

MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CAGE ON WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2008.

Attended by Councillors:- C. Bellamy (Chairman), G. Bellamy, G. Booth, M. Shelley & P. Spriggs & 1 member of the public.

08/183. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors A. Sanderson & P. Everett.

08/184. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2008.

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record after amending the date of the next meeting from the 4th December to the 3rd December Page 698, Agenda item number 08/169 f) and signed by the Chairman.

08/185. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor G. Booth declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 08/188 c) relating to a financial contribution being considered for the proposed project of the extension to the pavilion. Councillor Booth is a member of the Section 106 working group.

Councillor M. Shelley declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 08/188 c) relating to a financial contribution being considered for the proposed project of the extension to the pavilion. Councillor Shelley is a member of the Section 106 working group.

08/186. Matters Arising from the Minutes. (For information only).

The Clerk advised that the Payne Primary School's Safer Routes to School application was progressing with a working group meeting being held on the 9th December. Members of the Parish Council and Parish Plan Action Group were invited to attend and an Officer from Cambridgeshire County Council would also be attending. Councillors M. Shelley & G. Bellamy agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Apologies had been sent to CPALC as no Councillor was able to attend the AGM on the 6th December.

The Clerk had looked at the Lincolnshire County Council's Mineral & Waste Core Strategy consultation document and there were no issues relevant to the Parish that warranted a response by the Council.

The consultation document on the Codes of Conduct for Members & Employees was still being circulated to Councillors and would be discussed at the next meeting.

08/187. Planning Matters & Applications.

There were no planning applications to consider.

The Clerk had received a copy of the Planning Inspectorates decision on the appeal lodged against the enforcement action taken by Fenland District Council in respect of the felling of trees at The Limes, Main Road, Parson Drove.

The Planning Inspectorate had granted the appeal and therefore no enforcement proceeding would be pursued. A full copy of the appeal decision was available for Councillors information.

08/188. Accounts & Finance

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

Royal British Legion, Remembrance Sunday Wreath, £20. L.G.A. 1972. s.137.

CPRE, membership renewal, £28. L.G.A. 1972 s.143.

SLCC, membership renewal, £82. L.G.A. 1972 s. 143.

b) To consider request from Cambridgeshire Shrievalty Trust for a grant

The request for a grant was deferred to the next meeting pending the outcome of the Budget Report and Precept for 2009/2010.

c) To consider and agree on budget and precept for 2009/2010.

An updated Bank Reconciliation report and Budget Report was presented to the Council showing additional income received from Budget predictions of £744. In view of this Councillors resolved to increase the section 137 budget by £250 for this financial year.

Councillors resolved to vire £500 from the Allocated Cash Reserves for the Town Pond & Seadyke Pit to the Community Facilities Budget. This could then be given as a grant towards the capital costs of the proposed section 106 project of the sports hall extension to the pavilion next year.

The Clerks salary was reviewed and Councillors resolved to increase this to £3,500 per annum. Councillors also considered the request by the Clerk to either purchase or rent a photocopier. Councillors resolved to rent a photocopier over 5 years at an estimated rent of £45 per quarter plus copy costs.

Councillors reviewed all other budget headings for 2009/2010 and resolved to increase the budget for the Churchyard extension from £2500 to £3,000 from cash reserves.

The precept for 2009/2010 was calculated and agreed by Councillors at a figure of £10,650.

Councillors resolved to agree to underwrite a shortfall in the revenue costs up to £1,000 for the Pavilion extension project for 3 years from 2010/2011.

08/189. To discuss and agree responses where appropriate to items of correspondence received as shown below.

a). Invitation to attend the Rosmini Community Centre Cohesion event on 17th December.

Invitation noted by Councillors, no Councillor available to attend.

b). Invitation to attend FENDIS Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th December 2008 at 6.30pm at the Neale Wade College, March.
Invitation noted by Councillors.

c). Invitation from Fenland Links to attend a Community Road Safety Action Group Meeting on Thursday 11th December at 7.30pm in St Marks Methodist Church, Parson Drove.
Invitation noted by Councillors, no Councillor available to attend.

d). Letter from Dan Horn F.D.C. consulting on the draft Housing Strategy 2008 - 2011 by the 17th December.
Clerk to request an extension to consultation period.

e) Copy of the Fenland Links Action Plan following the Affordable Housing Event held on the 8th November.
Information noted by Councillors.

08/190. To consider and agree on proposed location for new street light.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with the County Council Street Lighting engineer to look at possible suitable locations at Church End and Main Road near to Sealeys Lane.

08/191 To consider and agree on proposed locations for new litter bin and public seat.

Councillors resolved not to proceed with the purchase of a new public seat as one was being provided by Fenland Friendship Club for the village green and no other sites had been identified.

The Street Pride group had suggested that a litter bin should be sited at the top of Springfield Road near to the public seat. Parishioners had also requested a litter bin near to the permissive public footpath near to Essex Farm, Church End.

Councillors resolved to vire the budget allocation of £500 for the public seat to the litter bin budget making this amount up to £700 and purchase two litter bins to be sited at the above mentioned locations. The style and design of the litter bins selected was the Brunel costing £477.23 for Springfield Road and Topsey Jubilee costing £211 for Church End.

08/192. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

No questions were asked by Councillors.

08/193. Any other business (information items only).

The Clerk was requested to report that the flashing speed sign along Murrow Bank had been turned round and was flashing all of the time.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm.