

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in The Cage on Wednesday 10th June 2015.

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

Mrs C Bates, Mrs P Williams, M Shelley, A Killingworth, J Philpott (FACT), PCSO Tess Morrison.

15/139. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Cook & Cllr S Bligh (FDC).

15/140. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.

There were no requests for dispensations.

15/141. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor Booth declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Items Numbered 15/153 a) and 15/153 e) as he is a member of both organisations.

15/142. Public Participation – to allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

Mr A Killingworth and Mr M Shelley presented proposed plans for the village hall to Councillors.

15/143. To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th May 2015.

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

15/144. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 20th May 2015 (Information only).

The Clerk advised that the grass cutting contractor had recently spoken to the complainant regarding grass cuttings being blown onto vehicles parked next to the village green along The Bank and the matter had now been resolved.

A letter had been sent to the Landlord of the Swan Inn regarding the use of the village green and the Chairman had also spoken to them. The Landlord had subsequently offered to cut the grass for the area adjoining the Swan Inn to keep it tidier.

15/145. Community Police Officers Report.

PCSO Morrison apologised for not attending recent meetings and providing monthly reports on crimes and incidences in the parish due to problems with her emails and staff illness. A report for this month advised of 4 crimes in the parish consisting of 1 criminal damage, 1 theft and 2 cases of arson. The Police had decided not to prosecute the motorist who knocked over the wooden post on the village green as it was not considered to be in the public interest. The Police suggested that we deal with the matter by making an Insurance claim but as our own Insurance Policy does not include damage to the posts this could only be done by making an insurance claim against the motorist.

15/146. To receive a presentation by a representative from Fenland Association of Community Transport.

Jo Philpott outlined the various services provided by FACT, handed out leaflets and agreed to provide some posters to promote the service.

The Chairman stated that he had been advised by residents that more transport was needed for visits to Kings Lynn and Peterborough. He also asked about the possibility of providing a shuttle service from Parson Drove and Murrow to Guyhirn to connect with the X1 Services. FACT agreed to look into this and discuss the idea with the County Council as they were currently reviewing public transport provision.

15/147. To consider nominations received for co-option onto the Parish Council and to agree on members to be co-opted.

The Clerk advised that two letters had been received from parishioners wishing to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council.

Councillors resolved to co-opt Mrs C Bates and Mrs P Williams onto the Parish Council with immediate effect and both new members completed their Acceptance of Office Declarations at the meeting.

15/148. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

District Councillor Booth advised that the new Street Trading Policy had been adopted by the District Council but he had requested that they look again at the rules for Ice Cream vans in view of complaints received about the levels and duration of the noise particularly in the evenings. A review was being undertaken regarding introducing car parking charges which could take nearly a year.

15/149. To appoint 3 Parish Council Representatives to serve on the John Bends United Charities as the 4 year term of office for Cllr's Booth, G Bellamy & P Everett has expired.

Councillors resolved to re-appoint Councillor Booth, to elect Councillor C Killingworth to replace P Everett and to approach Mrs G Bellamy to enquire if she wished to continue to be a Parish Council Representative on the Charity for a further 4 year term.

15/150. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) R Goy, Planning Application No. F/YR15/0373/PNCOU, Agent DLP Planning Limited, for agricultural barn conversion to residential use, land at Bridge Farm, Long Drove, Parson Drove.

Councillor Williams declared a Personal Interest in respect of this Agenda Item in view of her friendship with the applicant.

Councillors resolved to raise no objections to the application subject to a suitable flood haven being provided within the proposed development.

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

D Dye, Planning Application No. F/YR15/0259/F, Agent Alexandra Designs, for use of site for the temporary siting of a 3 bed roomed mobile home on land west of Daschside Cottage, Seadyke Bank, Murrow.

Information noted by Councillors.

c) Notification from Fenland District Council that the following Planning Application has been approved.

