

Minutes of Parson Drove Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th May 2012 in The Cage, Parson Drove.

Attended by Councillors G. Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), J. Cook, P Everett & R. Scrimshaw. 16 members of the public.

12/92. To elect a Chairman & Vice Chairman & to receive their acceptance of office.

Councillor Booth was nominated by Councillor Scrimshaw and seconded by Councillor Spriggs for the office of Chairman. Councillor Cook nominated Councillor Spriggs seconded by Councillor Everett for the office of Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations and the both Councillors completed their acceptance of office declarations.

12/93. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors C. Bellamy & G. Bellamy, Councillor J Tuck (C.C.C.) and PCSO Martin Bogunovic.

12/94. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor Scrimshaw declared a Personal & Prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 12/101 b) and left the room at the appropriate time. Reason a friend of the applicant.

Councillor Scrimshaw declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Items Numbered 12/105 d & e, 12/107, 12/108 & 12/109. Reason a member of all these groups.

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.

Councillor Cook declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item number 12/103 as he was a member of the Football Club and they had approached Delamores regarding sponsorship.

Councillor Booth declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Items Numbered 12/105 d), 12/107, 12/109 a) and 12.110 a). Reason a member of all of these groups.

12/95. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

Residents of Brewery Close advised that they did not object in principle to the Planning Application listed under Agenda Item Number 12/101 a) but did object to certain aspects of the application relating to the sewerage system, possible damage to the unadopted road surface, road flooding, access and over development of the site.

Eight residents from Sealeys Lane & Church End raised their objections to the Planning Application listed as 12/101 b) on the grounds that if approved this could set a precedent for further wind turbines in the village. They also considered that the turbines were too close to private dwellings, would have an adverse effect on the near by listed buildings, would kill wildlife and would make an unacceptable level of noise.

12/96. Community Police Officers Report.

The Clerk had received an email advising that since the last meeting there had been 1 crime in respect of damage to the old Doctor's Surgery and 3 incidents consisting of anti social behaviour at John Bends Way, Youths using private gardens as a short cut through the village along Main Road and Youths firing plastic ball bearings from a BB gun at Newlands Road. Members were asked to look out for a scramble bike being used on the road and report this to the police.

The CrimebusterBus had recently visited the village located at the bottom of John Bends Way. Councillors resolved to request that it is always parked on the village hall car park making it more visible and accessible for members of the public.

12/97. To receive & approve the annual accounts for the John Bends Charities.

The Clerk was not present at the meeting to present the John Bends Charities Accounts and therefore this matter was deferred to the next Council Meeting.

12/98. To approve & sign minutes of the meeting held on the 11th April 2012.

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

12/99. Matters Arising from the Minutes (For information only).

Councillor Scrimshaw had contacted the Conservation Officer and was waiting for his response regarding a Building Preservation Order on the Old Farm House, 27 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors from Wisbech St Mary Parish Council were shortly to complete an inspection of the street lights along Back Road and the Chairman would try to attend this inspection.

The District Council was looking into the demolition of parts of the building of Rookery Farm, Main Road.

12/100. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

The Boundary Commission review had resulted in 40 Councillors remaining as District Councillors and Officers were now looking at the number of electors in each ward. It was recommended that Parish Councillors attend the next awareness session.

The National Planning Policy Framework had been adopted and the District Council was revising the Core Strategy to take account of this. Also a report was going to Cabinet confirming how planning applications would be considered, which meant that as the Core Strategy was progressed greater emphasis would be placed on this until it was adopted.

12/101. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) 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).

Councillors resolved to object to the application as they considered it was over development of the site, concerns over sewerage provision, surface water and flooding on the road, lack of parking and loss of an open space.

b) 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. Councillors resolved by a majority vote to request that planning permission is not granted until a full and detailed Biodiversity check is completed and request that consideration should be taken into account regarding the listed buildings close by.

c) Mrs L Whittaker-Nevin, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0280/F, Agent David Broker, for the erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 5 Common Bank, Throckenholt.

Councillors resolved to support the application and recommend approval is granted as the extension compliments the existing building and would have no adverse effect on the area.

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

1. Mr C Coates, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0097/F, for the construction of a 49.35kW ground mounted solar photovoltaic system on land south of A.C.Coates & Son, Hundred Acre Farm, Harolds Bridge, Parson Drove.

Information noted.

2. T Rawlings, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0160/F, application for the erection of a single storey extension to existing Church to form lobby & WC involving alterations to existing attached gardens store, Emmanuel Church, 37 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Information noted.

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

R Goy, Planning Application No. F/YR12/0111/F, for the erection of 6 dwellings comprising; three 4 bed roomed 2 storey, one 4/6 bed roomed 3 storey and two 5/6 bed roomed 3 storey with associated garages on land north of 15 – 27 Mill Road, Murrow.

Information noted.

12/102. Feed back report from public consultation event held on 17th April regarding proposed Exception Site for Affordable Homes on land east of 242 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

The attendance at the consultation event had been very poor and there were some objections and some support for the Exception site from members of the public who attended the event. The recent plan provided by Circle Anglia for submission to the Planning department was for 12 dwellings and Councillors resolved to respond advising that they considered it was still too intense and felt that the site should be for 10 houses. The design layout being proposed was not acceptable; the play equipment was not included in the recent plan received. The results of the recent housing survey also confirmed that the majority of respondents only wanted up to 10 dwellings on a site.

12/103. To discuss the results of the Housing Survey.

