

MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY 2008.

Attended by Councillors: C. Bellamy (Chairman), A. Sanderson (Vice Chairman), G. Bellamy, P. Everett, M. Shelley & P. Spriggs. Mrs Y Reader (Clerk), Invited Guests from Systems 3 Services Limited, Andrew Roberts, Bob Sargent, Robin Burgess & 2 members of the public.

08/13. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from P.C. Julie Coales, Thelma Wadsley (Fenland Links) and C. Edwards (F.D.C.)

08/14. To receive a presentation on the proposed new Village Website.

Councillors were shown the village website completed so far with explanations on how this would operate and were given assurances that there would be no cost to the Parish Council. Proposals and suggestions on further areas to be added were discussed. Councillors were in favour of the new website and new ideas put forward. The guests from Systems 3 Services Limited and the two members of the public then left the meeting.

08/15 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2008.

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record after amending 'predicated' to 'predicted' on page 655 Agenda Item Number 08/8 b) and signed by the Chairman.

08/16. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda

Councillor Spriggs declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 08/18 Planning Application for J. & A. Reader. (Reason - J. Reader is currently completing some work for Councillor Spriggs).

The Clerk declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 08/18 Planning Application J. & A Reader and left the room whilst the application was discussed by Councillors. (Reason - the applicants are direct relatives).

08/17. Matters Arising from the Minutes. (For information only).

Councillor Shelley reminded members of the next Neighbourhood Police Panel Meeting to be held on the 30th January and advised that he had been re-elected as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Watch.

08/18. Planning Matters & Applications.

a) Planning Application Number F/YR08/0012/F, J. & A. Reader, No Agent, for the erection of a detached garage involving the demolition of the existing garage, Highnoon, 3 Back Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the application.

08/19. To consider and respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received from:-

a) Letter from Wisbech St Mary Parish Council requesting payment of £1,052.65 towards the streetlight erected near to Camelot, Back Road, Murrow as is was positioned in the Parish of Parson Drove.

Councillors debated this request at length and concern was expressed by some Councillors that funding for this streetlight was not included in the budget. However as the £740 Concurrent Functions Grant received from Fenland District Council for a new streetlight in the Parish had not been allocated pending receipt of information from the County Council on the cost of a streetlight at Swan Bridge junction Councillors resolved by a majority vote to offer to contribute the grant of £740 towards the streetlight at Back Road, Murrow.

Councillor Spriggs left the meeting during the debate.

b) Letter from Fenland District Council inviting two members to attend a Town & Parish Council Liaison Meeting on the 6th February.

It was resolved that Councillors P. Everett and G. Bellamy would attend.

c) Invoice from E-On for £51.07 for The Cage electricity.

Councillors resolved to approve payment of the invoice. L.G.A 1972 s.133.

08/20. Any other business (information items only).

Councillor Shelley advised that discussions were taking place regarding a new Youth Club being started and this could be on a Wednesday evening.

Meeting closed 9.15pm