

## **Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in The Cage, Station Road, Parson Drove.**

Attended by Councillors G. Booth (Chairman), C Bellamy, G. Bellamy, J Cook, P. Everett & A Kraus. 1 member of the public

### **13/163. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillor Peter Spriggs, District Councillor D Broker, County Councillor Gordon Gillick & PCSO Dave Russ.

### **13/164. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.**

There were no requests for Dispensations.

### **13/165. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.**

Councillor Cook declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 13/177. Reason Councillor Cook is a member of the Football Club Committee.

### **13/166. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.**

The member of the public asked for a vote of thanks to be recorded to the Chairman and the Street Pride Group for all their efforts during the year as they had been awarded a Silver Gilt in the Anglia In Bloom Competition and won the Best Large Village Category. Also to record a vote of thanks to the Car Bike & Trike Committee for an excellent show raising over £5,000 for Charity.

The work to lay the under ground electricity cables along The Bank was nearly completed and the member of public expressed a view that no damage had been caused to the village green from vehicles parking on it or driving over it during the completion of the work. There were three areas of grass damaged by the materials being placed on the green but most of the bare areas were caused by the trees and there were also large patches of dandelions which had chocked off the grass. The contractors had been very polite, helpful and courteous and had liaised and co-operated with the businesses and residents along the Bank whilst completing the work.

### **13/167. Community Police Officers Report.**

An email had been received from PCSO Russ advising of 3 crimes comprising of theft from a building site at Main Road, theft at High Side and theft from a garden at Ingham Hall Gardens and an incident of poaching at Elbow Lane.

A Speedwatch check had been completed on the 20<sup>th</sup> August opposite 213 Main Road when 38 vehicles were monitored with 3 exceeding the speed limit.

The new Horizon Outreach Vehicle will be visiting Parson Drove on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 8.30am to 10.30am.

A letter had been received by the Chairman requesting the purchase of new neighbourhood signs and it was agreed that the Clerk should enquire as to whether the Police would provide these and if not to include this request in the Agenda for the next meeting.

**13/168. To approve & sign minutes of the meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013.**

The minutes were taken as read agreed as a true record after inserting the words “person” and “people” in the Minutes for the 7<sup>th</sup> August, Page Number 1034 and signed by the Chairman.

**13/169. Matters Arising from the Minutes (For information only).**

The Chairman advised that there had been approximately 127 letters of objection and 8 letters of support for the Planning Application for the erection of 64 dwellings on the Delamore’s Nursery site, Main Road, Parson Drove. Our District Councillors, County Councillor and MP had registered their objections to the application as well as CPRE.

The Clerk advised that the County Council had written to the Farmer regarding the expiry of permissive footpath at Throckenholt and was waiting for a response from him.

The parishioner requesting information on the need to declare pecuniary interests in respect of planning applications had not contacted the Clerk but had been in contact with the Solicitor/Monitoring Officer at Fenland District Council who had answered the enquiry.

**13/170. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.**

The Chairman confirmed that the Street Pride Group had been awarded a Silver Gilt in the Anglia In Bloom competition and also received the award for the Largest Village Section. This was not accurately reported in the Eastern Daily Press, Fenland Citizen or the District Council’s website but this error would be pointed out to the press officer at the District Council for rectification.

**13/171. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.**

a) Mrs D Lutwyche, Planning Application No. F/YR13/0579/F, Agent J Trundle, for the formation of manage on land south east of Downyonder, Harolds Bank, Parson Drove. Councillors resolved to support this application and recommend approval is granted.

b) Dr D Hattersley, Planning Application No. F/YR13/0613/TRCA, No Agent, for the felling of 1 Robinia Tree and works to 2 Acer Trees within a Conservation Area, 14 Main Road Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to raise no objections and recommend approval is granted subject to the Tree Officer raising no objections.

**13/172. Accounts & Finance.**

Councillors resolved to approve the following invoices for payment.

The Office Key, paper, envelopes & staples for Parish Plan Questionnaire, £28.02.L.G.A. 1972 s. 111.

Mrs Y Reader, Clerks quarter year salary & expenses £1,335.40. L.G.A. 1972 s. 112

**13/173. Progress report on proposed extension to churchyard: Emmanuel Church.**

A letter had been received from the Parochial Church Council advising that they had reached an agreement with the Diocese that a wire fence would be acceptable and the PCC would donate the concrete posts but required the Parish Council to purchase the wire and cost of installation of the boundary fence. The PCC would be responsible for the future maintenance of the fence and not the Parish Council as suggested by the Diocese. The Parish Council agreed to proceed on the terms laid out by the Agent subject to the alteration in condition 3 regarding the fencing but to also ask if the Diocese would agree to use a local firm of Solicitors to try and reduce our costs. The Parish Council also resolved to instruct Bowser & Co to act on our behalf for the purchase of the land.