Councillors resolved to include a copy of the results of the Housing Survey in with the Annual Reports to be delivered to every household in the Parish.

Councillors resolved to discuss the refresh of the Parish Plan at their July Meeting in order to incorporate the results of the Housing Survey.

12/104. To discuss information presented at the last meeting on Emergency Planning.

Councillors resolved to advertise for two members of the public to take on the role of the Co-ordinators.

12/105. Accounts & Finance.

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

EON, electricity for the Cage £100.68. L.G.A. 1972 s.

Auditing Solutions Ltd, Internal Audit Fees, £240. Accounts & Audit Regulations 2011

AON, annual insurance renewal premium, £2,184.32. L.G.A. 1972 s.111 & s114

Konica Minolta Business Solutions Ltd., photocopier rental & copy charges,

£114.14.L.G.A. 1972 s.111

b) To consider Internal Auditors Report and agree on any action to be taken.

A copy of the report was provided to Councillors and they resolved to implement the one action raised in the report relating to the value of the assets in next years annual return.

c) To approve the completion of the Annual Return – Section 2 Annual Governance Statement for external audit 6th June 2012.

Councillors resolved to approve the completed annual return, section 2 Annual Governance Statement.

d) To approve a request from Parson Drove Youth Club for payment of their £300 grant. Councillors resolved to approve the payment of the grant for £300. L.G.A. 1972 s.137.

e) To approve payment of the Queens Diamond Jubilee grants of £570 to Payne Primary School and £200 to St Marks Methodist Church.

Councillors resolved to approve payment of the Jubilee grants of £570 to Payne Primary School and £200 to St Marks Methodist Church. L.G.A. 1092 s. 137.

12/106. Risk Assessment.

a) To review level of insurance cover on policy due for renewal on 1st June 2012.

Councillors reviewed the level of insurance cover and resolved that no changes were required.

b) To arrange date for annual inspection of Assets & Gardens & Allotments.

Councillors resolved to complete the annual inspection of the assets, gardens & allotments on Monday 2nd July at 7.30pm starting at The Cage.

12/107. To consider request from Parson Drove Street Pride Group for permission to decorate the Village Green for the Anglia in Bloom competition.

Councillors resolved to grant permission for the street pride group to decorate the village green.

12/108. To discuss the County Councils proposed change to the catchment area of Payne Primary School in respect of Back Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to inform the County Council that they were not in favour of the proposed changes and that the north side of Back Road should remain in the catchment area of the Payne Primary School, Parson Drove in line with the parish boundary.

12/109. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

a) Email from Fenland Rural Road Safety Group advising of their meeting in The Cage on 23rd May at 7.30pm and enclosing notes from the meeting held on the 5th April. Information noted by Councillors.

b) Letter from Cambridgeshire ACRE with information and notices on the Community Oil Buyer Scheme.

Information passed onto Councillor Everett to display in the Post Office.

c) Email from Fenland District Council advising of the second awareness session on the review of Fenland Ward Boundaries at Fenland Hall on Tuesday 29th May 2012 at 6.30pm & inviting members to attend.

Councillors Everett and Cook indicated that they wished to attend.

d) Email from Wisbech Police Station advising of update on Neighbourhood Forums Proposal.

Councillors resolved to respond stating that they were disappointed that their views on the proposed changes to the format of the forums had not been taken into account. The forums still needed to be advertised more widely and the areas should be split up more proportionately.

12/110. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.

a) Email received from R Mullen regarding the Safer Routes to School Traffic Calming Scheme installed outside the Payne Primary School.

The Chairman advised that he was meeting with County Council Officers to discuss the Parish Councils concerns at a site meeting on the 15th May.

b) Email from County Council Highways with information on the cost for changing the speed limits along Main Road and Church End, Parson Drove.

The Chairman advised that the costs quoted could be reduced if we obtain our own contractors. The first stage of the process was to consult with the District Council and other agencies and the Chairman would provide the Clerk with a draft letter. Councillors resolved to incorporate Fen Road in the reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph.

c) Email from the County Council advising of a road closure order with effect from 8th May in respect of Seadyke Bank to allow for ditch bank piling work to be completed.
Information noted

d) To discuss highway safety concerns regarding cars parked on the side of the road at Station Road, Murrow Bank.

Councillor Scrimshaw expressed his concern over the safety of motorist having to pull out into the road to pass the cars parked on the roadside at Station Road, particularly in view of the high number of accidents at the Swan Bridge junction. The Clerk advised that the Council's concerns had been raised with the Police in the past. Councillors resolved for the Clerk to contact the County Council Highways Officer to enquire if they could assist in any way to resolve this matter.

e) Highway issues to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.
Clerk to report pot holes along The Bank and flooding of the footpath outside number 21 The Bank.

f) Faulty street lights to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.
No faulty street lights were reported at the meeting.

12/109. To elect a Parish Council Representative for the Amenities 95 Committee.

Councillor Cook was nominated and duly elected as the Parish Council representative for the Amenities 95 Committee.

12/110. To elect 3 Councillors for the Human Resources Sub-Committee.

Councillors Booth, Spriggs and Everett were nominated and duly elected as the 3 members of the Human Resources sub-committee.

12/111. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

There were no questions asked by members.

12/112. Any other business (information items only).

Councillor Spriggs advised that he had received a complaint regarding the ruts in the access roadway to the Riverside Allotment Gardens as this was causing problems for one of the tenants using a mobility car.

12/113. Dates for future Council meeting(s).

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 13th June at 7.00pm in The Cage.

Meeting closed at 10.35pm.