

## **MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009 IN THE CAGE, PARSON DROVE.**

Attended by Councillors :- G. Booth (Chairman), A. Sanderson (Vice Chairman), C. Bellamy, G. Bellamy, P. Everett, M. Shelley, & P. Spriggs.  
R. Scrimshaw (F.D.C.) & 1 member of the public.

### **09/116. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from P.C. Julie Coales, T. Wadsley & J. Tuck (C.C.C.)

### **09/117. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009.**

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

### **09/118. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.**

Councillor Booth declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest for Agenda Item number 09/128. Reason - Councillor Booth is a Garden Allotment Tenant.

### **09/119. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **09/120. Community Police Officer's Report.**

P.C. Coales had telephoned the Clerk giving a brief verbal report advising that garden sheds were still being targeted, she was trying to sort out the Sex Shop sign and a new Inspector had been appointed to the Wisbech Sector.

### **09/121. Report from Thelma Wadsley, Neighbourhood Management Services.**

The Chairman read out a brief email report received from T. Wadsley advising that she would be taking over as manager of the Neighbourhood Management Services from the 1<sup>st</sup> August. A new NCDO will be taking over Parson Drove & Wisbech St Mary Parishes but Thelma would continue to be responsible for Parish Plans and the Road Safety Group. The main focus over the next few months would be to promote the Neighbourhood Forums encouraging the community to attend and have their say. A large summer programme with 70 activities was taking place across the rural areas and posters would be provided in due course. A further set of adult IT classes is being run at the Payne School.

### **09/122. Planning Matters & Applications.**

G Fowler, Planning Application No. F/YR09/0385/F Agent David Broker for the erection of a 3 bed roomed detached bungalow & attached double garage & double car port & formation of vehicular access including culverting of drain on land east of Nicola, Fen Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the application.

**09/123. Accounts & Finance.**

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

CIA Systems Ltd., alarm system maintenance check on The Cage, £79.47.

P.C.A.1957 s.2

Boston Builders, concrete bases for new litter bins, £115.00. Litter Act 1983 ss5, 6.

Chattertons, solicitor's fees, £1,026.95. L.G.A. 1972 s 222.

b) To consider a request from Murrow Book Café for a grant/donation.

Councillors resolved to give a grant of £50. L.G.A. 1972 s.137.

c) Letter from F.D.C. confirming the Concurrent Functions Grant for 2009/2010.

Information noted by Councillors. Councillor Scrimshaw agreed to raise with the District Council whether it would be possible to review the grant system in order for Parish Councils to carry over the street light grant to the next financial year as it is impossible to provide a streetlight for the annual grant of £780.

**09/124. To receive report on the site meeting with the Tree Officer.**

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the site meeting with the Tree Officer and his recommendations. Major work is required in pruning back the trees adjoining the dwellings along the Bank also the felling of two smaller trees. The tree outside the Cage also needs to be felled. The Clerk has applied to the District Council for permission to carry out the work and was requested to contact the Electricity Board to enquire if they would assist with the cost of clearing the branches from the overhead power cables along The Bank.

**09/125. To consider and respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received from:-**

a) Letter from North Level Internal Drainage Board regarding the hedge at Swan Bridge.

Councillors noted that North Level Drainage Board could not attend to this until after the 31<sup>st</sup> July at the end of the birds nesting season.

b) Letter from North Level Internal Drainage Board inviting two Councillors to a land drainage tour on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Councillor Shelley agreed to accept the invitation together with Councillor Everett if no other Councillor wished to attend.

c) Invitation to attend a Celebration Event for Fenland Links and the launch of the FSP Deprivation Task Force on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00pm at The Oasis Centre, Wisbech.

Councillors G. Booth, G. Bellamy & M. Shelley agreed to attend. Clerk to reply accordingly.

d) Letter from Cambs County Council Highways Division inviting applications under the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Bids for 2010/2011.

Councillors resolved to submit two applications for footway extensions, up to the schemes maximum costs. One application for an extension of the footway along the southern side of Fen Road and one for a footway along the southern side of Main Road linking up to John Bends Way.

e) Letter from F.D.C. advising that the CrimeBUster is coming to Parson Drove Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 10.00am to 12.30pm.  
Information noted by Councillors.

f) Newsletters & information from COPE, Cambs Archaeology Historic Environment Team & LCR & Cambs ACRE.  
Information noted by Councillors.

g) Invitation to have a quarterly Parish Council Newsletter in Village Voices costing £200 per year.  
Councillors resolved not to accept this invitation.

**09/126. To consider letters received from Solicitors and H.M. Land Registry and receive a progress report.**

Councillors resolved in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted at Agenda Item number 09/126 that it was advisable in the public interest that the Public and Press be temporarily excluded from the meeting.

**09/127. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.**

All the highway matters raised at the previous meeting had still not been attended to, Clerk to remind the County Council. Also to request that the Church End roadside sign is replaced as this has been damaged and to report the pot holes at the top of Swan Gardens.

Clerk to report the faulty streetlights outside The Cage, Snips and at Church End and Elbow Lane.

Councillor Scrimshaw advised that the Street Pride group was still waiting for the new village signs to be installed and that the flower bed at Church End had been tidied up.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to write to C.C.C. Highways requesting that the 30mph speed limits on Fen Road and Main Road be extended further out of the village.

**09/128 Gardens & Allotments.**

A letter received from a tenant requesting permission to erect a polythene tunnel on his Garden Allotment and for the Council to consider providing water to the Garden Allotments was read by the Clerk.

Councillors resolved to grant permission for the polythene tunnel to be erected but to advise the tenant that they had no intention of providing water to the Garden Allotments at the present time.

The poor condition of the Allotments was raised and Councillors resolved for the Clerk to write to the tenant of Allotments 9 and 10 requesting a response otherwise they would assume that he does not wish to continue with the tenancy.

The Chairman advised that following his attendance at a recent training course on Allotments consideration should be given to substantially increasing the annual rents for the Garden Allotments together with reviewing the size for future lettings as they were considerably bigger and cheaper than other Allotment Gardens.

Councillors resolved to consider this matter in detail at the September Council Meeting when the annual review of rents for the Allotments is normally completed.

**09/129. To receive an Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.**

Councillor Shelley advised that the Football Foundation would be coming to complete the final inspection of the Pavilion at midday on the 16<sup>th</sup> July and Councillors were invited to attend.

Following the completion of the car park extension there should now be no need to park on the road outside the village hall.

**09/130. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.**

Councillors enquired as to when the black and white posts on the village green were going to be cleaned and repainted. Clerk to contact C.C.C. Highways again requesting information on the matter.

**09/131. Any other business (information items only).**

The Clerk advised that the annual Cage clock service had been completed by Smiths of Derby and that the clock was in good working order.

Councillor Scrimshaw advised that a daily Bus Service to Wisbech would soon be provided in Murrow, The Street Pride Group had entered the Anglia in Bloom competition and requested that the Council's contractors be contacted regarding the planting up of the concrete tubs on the village green.

Councillor C. Bellamy referred to the planning application for Brewery Close in respect of the various objections raised to the application. He informed Councillors that other planning applications in the area where the access was from an unadopted road had been approved.

The Clerk was requested to enquire with the County Council if their intentions had changed regarding the number of dwellings that they were proposing on their land at Swan Bridge Farm.

Meeting closed 10.30pm.