

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2011 in St Marks Church, Parson Drove.

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

J Tuck (C.C.C.), Peter Vale, Amanda Hill & Rosemary Mullen (C.C.C. Highways Officers) & 2 members of the public.

11/153. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from P.C.S.O. M Bogunovic

11/154. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor Booth declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in respect of agenda item number 11/162 a) and left the room at the appropriate time, reason his allotment garden adjoins the site being proposed for development.

Councillor Booth also declared a Personal Interest in respect of agenda items numbered 11/164, 11/166 and 11/167b, reason a member of these groups.

Councillor Everett declared a Personal Interest in respect of agenda item number 11/164, reason a member of the working group.

Councillor Cook declared a Personal Interest in respect of agenda item number 11/167b, reason a member of the group.

Councillor Scrimshaw declared a personal interest in respect of agenda items numbered 11/162, 11/166 and 11/167b reason a member of these groups/committees.

Councillor Spriggs declared a Personal Interest in respect of agenda item number 11/162 a) reason resides at Riverside Gardens.

11/155. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

Various points relating to the plans for the proposed traffic calming measures were raised and discussed following the site meeting. Suggestions put forward were a 20mph speed limit outside the school, ensuring the emergency services could access the school, checking that large agricultural vehicles could get through, using tactile coloured paint on the road surface, trial the proposed scheme layout and extend the cycle path all along one side of the road from G W Vialls & Sons to Snips.

11/156. To discuss proposed traffic calming measures outside the Payne School as part of the Safer Routes to School Scheme following site meeting with Officers from Cambridgeshire County Council Highways prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

Following discussion earlier in view of the advertising costs and as a 20mph speed limit could not be enforced Councillors resolved to request that this was implemented as an Advisory Sign.

Councillors resolved to request a coloured road surface if any funding was left over from the scheme. Councillors resolved to request a cycle path from G W Vialls & Sons to Snips.

Highway Officers agreed to carry out a trial using cones as other means were too expensive. A safety audit would now have to be completed by the County Council but it was hoped that the scheme could be implemented during the October half term to minimise disruption to the school.

11/157. Community Police Officers Report.

A written report detailing the crimes since the last meeting was provided by PCSO Bogunovic as he was unable to attend the meeting. The report contained the following information. Crimes reported were 2 vehicles damaged whilst in the Swan Inn car park, 2 incidences of anti social behaviour at Newlands Road, a stolen vehicle abandoned along The Bank, 1 incident of anti social behaviour at Ingham Hall Gardens and 2 incidences of anti social behaviour along Main Road. Police Patrols will be increased to try and identify those responsible for the anti social behaviour. There had been an increase in thefts & burglaries from empty or new build properties in the Wisbech sector targeting heating oil and copper piping. The investigation into the distraction burglary at Springfield Road on 31st May had been completed resulting in a male being charged with the burglary.

11/158. To approve & sign minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June 2011.

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

11/159. Matters Arising from the Minutes (For information only).

The Clerk advised that a response had been received regarding any future support for Parish Plans from Fenland District Council. Support in the future would be very limited subject to resources being available.

A response had been received from Fenland District Council advising that the Green Fen Way Project to improve the public paths will happen over the next 18 months and that Parson Drove has been put forward as an area for improvements.

11/160. To receive report from Julie Randal, F.D.C. Neighbourhood Management Services.

No report had been received from the Officer.

11/161. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

Councillor Tuck spoke about Youth issues and stressed the benefits of youth clubs joining together and using the FACT bus particularly during the school holidays. Councillor Tuck asked if we had received information on changes to street lights, which we had not and requested information on long outstanding requests for replacement signs through the parish.

Councillor Scrimshaw informed the Council that following Sandra Claxton's retirement in October 2011 Paul Medd had been appointed as the new Chief Executive at Fenland District Council. Residents were still contacting Councillor Scrimshaw raising concerns over development at Sandalwood Farm, Back Road, Murrow.

11/162. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) Fenland District Council, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0416/FDC, for the erection of a dwelling involving demolition of existing garage block on land north of 6 Riverside Gardens, Parson Drove.

Councillors Spriggs chaired the meeting for this agenda item as the Chairman had left the room.

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

b) G Fowler, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0420/EXTIME, Agent David Broker, for the erection of 3 dwellings on land east of Nicola, Fen Road, Parson Drove, (Renewal of planning permission F/YR08/0391/O).

Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the application and recommend that renewal permission is granted.

c) J. Askey, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0438/TRTPO, No Agent, for the felling of 2 Lime Trees and Planning Application No. F/YR11/0460/LB, Agent K Elener, for erection of porch to the rear of existing dwelling at Apple Crumble Cottage, 318 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to accept the tree officer's recommendations regarding the felling of the 2 lime trees and resolved to support the application for the erection of the porch as it was in keeping with the character of the property.

d) Notification from Fenland District Council that the following Planning Applications have been granted approval.

1. Mr Selway, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0315/F Agent Peter Humphrey Associates, for the erection of a single storey side extension to existing dwelling at Warners Farm, Elbow Lane, Church End, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

2. R Goy, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0350, for the erection of a first floor extension to the rear & single storey side extension to form annex to existing dwelling, involving the demolition of existing garage at Fen Farm, Long Drove, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

3. B Jandoo, Parkside Mansion Properties, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0264/F for erection of a 2 storey 2 bed dwelling involving demolition of the existing dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to equestrian paddocks & erection of a stable block/tack room in conjunction with dwelling at Cherry Tree, High Side, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

e) Notification that the following Planning Application has been refused by Fenland District Council.

