

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2011 in The Cage, Parson Drove.

Attended by Councillors G. Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), C Bellamy, G. Bellamy, J. Cook, P. Everett, & R. Scrimshaw.

11/250. To receive apologies for absence.

No apologies had been received.

11/251. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor Booth declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 11/257 b 3, reason Councillor Booth is the Parish Council Representative for the Youth Club.

Councillor Booth declared a Prejudicial Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 11/257 b 4 and left the room at the appropriate time, reason Councillor Booth is Chairman of this group.

Councillors C Bellamy & G. Bellamy declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 11/255 a), reason the Agent also acts for the Councillors.

Councillor Scrimshaw declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Items Numbers 11/257 b 3 and 11/257 b 4, reason Councillor Scrimshaw is a member of both of these groups.

Councillor Scrimshaw advised that he would take no part in the discussions or voting on Agenda Item Number 11/255 as he was a member of the District Council Planning Committee.

11/252. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

There were no members of the public present.

11/253. To approve & sign minutes of the meeting held on the 9th November 2011.

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

11/254. Matters Arising from the Minutes (For information only).

The Chairman advised that things had calmed down at Newlands Road.

Councillor Scrimshaw advised that the Planning Committee had completed a site visit in relation to the Planning Application F/YR11/0688/F for the erection of a dwelling on land east of Southea House, 16 Main Road, Parson Drove and this planning application would be considered at the Planning Meeting on the 14th December.

11/255. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) Revised planning application by Dr D Hattersley, Planning Application No.

F/YR11/0688/F, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates for the erection of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling on land east of Southea House, 16 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to make no further comments in addition to their original objections.

b) Mrs C Anderson, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0862/F, Agent G Seaton, for the erection of a part first floor, part 2-storey side extension to Sixdale House, 49 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to support the application and recommend approval is granted as this was considered to be a suitable development and complements the surrounding area.

c) Mr & Mrs Bates, Planning Application No. F/YR11/ 0863/F, Agent David Broker, for the erection of a 2 storey, 3 bed dwelling with detached garage with store over involving demolition of existing dwelling & change of use of land to domestic at The Bungalow, Harolds Bank, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to support this application and recommend approval is granted as this development would improve the area.

d) Notification from Fenland District Council that the following Planning Application has been granted approval.

C Coates, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0644/F, Agent T Dorling, for the erection of a 15 metre high (hub height) wind turbine at Hundred Acre Farm, Harolds Bank, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

11/256. Highway Matters

a) Letter from the County Council advising that Parish Councils can introduce changes to the Speed limits along Main Road and Church End but at their own expense.

Councillors resolved to invite the Highways Officer to attend the Parish Council Meeting in January or February to discuss this process and request that they provide us with the accident data for Main Road and Elbow Lane Church End together with estimated costs involved to implement the requested changes to the speed limits.

b) Letter from the County Council regarding the Minor Highway Improvement scheme for 2012/2013.

Councillors resolved to resubmit the application from last year for a footpath extension along Main Road near to John Bends Way and to also submit an application for an extension of footpath along Fen Road.

11/257. Accounts & Finance.

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

Clerks & Council Direct Subscription Renewal, £12. L.G.A. 1972 s. 143.

CPRE, renewal of membership, £29. L.G.A. 1972 s 143.

SLCC, renewal of membership, £97. L.G.A. 1972 s 143.

Mrs Y Reader, Clerks quarterly salary & expenses, £1,249.52. L.G.A. 1972 s 112 – 119.

Royal British Legion, Remembrance Day Wreath, £20. L.G.A. 1972 s 137.

Holbeach Memorial Company, cleaning and re-furbishing of the War Memorial, £594.

War Memorials L.A.P. Act 1923 s1 & L.G.A. 1948 s 133.

b) To consider requests for grants from:

1. Southea Parochial Church Council for annual maintenance of Churchyard.

Councillors resolved to give a grant of £500. L.G.A. 1972 s 214 (6).

2. Parson Drove Surgery Car Scheme.

Councillor resolved to give a grant of £150. L.G. & R.A 1997.

3. Parson Drove Youth Club.

Councillors resolved to give a grant of £300 in the next financial year. L.G.A. 197 s.137.

4. Fenland Rural Road Safety Action Network.

Councillors resolved to defer this to the next meeting and to request further information on the group's expenditure over the last year.

c) To consider and agree on application to Fenland District Council for concurrent functions grant for 2012/2013.

Councillors resolved to submit an application increasing the grant request by 5% to reflect the approximate current rate of inflation and to apply for a new street light under the additional items bids.

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

The reports were presented by the Clerk and approved by Councillors with no issues arising from the reports.

e) To consider and agree on Precept for 2012/2013.

Councillors reviewed the Clerks Salary, during which time the Clerk left the room, and resolved to increase the annual salary by £200.

The various annual items of expenditure were considered together with the ongoing projects previously agreed and Councillors resolved to increase the Precept to £15,310 calculated as per the attached sheet.

Meeting Closed 10.10pm.