

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th August 2010 in The Cage, Parson Drove.

Attended by Councillors G. Booth (Chairman), A Sanderson (Vice Chairman), P. Everett & M. Shelley. J. Tuck (C.C.C.), Thelma Wadsley (Neighbourhood Management Services), P.C. Julie Coales & 1 member of the public.

10/158. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors C. Bellamy, G. Bellamy & P Spriggs. R Scrimshaw (F.D.C.)

10/159. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor Booth declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 10/171 Reason – Councillor is a member of the Section 106 Working Group.

Councillor Everett declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 10/171 Reason – Councillor is a member of the Section 106 Working Group.

Councillor Shelley declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 10/171 Reason – Councillor is a member of the Section 106 Working Group.

10/160. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

Following the demise of Parson Drove Cricket Club concern was expressed over the funds raised in the village during the past years being transferred to the Leverington Cricket Club. The Clerk was requested to write to the past Cricket Club Chairman to ascertain the position regarding the Clubs funds and requesting that no funds are transferred to Leverington Club until clarification has been received.

Cars and trailers associated with the building work being undertaken at 12 The Bank were parking on the village green and P.C. Julie Coales was requested to speak to the person responsible.

10/161. Community Police Officer's Report.

P.C. Coales gave a report on crime figures for the Parish and these included a common assault, theft of a vehicle, theft from a vehicle and damage to a vehicle. Garden sheds, garages and diesel tanks were still being targeted by thieves.

The Chairman informed PC Coales that Anti Social Behaviour and vandalism was currently a problem outside the village hall and on the playing field and asked how we could deal with this. PC Coales agreed to try and visit the village on a regular basis and work with the designated Officer at Fenland District Council to try and improve the situation.

Complaints had also been received by the Chairman regarding the regular bonfires at Turf Fen Bridge Travellers site particularly at night and at week ends. PC Coales suggested that this matter be reported to the Traveller Officer at Fenland District Council.

10/162. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2010.

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record, after amending the date of the Fun Day being held at The Swan Inn to the 7th & 8th of August and signed by the Chairman.

10/163. Matters Arising from the Minutes. (For information only).

Update from Fenland District Rural Management Board Meeting held in July.

The Chairman advised that although our objections to the proposed re-organisation of the Management Boards had been raised by him at the last Board Meeting there was only support for our objections from one other Parish Council from the three Parish Councils represented at the meeting. However the Chairman also pointed out that notice of the Board Meeting was only sent by email and at short notice to the Parish Councils.

Councillor Shelley advised Councillors that the Neighbourhood Meeting scheduled for the 19th August had been cancelled.

Councillor Sanderson had met with Officers from the County Council on the day the footway extension was being started at the top of John Bends Way and was happy that the work would not cause flooding to the Bowling Green.

The Clerk advised that a claim had been made under the Future Jobs Scheme for administration time and it was hoped that approximately £250 should be received in due course.

The Clerk and Chairman were still trying to ascertain who the owners of the fields were regarding the reported Ragwort at Main Road, Parson Drove.

10/164. To receive report from Julie Randall, Neighbourhood Management Services.

Thelma Wadsley gave a report on behalf of Julie Randall advising that the staffing for department had been restructured.

The Public Transport Information Leaflet was discussed with recommendations for alterations made by Councillors.

10/165. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

No report was given from the District Councillors, in view of the absences.

Councillor Tuck advised that the County Council budget would be cut by 40% over the next 4 years. This would be difficult to achieve with community groups having to take on some of the services being reduced.

10/166. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) Planning Application No.F/YR10/0500/TRTPO, Parson Drove Parish Council, Agent East Anglia Tree Care, felling of 4 Willow Trees, 1 Silver Birch Tree & 1 Cherry Tree & works to 7 Willow Trees, 1 Silver Birch Tree, 1 Hawthorn Tree, 2 Ash Trees & 1 Horse Chestnut Tree at the village pond, Main Road, Parson Drove.
Councillors resolved to support this application.

b) Planning Application No. F/YR10/0562/F, M Williams, Agent D Emanuel, for the erection of a 2 storey rear extension, side extension and installation of air source heat pump, formation of dormer windows & solar panels & extension to the front of the dwelling at The Stores, 129 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to support this application.

c) Notification from Fenland District Council that the following planning applications have been granted approval.

1. Planning Application No. F/YR10/0408/F, N Neoptolemos, Agent David Broker, for the conversion of outbuildings/garage to form additional living accommodation at 12 The Bank, Parson Drove.

Noted by Councillors.

2. J Scrimshaw, Planning Application No. F/YR10/0200/0, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates, amended proposals to site layout to incorporate Tree Preservation Order and reduction to erect 3 dwellings at land north of 69 – 79 Back Road, Murrow.

Noted by Councillors.

3. Mrs S Price, Planning Application No. F/YR10/0438/F, Agent Ken Elener, for the erection of a single storey rear extension to 2 Sealeys Lane, Parson Drove.

Noted by Councillors.

4. C Eleftheriou, Planning Application No. F/YR10/0362/F for the formation of a ménage and erection of 4 floodlights on land west of the Lairage, High Side, Parson Drove.

Noted by Councillors.

d) Notification that the appeal lodged by M Lawrence, Planning Application No. F/YR10/0179/F, for the erection of a 2 storey side and rear extension involving the demolition of the existing kitchen/utility & outbuildings & the erection of a 1.5m rail fencing at The Paddocks, Long Drove, Parson Drove has been allowed

Noted by Councillors.

10/167. Accounts & Finance.

