

## **MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 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.), J Tuck (C.C.C.), P.C. Julie Coales & 1 member of the public.

### **09/142. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Thelma Wadsley.

### **09/143. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

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

### **09/144. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.**

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors.

### **09/145. Matters Arising from the Minutes. (For information only).**

Councillor C Bellamy had attended the inspection meeting with the Football Foundation for the pavilion.

### **09/146. Community Police Officer's Report.**

P.C. Julie Coales gave a report on local crimes including theft from vehicles, garages and sheds. Members informed her of vandalism problems at the village hall and playing field. The glass on one side of the notice board on the village green had also been broken by vandals.

P.C. Coales had been unable to obtain any progress to date regarding the sex shop sign.

### **09/147. Report from Thelma Wadsley, Neighbourhood Management Services.**

The Chairman gave a verbal report on behalf of Thelma Wadsley advising that they were still looking to appoint a new officer for our area.

### **09/148. Planning Matters & Applications.**

There were no new planning applications to consider but the Clerk advised that revised proposal had been submitted by G Fowler, Planning Application No. F/YR09/0385/F, altering the location of the double garage on land east of Nicola, Fen Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the revision.

### **09/149. Accounts & Finance.**

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoices for payment:-  
Grounds & Co, land valuation fees, £287.50. LGA 1972 s.111.  
Chattertons, solicitor's fees, £904.82. LGA 1972 s. 111.

b) To consider a request from Parson Drove Youth Club for a grant/donation.

Councillors resolved to give a grant of £100. LGA 1972 s.137.

Clerk to request information on the exact use of the grant.

c) To consider request from The Cambridgeshire Regiment Association, The Royal Anglian Regiment to give a donation towards a memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield.

Councillors resolved to defer any decision on this request until the Clerk had obtained more information.

**09/150. To agree on a date for the next Parishioners Open Surgery.**

Councillors resolved to incorporate this in with the Community Fair to be held in the Village Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**09/151. To consider and respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received from:-**

a) Invitation from Cambridgeshire ACRE to attend a consultation workshop on a new Rural Strategy for Cambridgeshire on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm at The Boathouse Business Centre, Nene Parade, Wisbech.

The Chairman agreed to attend this workshop.

b) Letter from Elgood & Sons Ltd., advising of the change of tenant for the Swan Inn with effect from the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Information noted by Councillors. No further action required.

c) Information leaflet from Cambs County Council on Highway Maintenance.

The Clerk was requested to issue a copy of this to each Councillor for future reference.

d) Letter from Fenland District Council enclosing information on Dial A Ride Service/Fenland Association for Community Transport.

Councillors resolved for this information to be included in the September Newsletter.

e) Invitation from East of England Empowerment Partnership to visit two new communities, Cambourne and Orchard Park on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 to 4.00pm.

There were no Councillors able to attend.

f) Newsletter & training information from FCVS, Newsletter from COPE & War Memorial Trust.

Information noted.

g) Information from Cambs ACRE on a new grant scheme available for farmers, small businesses & rural tourism.

The Clerk was requested to include the contact details in the September Newsletter.

h) Letter of thanks from Murrow Book Café for the grant of £50.

Noted by Councillors, no further action required.

i) Letter from Fenland District Council regarding the delivery of the new Community Fairs (Neighbourhood Forums) in Fenland.

To help promote the Fair Councillors agreed to have banners for the Village Hall, Post Office and School. Also leaflets available at the Post Office, school, village hall, village shops and some house deliveries. Concerns were also raised regarding adequate parking being available if there was a football match on the same day.

j) Letter from Fenland District Council requesting suggestions on possible community buildings that could be used as Swine Flu Vaccination Centres.

Councillors suggested the pavilion may be available and resolved to approach the Amenities 95 Committee for their views.

k) Email from Fenland District Council advising that the street light grant allocated under the concurrent functions grant could not be carried over from one financial year to another but additional funding of approximately £410 under the additional items bids could be obtained to increase the total amount available each year.

Councillors resolved to enquire with other local parishes if they are also encountering problems.

l) Letter from Fenland District Council advising of their Community Grants Scheme. Councillors resolved for this information to be passed onto the Youth Club and the Amenities 95 Management Committee.

**09/152. To consider letters received from Solicitors regarding negotiations with Elgood & Sons Limited.**

Information noted by Councillors, no further action required pending receipt of Easement and final agreement documents from Elgoods Solicitors.

**09/153. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.**

The faulty street lights reported at the previous meeting had not yet been repaired. Various highway issues reported over the last 2 months were also still outstanding.

The Clerk was requested to report a damaged drain hole cover at John Bends Way and overgrown vegetation obstructing the signs near to the playing field.

Complaints had been received regarding the shoots from the base of the trees obstructing vision on the access roads over the village green to The Bank. The Chairman agreed to attend to this.

**09/154 Gardens & Allotments.**

The Clerk advised that she had received confirmation from Mr Amos that he wished to continue with his tenancy and the erection of a shed and polythene tunnel on his allotment. The Chairman & Councillor Spriggs agreed to meet him on site to discuss the exact locations. Clerk to arrange meeting.

The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with Mr Fowler regarding his Solicitors in order to decide which firm of Solicitors could be used by the Council.

Councillors had received complaints about the over grown condition of some of the Allotments and the Clerk was requested to write to the relevant tenants.

**09/155. To receive an Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.**

Councillor Shelley advised that an additional radiator was being installed in the pavilion community room. The Amenities 95 Committee is to be responsible for the Licence of the premises and bars. There are still problems with cars being parked on the road and it was suggested that a site meeting is held with officers at Cambs County Council to discuss the possibility of yellow lines prohibiting parking.

**09/156. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.**

The Clerk was asked to about the progress regarding the cutting back of the trees on the village green and she advised that the application for permission from Fenland District Council had not yet been granted. Also a response had not yet been received from EDF Energy but once these had been received contractors would be approached for quotations.

**09/157. Any other business (information items only).**

The Clerk advised that the contractors were intending to commence work on the first phase of the bollards around the village during mid September.

Meeting closed 9.55pm.