

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2012 in The Cage, Parson Drove.

Attended by Councillors G. Booth (Chairman), C Bellamy, G. Bellamy, J. Cook, P Everett & R. Scrimshaw. PCSO Martin Bogunovic, Mrs Thora Jarvis (Clerk to John Bends United Charities) & 1 member of the public.

12/114. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received and accepted from Councillor P Spriggs.

12/115. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillors C. Bellamy & G. Bellamy declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in respect of Agenda Items Number 12/122 d) and 12/122 e) and left the room at the appropriate time. Reason the Councillors are the applicants.

Councillors G Booth & G Bellamy declared a Personal interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 12/126. Reason the Councillors are members of the Payne School Safer Routes to School Group.

Councillor Scrimshaw advised that he would take no part in the discussions and voting on all planning matters as he was a member of the District Council's Planning Committee.

12/116. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

It was brought to the Councils attention that a new fence had been erected around the beer garden at the Swan Inn and it was suggested that a joint meeting be arranged with the Brewery and Landlord to discuss the future lay out of the car park area.

12/117. Community Police Officers Report.

PCSO Bogunovic advised that since the last meeting there had been 2 crimes of theft, 1 suspected burglary and 1 incident of criminal damage. There had been 2 incidences reported one of scrambler bikes being ridden along a byway and one suspicious male approaching young girls.

12/118. To receive & approve the annual accounts for the John Bends Charities.

The annual accounts were presented by the Clerk, approved and signed by the Chairman.

12/119. To approve & sign minutes of the meeting held on the 9th May 2012.

The minutes were taken as read and agreed as a true record after inserting Church End on Page 947, Agenda Item Number 12/95, first line of the second paragraph and were subsequently signed by the Chairman.

12/120. Matters Arising from the Minutes (For information only).

The Chairman advised that Wisbech St Mary Parish Council were inspecting the street lights in Murrow incorporating Back Road the following evening.

Councillor Scrimshaw would contact the Conservation Officer again regarding the Old Farmhouse, Main Road.

12/121. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

Councillor Booth advised that the Boundary Review was still being looked into ready for the submission to be made by the 7th July.

The Payne School Governors were very concerned about the possible change to their catchment area resulting in the loss of the north side of Back Road, Murrow. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to the County Council Education Department emphasising the local connection with the school and the effect any change would have on future school budgets.

Councillor Scrimshaw advised that the Youth Club were organising two fund raising events during June & July.

12/122. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) J. Fowler, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0317/F, Agent G Edwards, for the erection of a 2 storey three bed dwelling with attached garage/car port, involving demolition of the existing dwelling of Nicola, Fen Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to support this application and recommend approval is granted as the new dwelling would improve the street scene and have no adverse effect on neighbouring properties.

b) Cambridgeshire County Council, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0318/F, No Agent for the widening of existing access road at Cranfield, 201 Main Road, Parson Drove. Councillors resolved to support this application.

c) Foster Property Developments Ltd., Planning Application No. F/YR12/0403/F, Agent J Hunting, for the erection of 12 affordable dwellings comprising of eight 2 storey 2 bed roomed and four 2 storey 3 bed roomed dwellings with associated parking & open space on land east of 242 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Councillors were advised that the Planning Officer had agreed for an extension to the consultation period in view of the joint meeting being held with Circle Anglia, the Developers & Architect, the Parish Council and the Housing Officer from FDC on Wednesday 27th June.

d) Mr & Mrs C Bellamy, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0416/F, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates, erection of a 3 bed single storey dwelling & detached double garage on land south of 6 Brewery Close, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to object to this application as it was partly outside the DAB and in the event of permission being granted request that a condition be imposed regarding sewerage connection.

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

C Bellamy & Fenland District Council, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0232/FDC, for the erection of four 2 bed detached bungalows and one 3 bed detached bungalow with associated garages/parking & landscaping & 6 parking spaces to serve existing bungalows on Springfield Road on land north of 1 – 5 Brewery Close, Parson Drove. (Renewal of planning permission F/YR09/0252/FDC).

Information noted by Councillors.

f) Notification from Fenland District Council that the following application has been refused.

A Jarvis, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0235/F, Agent Windcrop Ltd., for the erection of two 14.97 high wind turbines at Essex Farm, 235 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

12/123. Accounts & Finance.

