

MINUTES OF PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11th NOVEMBER 2009 IN ST MARKS CHURCH, MAIN ROAD 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.) & 8 members of the public.

09/203. Apologies for absence.

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

09/204. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillors C. Bellamy & G. Bellamy declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 09/208. Reason land submitted by a close relative.

Councillors C. Bellamy & G. Bellamy declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 09/210 b). Reason Agent also acts for Councillors.

Councillor P. Spriggs declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 09/208. Reason close relative is a tenant of land submitted for consideration.

09/205. Community Police Officer's Report.

P.C. Coales had requested the Clerk ask Councillors to look out for the elderly and vulnerable members of the community in view of recent crimes in surrounding villages.

09/206. To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th October 2009.

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

09/207. Matters Arising from the Minutes. (For information only).

A response had not yet been received from B Ollier regarding the change of project for the section 106 funds. Some concern had been raised over the proposed new project but these would be addressed by the working group. Councillors requested that information on the new project is included in the next Parish Council Newsletter.

09/208. To consider land submitted for consideration as Exception Sites for Affordable Houses.

Councillors had completed the evaluation forms for both sites put forward prior to the meeting. The various points for and against both sites were discussed and neither site was considered to be ideal. Comments made by the members of the public during public participation were also taken into account.

Councillors C. Bellamy, G Bellamy & P. Spriggs then left the room.

Councillors resolved by a majority vote to put forward the land at Sealeys Lane as their preferred option to Fenland District Council Planning Department subject to the provision of a footway and street lighting being part of the development.

09/209. Report from Thelma Wadsley, Neighbourhood Management Services.

A report was given by the Chairman in view of the absence of T. Wadsley on the Community Fair held on the 17th October.

Parson Drove was the best attended of all the 6 events with 128 members of the public attending. There were 44 issue forms completed, not all from Parson Drove residents.

09/210. Planning Matters & Applications.

a) T Rowell, Planning Application No. F/YR09/0651/F, Agent J Maxey, erection of an extension to existing agricultural building at Poplar Tree Farm, Long Drove, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the application and recommend approval is granted.

b) R. Woolcott, Application No. F/YR09/0668/CERTLU, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd, Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing): Occupation of dwelling without compliance with condition 2 of planning permission WR/71/135/D relating to agricultural occupancy at Rupen, Long Drove, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to support the application and confirmed the details provided in support of the application based on their local knowledge.

c) Notification from Peterborough City Council advising of the appeals to be heard by the Public Inquiry procedure on the 24th November at 10.00am for the construction of a wind farm comprising of 6 wind turbines and associated works on land south of French Drove & east of Scolding Drove at Wyrdecroft and for the erection of 7 wind turbines with associated works on land near Nutsgrove Farm, Scolding Drove, Thorney.

Information noted by Councillors, no further action required.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Planning Enforcement Officer had replied to her letter advising that the parking on the village green by the contractors working at the building plot adjacent to Jubilee Cottage was not a matter that they could assist with. Councillors resolved for the Clerk to write to the building contractors and to also enquire as to whether P.C. Julie Coales could assist in any way.

09/211. Report on Fenland District Council Community Fair & feedback on issues raised by Parishioners for the attention of the Parish Council.

a) Overgrown trees near properties around the Pond, Main Road, Parson Drove. The Community Fair was well attended and one of the issues raised for the Parish Councils attention was the telephone cables being obstructed by the trees at the end of the pond.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to contact British Telecommunications to see if they would arrange for the trees to be cut back. Failing this the Parish Council would have to apply to Fenland District Council for permission to cut back the trees and instruct their own contractors to complete the required work.

The petition calling for improvements to the Swan Bridge junction had been signed by several people attending the Community Fair and was now available in the Post Office and G.W. Vialls & Son garage for further signatures. The existence of the petition would be advertised in the December issue of Village Voices

The over grown hedges at Clough Bridge was also raised. Clerk to write to the North Level Drainage Board.

09/212. Accounts & Finance

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoices for payment:-
Konica Minolta Business Solutions Ltd, photocopier quarter rental and copy charges, £82.13. L.G.A. 1972 s 111.

CPALC, Power of Well Being Outreach Councillor training, £350.00. L.G.A. 1972 s.111

J.M. Swann, painting of The Cage, £588.00. L.G. M. P.A. 1976 s19.

b) To consider quotation from EDF Energy for electricity supply for new street light, Church End, Parson Drove for £1,087.90 and to approve payment.

