

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th December 2012 in The Cage, Station Road, Parson Drove.

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

12/257. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received and accepted from Councillor Everett due to ill health & Councillor Scrimshaw.

12/258. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor Booth declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of Agenda item number 12/261 a) reason, a tenant of the adjoining Allotment Garden.

Councillor Spriggs declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of Agenda item number 12/261 a) reason resides at Riverside Gardens.

12/259. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.

Councillors G. Booth, C. Bellamy, G Bellamy, J Cook & P. Spriggs had all written to the Clerk requesting a Dispensation in respect of Agenda Item 12/262 c).

Councillors resolved to grant the Dispensations requested to cover all matters relating to the setting of the Precepts for the Parish until the end of members current term of office.

12/260. 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.

12/261. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) CHM Builders Ltd., Planning Application No. F/YR12/0938/RM, Agent K Baxter, for the erection of a 2 storey 3 bed roomed dwelling with attached garage involving demolition of existing garage block on land north of 6 Riverside Gardens, Parson Drove. Councillors resolved to request conditions be imposed to ensure that the turning circle is kept free at all times and that all vehicles used by the building contractors are parked on the building site and not on the road.

Councillors also resolved to raise concerns over the positioning of the turning circle and to request that this be moved further north to ensure house number 6 would still be able to park vehicles outside the property. To also comment on the tree planting scheme to the effect that large trees are not appropriate for the site in view of the drains being close by.

b) Notification from Fenland District Council that the following Planning Applications have been approved.

W Hodges, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0749/EXTIME, No Agent, for the erection of a dwelling with garage (renewal of planning permission F/YR09/0619/O) on land east of The Poplars, Back Road, Murrow.

Information noted by Councillors.

In view of the County Council's response that they would make no comment on the planning application Councillors resolved to respond stating that they considered it was unacceptable for the Highways authority to make these types of comments for planning applications along Back Road, Murrow.

12/262. Accounts & Finance.

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following Invoice for payment:-
Cambridgeshire ACRE renewal of membership, £30. L.G.A. 1972 s.143

b) To receive a Budget up date report.

The Clerk presented a Budget report to date with no issues arising requiring action. Councillors resolved to carry forward any Precept under spend to allocated reserves for 2013/2014. The rebate on the Parish Council Election costs for 2011 would also be allocated to the election costs budget heading for 2013/2014.

c) To discuss and agree on the Parish Precept for 2013/2014.

In view of the changes to the Band D calculations following central government legislation a draft Precept of £16,000 was agreed pending clarification from the District Council on how they intended to calculate the Precept payments and Government grant.

12/263. Highways Matters.

a) To discuss and agree on any bids to be made to the County Council Local Minor Highways Improvements Bid scheme for 2013/2014.

Councillors resolved to submit an application under the scheme for a traffic calming scheme to include the reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph along Main Road, to extend the existing 40mph speed limit at Church End out to the village sign and to install a build out near to the Doctors Surgery to ensure the speed limit is more effective.

b) Update report on the Winter Gritting Scheme and to discuss and agree on any action to be taken regarding the purchase of a grit bin.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the new grit bin had been installed near to the bottle back on the village green for use along The Bank and footbridge over Swan Bridge. The grit spreader had also been delivered to the volunteer.

Councillors resolved to purchase another grit bin for Newlands Road and the bungalows opposite formally known as Rookery Homes.

c) Email from C&PALC advising that the Area Joint Committee for traffic and highways has been disbanded.

Councillors resolved to respond to the County Council advising of their disagreement to this change.

12/264. Any other business (information items only).

There were no other items of business raised by Councillors.

12/265. Dates for future Council meeting(s).

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 9th January 2013 at 7.00pm in The Cage and the subsequent meeting for Wednesday 13th February 2013.