**13/174. The Localism Bill - Community Rights & Neighbourhood Planning.**

Councillors resolved to proceed in principle to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk was asked to obtain further information in relation to the costs, process and grant funding and to inform the District Council of the Parish Council's intentions.

**13/175. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.**

a) Invitation from Cambridgeshire ACRE to attend their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 5.00pm at Cambridgeshire Golf & Conference Centre, Hutingdon when there will also be two community sessions.

The Chairman advised that he was attending this meeting and had already confirmed his attendance with Cambs ACRE and would be attending the community session on Neighbourhood Planning..

b) Invitation from Councillor Mayor, Chairman of FDC to a Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.  
Information noted by Councillors.

c) CAPALC Bulletin.  
Information noted by Councillors.

d) Letter from Connecting Cambridgeshire regarding super fast broadband.  
Information noted by Councillors.

e) Email From Cambridgeshire County Council advising of changes to the Norfolk Green Bus Services 46, 56 & 66.  
Information noted by Councillors.

### **13/176. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.**

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

Councillors reported that a lot of mud was being left on the road at the Exception Affordable Housing development site next to the Doctors.

An Anglian Water metal drain cover had been knocked over and was lying sideways near the footbridge along Fen Road.

Complaints had been received about the amount of straw on the footpath and road along Main Road.

The footpath outside Cannon House requires repairing and re-edging.

b) Letter from the County Council Road Safety Officer regarding the Swan bridge junction.

Councillors resolved to respond advising that the Parish Council have noted their letter and pointing out that it did not actually answer the questions raised.

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

The overhanging tree branches have been removed by the street light opposite Newlands Road but the street light outside Cannon House is still being obstructed by tree branches. A street light near to St Marks Church is on all of the time.

d) Update report on request for improvements to the Bellamy Bridge Junction.

The Chairman advised that this matter had been discussed at Wisbech St Mary's Parish Council Meeting and as Neil Band was now our Area Officer we are required to contact him.

e) Update report on installation of underground electricity cable along The Bank and damage caused to the village green by contractors carrying out the work.

The Clerk advised that due to some problems extra work was required involving the erection of an additional electricity pole on the edge of the footpath and village green near to the Bottle Bank. This work was due to commence any day and would take about 10 days. Network Power had confirmed in an email that they would reseed any grass areas damaged on the village green and the Clerk had met with the Project Manager on Monday on site to discuss this work. At this meeting they had also verbally agreed to compensate the Parish Council for the damage caused to the 5 new trees recently planted by the Street Pride Group outside Number 18 to 22 The Bank

### **13/177. Update report on Football Clubs request for permission to install concrete railings around the football pitch on the playing field.**

Councillor Cook confirmed that the Football Club had agreed to install UPVC removal railings and the suppliers provided blanking caps to cover the holes when the railings are removed. There would be no problems using a strimmer around the railings and caps. The Parish Council agreed to this proposal and requested a sketch plan of the football pitch showing exactly where the railings would be installed.

### **13/178. Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.**

Councillor Cook advised that Architects were drawing up reports and plans for the refurbishment of the Village Hall and also for a new building.

**13/179. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.**

Councillor Cook enquired if the Parish Plan Questionnaire Boxes had been put out. The Chairman advised that there had been a delay in preparing the Questionnaires but they would be ready for a Parish Plan Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September when it was hoped that volunteers would come forward to deliver the questionnaires.

Councillor Kraus enquired as to who paid for the grit/salt in the bins located in the Parish. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council purchase the bins but the grit/salt and all other equipment required is provided by the County Council.

**13/180. Any other business (information items only).**

Councillor Kraus advised that he had attended the training session as a volunteer to assist with the Winter Gritting scheme together with last years volunteer.

It was stated that the cycle rack outside the village hall was not visible at night and Councillor Cook agreed to raise this matter with the Amenities 95 Committee.

It would appear that problems were occurring with children going onto private lawns and gardens whilst waiting for the school bus along Main Road near to the Sealeys Lane junction.

The Council were advised that horses had recently been tethered up on the village green near to the Swan Inn. The Chairman advised that this was perhaps a Police matter but felt it was unlikely that they would attend when the offence was being committed.

**13/181. Dates for future Council meeting(s).**

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in The Cage

Meeting closed 9.15pm.