

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

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

08/131. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Thelma Wadsley (Fenland Links).

08/132. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2008.

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

08/133. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillors C. Bellamy & G. Bellamy declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 08/135 (b). Reason for declaring interest – Agent also acts for the Councillors.

08/134. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

No poll had been called by parishioners following the resignation of Andrew Mills from the Council. Notices had therefore been posted requesting nominations for Co-option onto the council to fill the casual vacancy.

Councillor Shelley advised that two volunteers had come forward for the speedwatch training.

08/135. Planning Matters & Applications.

a) 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. Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the planning application.

b) G. Brownlow, Planning Application Number F/YR08/0762/F, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates, for the erection of a coverall building for housing of agricultural animals at Sandalwood Farm, 33 Back Road, Murrow. Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the application.

08/136. Fenland Links Report.

No report was given in view of Thelma Wadsley being unable to attend the meeting.

08/137. Accounts & Finance

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoices for payment:-
Clerks quarter year salary & expenses £1005.24. L.G.A. 1972 s.112.
Parson Drove Quilt & Flower Festival, grant/donation of £100. L.G.A. 1972 s.145.

b) To consider a request from the Fenland Volunteer Bureau for a grant/donation. Councillors resolved to give a grant of £50. L.G.A. 1972 sec 137.

08/138. To discuss and agree responses to items of correspondence received.

a). Reply from Jolliffe Daking Surveys regarding Glebe Land and the proposed extension to the Churchyard.

The response did not answer any of the queries raised in our letter and merely advised that the Agents were looking further into the matter and would report to the Glebe Finance Board. No further action to be taken at present.

b). Letter from Fenland District Council inviting applications for their Community Grants for 2009/2010.

Clerk to pass information onto community voluntary groups.

c). Information on Cambridgeshire Local Involvement Network being established on 25th September.

Councillors noted the information provided.

d). Letter from Chattertons Solicitors enclosing the Statutory Declaration for swearing at another firm of Solicitors.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to arrange for the Sworn Declaration to be completed by her at solicitors Metcalfe, Copeman & Pettefar, Wisbech if possible.

e) Information from Cambridgeshire County Council on proposed changes to the bus service from Wisbech to Holbeach Drove.

Councillors resolved to oppose the proposed changes and to try and encourage as many residents as possible to also register their objections before the public consultation period expires on the 26th September.

08/139. Gardens & Allotments

a) To consider a request for the tenant to erect a greenhouse on Garden Number 1. Councillors resolved to raise no objections to this request.

b) To review the annual rents for the Gardens & Allotments.

Councillors resolved to increase the Gardens Rents from £10 per garden to £12 per garden with effect from October 2009 and to continue with the current rent for the Allotments.

c) To set a date for the collection of the Garden & Allotment Rents.

Councillors resolved for the rents to be collected prior to the Council Meeting on 12th November from 7.00 to 7.30pm

08/140. To report any faulty streetlights and highway matters.

There were no faulty streetlights to report. The Clerk was requested to remind the Highways Department of all the outstanding items requiring attention reported to them since June. Also to report the overgrown hedges along the footpath down to the Village Hall and the bushes obscuring the visibility at the Doctors Surgery and at the top of Ingham Hall Gardens. Also to ask Fenland District Council to sweep the roads and footpaths.

08/141. Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Councillor Shelley advised that the heating oil had been stolen from the pavilion and security cameras were being considered. A ROSPA report had been received and provision of disabled parking in the car park and disabled access from the village hall fire exit side door had been raised.

The Youth Club were hoping to change to a Monday evening and hold the sessions in the village hall as the pavilion was not big enough. More adult helpers were also required.

08/142. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

No questions were raised by Councillors.

08/143. To agree on dates for future Parishioners Open Surgeries.

Councillors P. Spriggs and A Sanderson agreed to hold a surgery in the Cage on Sunday 30th November from 11.00am to 12 noon.

08/144. To discuss implementation of a policy for the village green.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to investigate the implications of implementing and enforcing a no parking policy on the village green incorporating the erection of no parking signs by seeking advice from the Police, ROSPA and the Open Spaces Society.

08/145. Any other business (information items only).

Councillor Shelley reported on the results of the Village of the Year competition organised by Cambridgeshire ACRE. Parson Drove Street Pride Group had got through to the final round of the Environmental Section and representative from the group attended the recent presentation evening. Parson Drove Street Pride Group had received a Highly Commended award after being beaten to first place by Chatteris Town in Bloom.

Councillor Everett informed the Council that she had been advised of plans for 12 extra PCSO's in Cambridgeshire from 1st October.

Meeting closed at 9.27pm