youth Club was still being well supported.

08/180. To agree on dates for Council Meetings during 2009.

Councillors resolved to continue with the scheduled meetings being held on the second Wednesday of each month with additional meetings as and when required.

08/181. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

Councillor G. Booth asked the Clerk to obtain the dates from CPALC for the training sessions on Allotments and Risks Assessment as he wished to attend these.

08/182. Any other business (information items only).

Councillor Shelley informed Councillors that the Police would be selling Smart Water on the 12th December between 6.00pm to 7.00pm and this would be advertised in Village Voices.

The building plot next to the Cage was being re-advertised for sale and in view of the implications regarding access over the village green it was requested that this be included in the Agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.25pm.