

MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2009 IN ST MARKS METHODIST CHURCH

Attended by Councillors : - C. Bellamy (Chairman), A. Sanderson (Vice Chairman), G. Bellamy, G. Booth, P. Everett, P. Spriggs, Jill Tuck (C.C.C.), Robert Scrimshaw (F.D.C.), P.C. Julie Coales, Thelma Wadsley (Fenland Links).

09/1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Shelley.

09/2. To approve & sign minutes of the meeting held on the 29th December 2008.

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

09/3. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor Spriggs declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 09/10. Reason for declaring interest - family member has applied for vacant allotments.

09/4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

The Clerk advised that the Conservation Officer at Fenland District Council had agreed to meet with council members to discuss the erosion of the village green and possible preventative measures to be taken. Clerk was requested to arrange for the meeting to be held on a Monday during the next three weeks.

09/5. Community Police Officer's Report.

P.C. Julie Coales advised the Council that theft of heating oil from business and residential buildings was occurring in and around the parish. A Police Neighbourhood Panel Meeting recently held in Elm School was very poorly attended and therefore another meeting was to be held on Tuesday 10th February at Elm Primary School, Elm starting at 7.30pm and urged members to attend.

09/6. Planning Matters & Applications.

Notification from Peterborough City Council of an application for the erection of 2 wind turbines with control building and ancillary works at French Farm, French Drove, Thorney.

Councillors resolved by a majority to object to the application.

09/7. Thelma Wadsley - Fenland Links Report.

Thelma Wadsley reported that the Road Safety Meeting held on the 11th December had been well attended when training on the Speed Watch Kit had been given. A further meeting would be held in February.

A presentation on Parish Plans organised by Cambridgeshire ACRE was being held at Guyhirn village hall on the 19th January, Councillors Booth & Everett to attend.

A further event on Parish Plans organised by Fenland Links was to be held in St Marks Church on Thursday 29th January.

09/8. Accounts & Finance.

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoices for payment:-
EON, electricity for The Cage, £67.69. L.G.A. 1972 s.133
The Office Key, administration supplies, £90.43. L.G.A. 1972 s. 111.
Chattertons, solicitor's fees, £155. L.G.A. 1972 s.111

b) To receive and approve Receipts & Payments Bank Reconciliation Report and Budget Update Report.

Councillors resolved to approve the reports presented.

09/9. To consider and respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received from:-

A) Fenland District Council consultation on Housing Strategy.

Not all Councillors had been able to study this document.

B) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils Service Level Agreement.

Councillors resolved to study this agreement and to report back at the next meeting.

C) Fenland Council for Voluntary Service Training Information February to April 2009.

Councillor Everett agreed to attend the First Aid Course on the 4th March 2009. Clerk to book a place.

D) Payne Primary School minutes of the Safer Routes to School scheme meeting 9th December.

No action required as for information only. Councillors would be attending the next meeting on the 23rd January.

E) Letter of thanks for grant from Fenland Association for Community Transport
Noted by Councillors, no further action required.

F) Letter of thanks for grant from Cambridgeshire Police Shrievalty Trust.
Noted by Councillors no further action required.

G) Consultation document from Communities & Local Government. Communities in control: Real people, real power: Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity.

Clerk to study and highlight relevant areas of the consultation document for Councillors. Consultation document then to be circulated to Councillors for comments at the next meeting.

09/10. Gardens & Allotments -to consider applications received for the 3 vacant allotments.

Five applications had been received from Parishioner for the 3 allotments. The Clerk was requested to contact two of the applicants to clarify their intentions.

Several applications had also been received from residents living in the Parish of Wisbech St Mary and it was agreed that the Clerk inform Wisbech St Mary Parish Council of the applicant's interest in an Allotment.

09/11. To adopt revised Complaints Procedure Policy.

Councillors resolved to defer the adoption of the Complaints Procedure Policy in view of further amendments to be made to the Policy by the Clerk.

09/12. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.

The Clerk was requested to report the faulty streetlights in the traffic island at Swan Bridge, outside the Bus Shelter and along Fen Road.

There were still various highway matters outstanding raised at previous meetings and the Clerk was requested to forward details of these onto Jill Tuck (C.C.C.)

Information from the Street Lighting Section at C.C.C. had now been received on the proposed locations for the new street light together with details of a suitable contractor. The Clerk had since written to the contractor for quotations and was waiting for a response.

In view of the cost of providing new street lights normally ranging from £1,800 to £3,500 Councillors resolved for the Clerk to write to Fenland District Council to enquire if the annual concurrent functions grant of £740 per street light could be carried over for 2 or 3 years as realistically no street light could be provided for £740.

09/13. To receive an Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

No report was given as Councillor Shelley was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.

09/14. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

No questions were asked by members.

09/15. Any other business (information items only).

Councillor Booth informed the Council that the application made to Fenland District Council by the Section 106 working group for a grant towards the new sports hall extension to the pavilion had not been successful.

Meeting closed 9.40pm.