

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in The Cage on Wednesday 8th July 2015.

Attended by Councillors G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), C Bates, J Cook, J Hunt. Cllrs C Killingworth & P Williams arrived late.

15/159. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from PCSO T Morrison.

15/160. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.

There were no requests for dispensations from Councillors.

15/161. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Councillor Cook declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 15/175 as he is a Committee Member & Officer of the Amenities 95 Committee.

Councillor Williams declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item Number 15/168 a) as she resides close to the location of the proposed development.

15/162. Public Participation – to allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

There were no members of the public present.

15/163. Presentation on behalf of Parson Drove Youth Football Club requesting funding from the Parish Council.

The representative from the Youth Football Club did not attend the meeting as previously indicated.

15/164. To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th June 2015.

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

15/165. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 10th June 2015 (Information only).

The Clerk advised that Mrs G Bellamy had indicated that she wished to continue as a representative of the Parish Council on the John Bends United Charities for a further 4 year term of office.

15/166. Community Police Officers Report.

No report had been received from the Police.

15/167. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

An email had been received from District Councillor Bligh informing the Parish Council of her views on the proposed boundary changes for County Councillors.

15/168. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) A Dixon, Planning Application No. F/YR15/0454/F, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd, for the erection of two 2 storey 5 bedroomed dwellings with integral garage for plot 1 and detached double garage for plot 2 on land west of 338 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to object to the application as it was considered to be over development of the site and not in keeping with the street scene of Church End, concerns were also expressed regarding highway safety issues.

b) Mr Woolcott, Planning Application No. F/YR15/0482/F, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd., for the erection of a 2 storey 4 bedroomed dwelling with integral garage involving the demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding at Rupen, Long Drove, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to object to the application as it was considered to be development in the open countryside, not related to agriculture and out of scale compared to the existing mobile home.

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

T Jarvis, Planning Application No. F/YR15/0309/PNCOU, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd., for change of use of agricultural buildings to a 2 bed dwelling and workshop at the barns on land west of Carousel, 117 Back Road, Murrow.

Information noted by Councillors.

15/169. Accounts & Finance.

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

Mrs Y Reader, Clerks monthly salary & expenses, £497.05. L.G.A. 1972 s.112.

EON, electricity for The Cage, £59.41. L.G.A. s 133.

b) Income received since last meeting.

Fenland District Council, Recycling Credits for 2014/2015, £16.58.

Cambridgeshire County Council, roadside grass verge cutting grant, £656.11.

Information noted by Councillors.

15/170. Report on progress from the working group on Neighbourhood Planning.

The Chairman advised that the questionnaire was nearly completed and would hopefully be distributed during August.

15/171. To consider requesting the removal of the Recycling/Bottle Banks on the village green.

Councillors discussed the problems associated with the rubbish and erosion of the grass in relation to the bottle banks and decided to obtain more information on how much income the bottle banks actually generated for the parish before reaching a decision.

15/172. Risk Assessment

a) To consider issues resulting from the annual inspection of the Council's Assets.

There were various areas requiring attention following the annual inspection of the assets as follows:-

1. Repairing and repainting the Cage front wooden doors.
2. Replace missing and broken slates on the Cage roof.
3. Refurbishment of the Parish Council Notice Board.
4. Cleaning of the War Memorial books and repairs to the concrete path.

b) To consider any issues resulting from the annual inspection of the Garden Allotments and the Fen Allotments.

There were no issues resulting from the annual inspection of the Garden Allotments and Fen Allotments other than to monitor the maintenance of Garden Allotments numbered 7A and 12 & 13 and Fen Allotments numbered 1,2,6,7 and 8 for the time being.

c) Annual inspection of trees on the village green and complaints received from residents.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the annual inspection of the trees had been arranged for Friday 16th July when the complaints by residents would be looked at.

15/173. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

a) Email from N Bowditch, Storm Bay Developments Limited regarding the erection of a dwelling on land south west of the Swan Inn requesting the Council's agreement for Anglian Water to install a water supply and the positioning of the storage container.

The Parish Council's request for a payment of £500 from the developer towards future maintenance issues relating to the installation of the water supply had been refused. The Parish Council's suggested location of the water supply was being considered by Anglia Water and the Clerk was requested to ascertain the proposed location of the water metre and stop cock. The Clerk had requested that the storage container be removed from its current location as it was positioned on the Parish Council's land used for the Cage parking but to date this had not been done by the developer.

b) Letter from Lee Bolton Monier-Williams Solicitors advising that the land registry have now completed the transfer of ownership for the land to extend the churchyard. Information noted by Councillors who agreed that the next step was to apply to the District Council for planning permission for change of use.

c) Email with up- date on the progress of the Wryde Croft Wind Farm.

Information noted by Councillors.

15/174. Street Lighting & Highway Matters.

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

The Clerk was requested to report pot holes at Marshalls Bank, Sealeys Lane, near Clough Bridge and down Silvers Lane.

Concern was expressed about the trees planted in front of John Peck Close being too close to the highway and future problems with obstruction of vision when leaving the Doctors Surgery.

The location of the Doctors Surgery signs was also discussed as it was considered that these were positioned too close to the surgery.

b) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council Highways regarding Back Road, Murrow. Councillors resolved to press the District Council for a response to our letter sent in May before a joint meeting could be arranged.

c) Request from a parishioner for a vehicle weight restriction limit for Main Road, Parson Drove.

The Clerk had obtained information from the County Council's website on the required criteria for a weight restriction for Councillors information. Councillors resolved to approach North Level Internal Drainage Board to enquire if they are encountering any problems with Clough Bridge due to heavy Lorries. In view of the speed some Lorries travel it was also agreed to ask the Police to carry out more speed enforcement in the parish.

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

The Clerk was requested to report again the faulty street light near the bus shelter and outside St Marks Church.

15/175. Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Councillor Cook advised that the new village hall was now at the pre-planning application stage.

15/176. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

Councillor Hunt asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the parish's 7 public byways as some appeared to receive no attention. The Clerk advised that the maintenance was the responsibility of the County Council but this had been reduced in the last few years. It was agreed for enquiries to be made with the County Council on their current maintenance policy.

Councillor Bates enquired if there was any progress on the provision of a footpath along Sealeys Lane. The Chairman advised that this scheme was on the reserved list for the Local Minor Highways scheme but may not be progressed until towards the end of the financial year 2015/16 if at all.

15/177. Any other business (information items only).

There were no items raised by Councillors.

The Clerk advised that a site meeting had been arranged with Elgood & Sons Ltd on the 14th July to discuss improvements to the car parking facilities around the Swan Inn.

15/178. To confirm dates for future Council meetings for 2015.

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 12th August 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm