

MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CAGE ON WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY 2008.

Attended by Councillors: C. Bellamy (Chairman), G. Bellamy, P. Everett, M. Shelley, P. Spriggs & 3 members of the public.

08/110. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies given.

08/111. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

No declarations of interest were made.

08/112. Planning Matters & Applications.

a) G Fisher Planning Application Number F/YR08/0524/F, Agent Bevens Associates Ltd., for change of use from a barn to a 3 bed dwelling, barn at Holly Farm, Back Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to raise objections to the application in view of the size of the conversion.

b) G Meads, Planning Application Number F/YR08/0548/F, Agent Maxey & Son for the change of use from A1 to A5 (Hot Food Takeaway) at 3 The Bank, Parson Drove. Councillors resolved to object to the application in view unacceptable parking provision, concerns over disposal of customer waste & surface rain water, levels of noise and smell for adjoining private dwellings and disturbance from possible late night opening hours.

08/113. Accounts & Finance.

Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoices for payment

EON, electricity for the Cage, £41.71. L.G.A. 1972 s.133

Moore Stephens, External Auditors Fees, £334.88. Accounts & Audit Regs. 2003.

North Level Internal Drainage Board, Drainage Rates for Gardens & Allotments, £149.11. Smallholding & Allotments Act 1908 ss23, 26, 42.

CIA Systems Ltd, Cage Alarm Service, £75.85. L.G.A. 1972 s 133.

08/114. To discuss and agree responses where appropriate to items of correspondence.

a). Invitation from Fenland Links to attend the AGM on Wednesday 13th August at 1.30pm at The Oasis Centre, Wisbech.

Councillors G. Bellamy, P. Everett & M. Shelley agreed to attend to represent the Parish Council.

b) Letter from Solicitors regarding voluntary registration of Council land with the Land Registry and draft Sworn Declaration.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to return the draft sworn declaration to the Solicitor with the minor alterations agreed at the meeting. The final version of the Sworn Declaration to be presented to the Council before it is signed by the Clerk on the Council's behalf.

c) Letter received from Councillor Andrew Mills presented at the meeting tendering his immediate resignation from the Parish Council.
Clerk to contact Fenland District Council Electoral Reform regarding the resignation and send a letter of acknowledgement to Mr Mills.

08/115. To receive report following annual inspection of Gardens & Allotments.
Councillors had completed the inspection prior to the meeting and reported that all the Allotments were in good order except for 2 allocated to the same tenant Mr A Spriggs. Councillors were informed by Councillor P. Spriggs that these would be cleaned up in the near future.

With regard to the Gardens all were in a tidy condition except from Mr Thomas. As this tenancy was to cease later in the year the Clerk was requested to write asking that Mr Thomas begin clearing the gardens of the assorted materials still deposited on them. Concern was also raised over some bottles left on an adjoining garden and the Clerk agreed to make enquiries regarding these.

08/106. To report any faulty streetlights and highway matters.
The Clerk was requested to report the faulty streetlight outside 3 The Bank, the overgrown hedge obstructing the footpath outside The Limes, Main Road, Parson Drove and enquire into the ownership of the post on the village green near swan bridge junction in view of their unsightly appearance.

08/108. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.
No questions were asked by members.

08/109. Any other business (information items only).
The Clerk advised that Mr Brown had requested the opportunity to attend a Council Meeting to present more information on the proposed Quilt & Flower Festival being organised in October.
Councillor resolved to invite Mr Brown to attend the August Council Meeting.

Following discussions during public participation and the resignation of Councillor Andrew Mills the Clerk was requested to write a letter of apology to Mr R. Elbury regarding the disposal of a broken branch from a tree on the village green.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.