P Humphrey, Planning Application No. F/YR15/0223/F, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates, for the formation of a new vehicular access to existing field on land east of Dragonfly Cottage, Seadyke Bank, Murrow.

Information noted by Councillors.

15/151. Accounts & Finance.

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

Mrs Y Reader, Clerks monthly salary & expenses, £487.50. L.G.A. 1972 s 112

b) Request from East Anglia's Children's Hospice for a grant/donation.

Councillors resolved to refuse this application as it was agreed that the limited funds available should be used to support local groups and organisations.

c) To receive and approve a Receipts & Payments Report, Bank Reconciliation Report and Budget Update Report.

Councillors resolved to approve the reports presented with no issues arising from the reports.

15/152. Report on progress from the working group on Neighbourhood Planning.

The Chairman advised that A Kraus had resigned from the working group and a new Chairman would have to be appointed at the next meeting. The questionnaire was being amended following comments received from the District Council but this should be ready for distribution very shortly.

15/153. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

a) Letter of thanks from Parson Drove Off Street Youth Club for the grant of £500.

Noted by Councillors.

b) Email from N Bowditch, Storm Bay Developments Limited regarding the erection of a dwelling on land south west of the Swan Inn and requesting the Council's agreement for Anglian Water to install a water supply under the access track from Murrow Bank to the building plot.

Councillors resolved not to grant permission for the route requested as it was considered that the access track could be difficult to reinstate satisfactorily. Councillors proposed to suggest that the water main be laid behind the Cage to the rear of the building plot as this was a more direct route. Councillors also resolved to request that the grass be reinstated and a payment of £500 made to the Parish Council to cover any future maintenance issues that may arise.

c) Letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission advising of a public consultation until the 6th July for new electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council.

Councillors resolved to respond stating that they considered the District Wards should not be split. The proposal of Waldersey being combined with March North would result in the area being too big therefore March North should be one smaller ward with one County Councillor. The District Council Ward of Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary should be combined with Roman Bank District Ward with one County Councillor as the Parish Councils in these areas work together and there are historical connections with Leverington. The geographical boundaries should be taken into account with regards to the A47 and the river Nene.

d) Email from Cambridgeshire County Council advising of changes to bus services following licences being revoked by the Traffic Commissioner.
Information noted.

e) Invitation from North Level District Internal Drainage Board for two Councillors to attend a day visit on Wednesday 14th October, starting at 9.30am at the Thorney Offices.
Councillors resolved that Councillors J Hunt & C Bates should attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

15/154. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.

a) Highway issues to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.
Councillor Hunt advised that only 6 of the 16 pot holes had been repaired and the Clerk was asked to raise this again with the County Council.

The Chairman advised that some work was being completed at the top of John Bends Way presumably by the developers in order to bring the road up to an acceptable standard for adoption by the County Council.

The Clerk was requested to report over grown hedges outside The Limes and The Old Farmhouse, Main Road, as these were obstructing the footpath.

Also to report the Hawthorn hedging and bushes from Elbow Lane to Highside as they were obstructing the highway and the hedge along Murrow Bank.

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

The Chairman advised that the street light outside St Marks Church was obscured by Ivy and did not look very safe.

15/155. Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Mr Killingworth and Mr Shelley had presented a proposed plan for a new village hall which was being considered during public participation for the Councils comments. The Amenities Committee had not obtained any quotations for the costs at present but the plans had been drawn up free of charge. A special meeting was being held on the 23rd July at 7.30pm to try and obtain more residents to join the Amenities 95 Committee.

15/156. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

There were no questions from Councillors.

15/157. Any other business (information items only).

It was reported that the music at the recent event held at the Swan Inn was very loud and some Councillors had received complaints about this and the fireworks that were also let off late at night.

15/158. To confirm dates for future Council meetings for 2015.

Members were reminded of the annual inspection of the assets and gardens and allotments of Wednesday 17th June.

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 8th July at 7.00pm in The Cage.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm