

## **Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in The Pavilion, Parson Drove.**

Attended by Councillors G. Booth (Chairman), J. Cook, P Everett & P Spriggs. K. Freya (F.D.C. Housing Officer), Fiona Coulson & Kiran Sidu (Circle Anglia), 2 representatives from the Architects acting for Foster Developments & 1 representative from Foster Developments Ltd.  
1 member of the public.

### **12/131. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received from Councillors C Bellamy, G. Bellamy & R Scrimshaw. Councillor Scrimshaw did however attend the later part of the meeting.

### **12/132. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.**

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors.

### **12/133. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.**

The member of the public present advised of the problems he was encountering from his neighbour and although various incidences had been reported over some time to the Police and Fenland District Council regarding criminal damage to his property, loud noises during the night and loud music no action appears to have been taken. The property was rented and he had tried to contact the Landlord but again nothing was being done to improve the situation. The Chairman advised that he would contact the District Council to establish what action was being taken by them.

### **12/134. Discussions with FDC Housing Officer, Circle Anglia Housing Association, Foster Property Developments Ltd., & their Architect regarding the proposed Exception Site for Affordable Homes on land east of 242 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.**

Karen Freya outlined the process of an Exception Site for Affordable Homes and the various roles of all groups involved in the process.

Although a planning application had been submitted by the developers the planning department had agreed to extend the consultation period for the Parish Council until this meeting had taken place and agreement had been reached on the site plan lay out.

The key points raised and discussed were:-

A development of 12 dwellings was more viable and economical and was more likely to succeed with obtaining the required grant funding than a development for 10 dwellings. If only 10 dwellings were acceptable to the Parish Council the scheme could be at risk and would be delayed.

The Councils Housing Survey recently completed to up date the Parish Plan clearly indicated that parishioners preferred future developments for small developments of up to 10 dwellings.

The scheme could initially include 10 rented properties and 2 shared ownership if financially viable. The possibility of a higher proportion of shared ownership dwellings were dependant upon various factors including property market values but this could be stipulated in the section 106 agreement.

The lay out plan for 12 dwellings could be improved if the open space was reduced or even removed. The cost of maintaining a green open space has to be considered and whether this is to be paid for by the residents or the Parish Council.

There should be adequate parking and amenity space especially for the 3 bed roomed dwellings.

A variation in the style and design of the dwellings is preferred and ensure a good quality development is built.

The representatives from Circle Anglia agreed to make further investigations regarding the financial viability of the scheme. The Architects and Developers agreed to provide some amended lay out plans for the Parish Council to consider and approve and for the scheme to be discussed again at the next Parish Council Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

**12/135. Dates for future Council meeting(s).**

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm but would now be held in the Pavilion in view of the number of invited guests attending.

Meeting closed 8.55pm