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

ROSPA, annual inspection fees, £176.40. L.G.A. 1972 s.111

Mrs Y Reader, quarter year's salary & expenses, £1,336.63. L.G.A. 1972 s 112

b) Letter from the Audit Commission consulting on the appointment of our External Auditor for 2012/2013 & future years.

Information noted by Councillors.

12/124. Risk Assessment.

a) To consider ROSPA reports received for the village pond, village green, MUGA and Skate Ramp on the playing field.

There were no urgent issues raised in the reports requiring attention. The points raised relating to the swings on the village green will be looked at during the annual inspection of assets on the 2nd July.

b) To receive a report on emergency action taken following a branch falling from a Willow tree at the pond adjacent to the Main Road.

The Chairman advised that a branch had fallen from a Willow tree around the village pond and Lakeside and in view of the urgency to make the tree safe the Tree Officer at FDC had agreed for the work to be completed immediately. The contractor undertaking the work to the trees on the village green had agreed to complete the work at a cost of £350 and this had since been completed.

c) Update on works to trees on the village green.

The approved work to the trees on the village green had been completed but the contractor has arranged for the tree officer at FDC to carry out some tests on a Lime Tree causing some concern in view of a cavity being discovered.

12/125. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

a) Letter of thanks for the grant of £50 from Murrow Book Café.

Noted by Councillors.

b) Letter of thanks for the Queens Diamond Jubilee grant of £570 from Payne Primary School.

Noted by Councillors.

c) Letter of thanks for the Queens Diamond Jubilee grant of £200 from St Marks Church.

Noted by Councillors.

d) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding grass cutting of the Public Rights of Way.

Noted by Councillors.

e) Invitation from Fenland District Council to attend the Armed Forces Day at St Peters Church, High Street, March on Friday 29th June at 10.30am.

Councillors C Bellamy & G Bellamy advised that they wished to attend the event on behalf of the Parish Council.

f) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding partnership funding opportunities for flood risk management schemes.

Information noted by Councillors.

g) Letter from Fenland District Council advising that dwellings along Fen Road are to be numbered.

Information noted by Councillors.

h) Email from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding improvements to the Library system.

Information noted by Councillors.

i) Notification from CPRE Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Branch of their Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Cromwell Room, St Ives Corn Exchange, St Ives.

Information noted by Councillors.

12/126. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.

a) Emails received from R Mullen regarding the Safer Routes to School Traffic Calming Scheme installed outside the Payne Primary School and report from the Chairman on the site meeting.

The Chairman advised that now the Safer Routes to School Scheme Officer had visited the site and observed the problems being encountered, she will discuss this with the Officers responsible for designing and authorising the scheme with a view to make improvements to overcome the problems.

b) Highway issues to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.

Councillors advised that the trees on Elbow Corner, Silvers Lane and near to the Doctors Surgery were obstructing the road, the footpath near to the telephone exchange at Fen Road was being encroached as well as the footpath outside The Limes, Main Road. A Hawthorn bush on the village green was obstructing visibility at one of the access roads and Councillors resolved for the grounds maintenance contractor to cut this back. There were pot holes outside Trafford House requiring attention by Highways road maintenance.

The Chairman advised that he had received information on the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Programme for 2012/2013 and it would appear from this report that our bid for an extension to the footpath along Main Road near to John Bends Way has been successful. If further additional funding could be obtained from the District Councils Rural Capital Grants scheme this would allow for the footway to be extended even more.

c) Faulty street lights to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.

There were no faulty street lights reported at the meeting. The Clerk advised that the contractors requested to erect the new street light near to the Cage access road in March 2012 have since gone into liquidation. Enquiries were being made with an alternative contractor.

12/127. To receive a report from the Amenities 95 Committee.

Councillor Cook advised that officers from the Environmental Health Department at Fenland District Council had recently inspected the playing field in view of the previously reported problem with the rats from the adjoining property.

12/128. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

Councillor Everett asked who was responsible for the information board outside The Cage as it needs repairing. The Clerk advised that the District Council provided this board in the first instances and have repaired it in the past she would therefore request that the District Council repair it again.

12/129. Any other business (information items only).

Councillor Scrimshaw suggested that parking for cycles outside the village hall should be provided as several members of the youth club use cycles. Councillor Cook agreed to raise this with the Amenities95 Committee.

12/130. Dates for future Council meeting(s).

The next meetings were confirmed for Wednesday 27th June, Wednesday 11th July and Wednesday 8th August.

Meeting closed 9.55pm.