

## MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST MARKS METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2008.

Attended by Councillors:- C. Bellamy (Chairman), A. Sanderson (Vice Chairman), G. Bellamy, P. Everett, M. Shelley & P. Spriggs. P.C. Julie Coales, Thelma Wadsley (Fenland Links) & Mrs Y Reader (Clerk).

### **08/1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from C. Edwards (F.D.C.) & J. Tuck (C.C.C.)

### **08/2. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th December 2007.**

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record after including the word "light" on Page 652, Agenda Item Number 07/239, first sentence, second line and signed by the Chairman.

### **08/3. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.**

Councillors C. Bellamy and G. Bellamy declared a Personal Interest for Agenda Item Number 08/5. Reason for declaration of Interest, the Agent also acts for the Councillors.

### **08/4. Matters Arising from the Minutes. (For information only).**

The appointment had not yet been made with the Solicitors regarding the Land Registry applications as the Solicitors had suggested that they were provided with the information and correspondence for consideration before meeting with representatives from the Council. The Clerk together with the assistance of Mr V. Hopkins was therefore compiling an information pack for submission to the Solicitors.

The Clerk advised that the Street Pride Group would not be asking the Parish Council to contribute towards the cost of any plants purchased for use around the War Memorial and that the Street Pride Group would be responsible for their own Risk Assessment.

### **08/5. Planning Matters & Applications.**

a) Planning Application Number F/YR07/1341/F, C Hopper, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates, for the erection of eight 3 bed semi detached houses with associated garaging/parking involving the demolition of Alasan Lodge, 133 Front Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to object to the application on the grounds that the proposal was over development of the site for a rural village and there was insufficient off road parking provision.

### **08/6. Thelma Wadsley - Fenland Links Update Report.**

Thelma Wadsley reported on the following:-

A Youth Club would be starting shortly as funding had been secured for Youth Workers for 3 months and this would be in addition to the Jam Van visiting Parson Drove every three weeks.

She was trying to engage more with the Traveller Community and still looking into the possibility of providing Adult Education again in the village.

Activities were being arranged during the February Half Term and details of these would be confirmed next week.

The Council's application for grant funding towards the Bus Shelter would be considered by the Fenland Links Panel on Tuesday 15th January.

A consultation day was being arranged for Saturday 1st March when it was hoped that all the community groups would attend. Roddens would also be attending as they wished to form a Residents Participation Group.

Fenland District Councils bid for lottery funding for their Play Strategy had been successful with funding being given to Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary for play equipment.

A new children's centre will be provided at Murrow. Enquiries will be made into the progress of the proposed Guyhirn Interchange for the provision of additional public transport.

The next Police Neighbourhood Panel Meeting was to be held on Wednesday 30th January at 7.30 in Elm Primary School, Main Road, Elm.

**08/7. To consider and respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received from:-**

a) Letters from C.C.C. & F.D.C. requesting the Councils comments on the proposal to amend the Planning Application Forms following amendments to the Town & Country Development Procedure Order 1995.

Councillors resolved to make no representations on the proposals.

b) Letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Council for the donation of £100 and confirming that the monthly outreach in Parson Drove will continue for January, February and March.

No action required as this was for information only and Councillor Shelley confirmed that the Outreach Service would be held on the last Tuesday of each month.

c) Letter from the Valuation Office regarding the rates for The Cage.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to attend to this matter.

d) Invitation to attend the CPALC Annual General Meeting on the 2nd February.

No Councillors indicated their intention to attend.

e) Letter from Allotment Tenant, B Thomas.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to reply expressing their appreciation of his present predicament but never the less the allotment should be used for cultivation and not as storage ground for assorted materials.

**08/8. Accounts & Finance.**

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

Cambridgeshire ACRE, membership renewal, £25. L.G.A 1972 s.143.

Councillors resolved to defer payment to Cambridgeshire County Council for the footpath extension near to the bus shelter for £1,908.53 pending a response to our letter regarding the quality of work.

b) To receive and approve a Receipts and Payments Report and a Budget Update Report and to consider and agree on any action to be taken.

Councillors resolved to approve the reports presented by the Clerk. In view of the predicated under spend on the budget allocated to Parish Plan Expenses and Training costs Councillors resolved that the under spend should be allocated in next years budget under allocated cash reserves and not included in next years precept figure.

Councillors resolved to vire £1,000 from the Pits/Ponds budget to the Professional Fees budget in view of predicated expenditure and allocate a further £1,000 from the cash reserves in next years budget making a total of £2,000 for Professional Fees.

c) To consider and agree on Budget and Precept for 2008/2009.

Councillors resolved for the Precept to be £10,000 for 2008/2009, calculated as per the attached sheet.

**08/9. To report on site meeting with Cambridgeshire County Council Street Lighting Engineer to discuss location for new streetlight.**

The Clerk advised that following the site meeting with the Officer a proposed scheme for street lighting required for future traffic calming at Swan Bridge junction was being prepared with estimated costs. The cost was likely to be high as the street light columns required were higher than normal. To date the estimate had not been received.

**08/10. To receive an Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.**

Councillor Shelley advised that no meeting had been held since the last Council Meeting and the next meeting was scheduled for the 10th January which he would be unable to attend. New floor covering had recently been installed in parts of the village hall partly funded from the flood insurance claim. The dance held in the village hall on News Years Eve had not been organised by the Amenities 95 Committee.

**08/11. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.**

No questions were raised by Councillors.

**08/12. Any other business (information items only).**

The Clerk was requested to report two faulty street lights at Springfield Road and to request that the footpaths through the village are swept.

Concern was expressed about the extent of the mole activity on the village green and the Clerk was requested to contact the pest control contractor.

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 16th January at 7.30 in the Pavilion to primarily receive a presentation on the new village website.  
Meeting closed at 9.55pm.