Councillors resolved to accept the quotation and approved the payment of £1,087.90. P.C.A. 1957 s.3

c) To consider and agree on application to Fenland District Council for the Concurrent Functions Grant for 2010/2011.

Councillors resolved to submit an application for £4,797 based on an inflation increase of 2.5%. Also under the additional items grant application to apply for a new street light but to request a substantial increase in the grant allocation given based on a realistic cost of providing a new street light.

d) To consider and approve a Receipts & Payments Account/Bank Reconciliation Report and Budget Up date Report.

Councillors resolved to approve the reports presented and to hold an additional Council Meeting on the 14th December to agree on the budget and precept for 2010/2011.

09/213. To consider and respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received from:-

a) Letter from Chattertons, solicitors regarding their estimated fees in making an application to the Land Registry to try and recover the costs already incurred. Councillors resolved not to instruct the solicitors to make an application to the Land Registry in view of the possible costs and uncertainty in being successful. The Chairman and Clerk agreed to submit an application once the corrections to our registered title had been completed by the Land Registry.

b) Letter from Woad-inc requesting information on woad grown in our area and any memorabilia which may be obtained for their Woad Centre at Beetley, Norfolk. Clerk to make enquires with Friends of The Cage, John Peck Society, Wisbech Museum and the Tourist Information Board. A request for information or memorabilia is also to be made in the next Parish Council Newsletter.

- c) Letter of thanks from Parson Drove Youth Club for the grant/donation of £100.
Noted by Councillors, no further action required.
- d) Letter of thanks from Victim Support for the grant/donation of £25.
Noted by Councillors, no further action required.
- e) Letter of thanks from the Cambridgeshire Regiment Memorial Appeal for the grant/donation of £50.
Noted by Councillors, no further action required.
- f) Information from CPALC about their AGM on the 21st November 2009.
Chairman would attend if possible.
- g) Consultation from Cambridgeshire County Council on the future plans for Cambridgeshire.
Response completed by Councillors at the meeting for the Clerk to return.
- h) Consultation from NHS Cambridgeshire on the future of Primary Care Out of Hours services for residents in Cambridgeshire.
Councillors resolved to complete and return individual responses according to their own experiences or knowledge.
- i) Consultation documents from Fenland District Council on the review of Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy & a proposal to relocate the Wisbech Taxi Rank.
Councillors resolved to oppose the proposal to relocate the Wisbech Taxi Rank and to comment that the proposed rules and regulations appeared lengthy, not very clear and questioned whether they were all necessary.
- j) Consultation document from Fenland District Council on the review of their Gambling Act Statement of Principles.
Councillors resolved to make no comment on the document.
- k) Letter from the Valuation Office Agency confirming the rating value of The Cage.
Information noted by Councillors, no further action required as the rating value appeared to be a fair assessment.
- l) Letter from The Fenland Road Safety Campaign enclosing information on the progress of the campaign.
Information noted by Councillors.
- m) Letter from Murrow & District Children's Centre regarding possible attendance at a future Parish Council Meeting.
Councillors resolved to invite the Manager to attend the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting in May 2010.
- n) Email from Empowerment Inspire East asking for nominations for the role of an Empowerment Champion for their Virtual Empowerment Champions Network.
No Councillor was prepared to accept this role.
- o) Newsletters & magazines from COPE, CPALC & Open Spaces Society.
Information noted by Councillors.

09/214. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.

Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding our application for an extension of the footway along Main Road, Parson Drove advising that subject to expected resources being available approximately 20 metres of footway will be installed during 2010/11.

Information noted by Councillors. Concern was expressed by Councillor C. Bellamy of possible flooding of the bowls pitch due to surface water unless adequate drainage was included in the scheme. Clerk to notify C.C.C. Highways of this concern.

Clerk requested to report the street light in the traffic island at the Swan Bridge junction was still not working correctly and outstanding repairs to street lights reported at the last meeting.

09/215. To receive an Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

The committee were looking into installing further flood lights around the village hall and a fire alarm was also being considered.

09/216. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

No questions were asked by members.

09/217. Any other business (information items only).

Councillors reported fly tipping along Fen Road and a considerable amount of fallen leaves on the footways even though Fenland District Council had been clearing these on a regular basis.

Meeting closed 10.35pm.