N Coppin, Planning Application No. F/YR11/0252/F Agent Clifford Cross, for change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden & formation of a vehicular access land north of 305 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

f) Email from Planning Department regarding site meeting to discuss future development along Back Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to request for the site meeting to be held on either Monday 15th August or Wednesday 24th August.

11/163. Accounts & Finance.

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

CIA Systems Ltd, annual maintenance Cage alarm check, £88.02. P.C.A. 1957 s.2

b) To receive a Receipts & Payments Bank Reconciliation report and Budget update report.

Councillors resolved to approve the reports presented. There were no issue arising from the reports.

11/164. Update report on Section 106 Funding for Skate Ramp project & request received from Fenland District Council to confirm maintenance arrangements so that order can be placed.

Councillors resolved to respond confirming that the Skate Ramp would be maintained for the duration of the life of the equipment by the Amenities 95 Management Committee. There would be a funding shortfall of £472 but the Amenities 95 Management Committee had agreed to fund this.

11/165. Risk Assessment

a) To receive a report on the site meeting with FDC Tree Officer on 20th June.

The Clerk read out a report from the Tree Officer advising that the Lime tree causing concern did not require felling following tests completed by the tree officer but that it should be checked every 2 years for any further signs of disease or serious decay. The tree officer recommended that the 4 limes starting from outside 23 The Bank to the King William be reduced by 30% together with the Sycamore outside Tan Rose & Sons during the next year.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to apply for planning permission and obtain quotation for completion of works. The tree officer also advised that pruning work undertaken by EDF was now being checked and if not completed satisfactorily could be challenged.

Clerk to contact EDF to request that all trees are cut back where they are over hanging electricity cables and to advise them of the outcome of tests completed to the Lime Tree outside 23 The Bank and to enquire as to whether they would contribute to the cost of work required to this tree.

b) To discuss maintenance and provision of windows in the remaining openings of the bus shelter.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotations for the installation of windows in the remaining two openings. Councillor Spriggs kindly agreed to donate the wood again for the frames.

11/166. To receive an update report on the future of Parson Drove Youth Club.

The Chairman advised that the Murrow and Parson Drove Youth Club would be amalgamating but each village would continue to have a Youth Club meeting on the current evenings.

The new constitution was being drawn up and a representative from the Parish Council was required.

Councillors resolved for the Chairman to continue as the Parish Council Representative on the Youth Club committee.

11/167. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received

a) Letter from Fenland District Council in advising that £1,000 would be given to the Parish towards the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June 2012.

Information noted and this would be brought to the attention of the public meeting being held on Wednesday 27th July in St Marks Church to discuss how the parish celebrates the occasion.

b) Letter from a parishioner complaining about the Pond project.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to respond advising that the project is being lead by the Street Pride group who carried out public consultation and that the project is supported by the Parish Council. Signs warning of the dangers have been erected on numerous occasions and would be replaced again.

c) Letter from Leader of Fenland District Council wishing to meet with all Town & Parish Councillors to inform members of the aspirations of the District Council.

Noted by Councillors and awaiting further information from the District Council.

d) Invitation from North level Internal Drainage Board for 2 Councillors to attend a tour on the 12th October.

Councillors resolved for Councillors Cook and Scrimshaw to attend.

e) Confirmation of dates for training by Fenland District Council on Planning.

Councillors Booth and Everett had already attended a session. Remaining Councillors would attend a session the following week.

f) Email from Fenland District Council attaching a schedule and plan for all the trees in the parish protected by a Tree Preservation Order requesting we check that it is accurate and up to date.

Councillors resolved for the Clerk to respond advising that she neither had the time or expertise to complete this task and suggest that this should be undertaken by the District Councils Tree Officer.

g) Magazines & newsletters from SLCC, Cambs ACRE, Clerks & Council Direct.
Information noted by Councillors.

11/168. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.

a) Highway issues to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.
Councillors resolved for the Clerk to report pot holes along Murrow Bank and along The Bank near to the War Memorial, the damaged highway post on the village green and the outstanding missing road signs. Also to report again the over grown hedge outside the telephone exchange along Fen Road.

b) Information from Cambs County Council Highways on speed limit policy.
Councillors resolved to defer this item until a response had been received regarding the speed review along Main Road.

c) Faulty street lights to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.
No faulty street lights were reported.

11/169. Gardens & Allotments

a) Letter from National grid asking for confirmation of Councils details.
Councillors resolved for the Clerk to complete and return the form.

b) Letter from the tenant of garden number 15 vacating the allotment garden.
Councillors resolved to advertise the vacant allotment garden stating consideration would be given to applicants from adjoining parishes but preference would be given to applicants from the parish of Parson Drove.

11/170. To receive an Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Councillor Cook advised that he had obtained quotations for repairs to the dug outs. The Police would be viewing recordings on the CCTV following recent incidences of anti social behaviour and vandalism.

11/171. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

No questions were asked by members.

11/172. Any other business (information items only).

Councillors Spriggs requested that a reminder be sent to Elgood & Sons Ltd., regarding a further site meeting to progress the improvements to the car park area of the Swan Inn.

11/173. Dates for future Council meeting(s).

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10th August with subsequent meetings on the 14th September 2011, 12th October and 9th November 2011.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.