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

Konica Minolta Business Solutions, quarter years rental for photocopier & copy charges, £229.58.L.G.A 1972 s. 111.

CIA Systems Ltd., annual alarm maintenance check for The Cage, £98.11. P.C.A 1957 s.2

b) To consider a request by Parson Drove Surgery Car Scheme for a grant/donation. Councillors resolved to give a grant/donation of £150. L.G. & R.A. 1997.

10/168. Risk Assessment

To report on progress for work still required to the trees on the village green and around the pond.

The Clerk advised that the Tree Officer had still not contacted her regarding the trees on the village green. Councillors suggested that she tries again.

The planning application for permission to carry out the required work on the trees around the pond had now been submitted by East Anglia Tree Care.

10/169. To report on site meeting with Elgood & Son Limited to discuss improvements to the car parking area at the Swan Inn.

It had been suggested that parking bays should be marked out along the side of the Swan Inn using wooden markings. The picnic benches and the smoking shelter would eventually be moved once the cottage and forge had been demolished providing more parking space. A proposed plan for parking would be drawn up by Elgood & Sons Limited and submitted to the Council for approval once the Land Registry had rectified our title to incorporate the footway.

10/170. Report on the Green Communities Meeting held on the 5th August.

The Chairman advised that discussion had taken place on who was going to attend the Green Communities Fair on the 11th September and how this event would be promoted.

10/171. Update report on Section 106 Funding & MUGA project.

The Chairman advised that planning approval for the MUGA had now been granted but a condition was requested by the County Council and imposed by the District Council requiring an Archaeological survey before the MUGA could be installed. This was estimated to cost £2,590 and could not be funded from the Section 106 funding. This work must be completed as soon as possible and Councillors therefore resolved to hold a meeting with the Amenities 95 Committee to discuss the funding of this requirement followed by an emergency Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on the 18th August.

Once the MUGA had been installed there would still be some funding remaining from the section 106 money and the working group suggested that this be used to provide some facilities for the older children.

10/172. To consider, debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received from:-

a) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council & Peterborough City Council enclosing a copy of the Minerals & Waste Plan to 2026 being submitted to the Secretary of State. Noted by Councillors.

b) Email from Fenland District Council's Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer confirming that they would prefer to attend a Council meeting on the 15th September with representatives from Circle Anglia to discuss possible designs for the proposed exception site scheme at Sealeys Lane.

Councillors resolved to hold the meeting in The Cage, Clerk to arrange.

c) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council enclosing details of their proposed Winter Service Gritting Arrangements and requesting the Council's comments by the 10th September.

Councillors discussed this with Councillor Tuck who advised that if an additional road is added then one would have to be omitted as the overall number of roads being gritted could not be increased. Councillors resolved to defer this matter until the next meeting in order for Parishioners to make their views known. Details of the proposals would be included in the August Newsletter and a copy of the proposed routes displayed on the notice board.

The provision of grit bins was also discussed and the responsibility for any liability for this activity. Councillor Tuck queried whether the Parish Council could be held accountable for any liability and the Clerk was requested to make enquiries with CPALC.

d) Copy of an Email from the County Council providing an update on the Payne School Safer Routes to School scheme.

The Chairman agreed to request clarification on this matter as the email indicated that the funding for the project had been frozen pending a decision later in the year on budget cuts but Councillor Tuck was under the impression that funding for the scheme had already been allocated to the Payne School.

e) Email regarding proposals for privatisation of Royal Mail.

Noted by Councillors.

f) Newsletters and magazines from COPE & CPRE.

Noted by Councillors.

10/173. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.

Highway issues to be reported to the County Council.

The Clerk was requested to report the pot holes and road cracking along Seadyke Bank and pot holes along Main Road near to the speed humps. Broken railings along Bridge Drove and remind them of the outstanding replacement signs previously reported.

The water leak outside Southea House, Main Road had already been reported to Anglian Water by Councillor Spriggs.

The next Road Safety Meeting would be held on the 7th September.

b) Faulty street lights to be reported to the County Council.

There were no faulty street lights reported.

c) To consider & agree on possible locations for the new street light for 2010/2011.

Councillors resolved to defer this matter to the next meeting.

10/174. To receive an Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Councillor Shelley informed the Council that the Amenities 95 Committee were happy to leave the concrete cricket base on the playing field for the time being.

The village hall had been painted on the outside and was soon to be redecorated inside.

10/175. To consider and agree on action to be taken following complaints received regarding bonfires at Turf Fen Bridge.

On the advice of P.C. Julie Coales Councillors resolved to report this to the Traveller Liaison Office at Fenland District Council.

10/176. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

Councillor Sanderson asked when the hedge adjoining his property and the car park at the rear of the village hall was going to be replaced. The Chairman advised that as this was a matter for the Amenities 95 Committee he was unable to respond but this could perhaps be raised at the joint meeting the following week.

10/177. Matters for future consideration.

No matters other than those already deferred were raised for inclusion at the next meeting.

10/178. Any other business (information items only).

Complaints had been received about the chickens on the village green and the Clerk was requested to write to the Landlady at the Swan Inn requesting that these be kept off the green and adjoining roads.

The Clerk was requested to contact the Citizens Advice Bureau to clarify the arrangements for the outreach sessions held monthly in the Pavilion in view of attendees being turned away at one of the sessions as an appointment had not been made.

10/179. Dates for future Council meeting(s)

The next meeting were confirmed for Wednesday 8th September, Wednesday 15th September and Wednesday 13th October 2010.

Meeting closed 10.30pm.