

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in St Marks Church on Wednesday 26th April 2017.

Attended by Councillors G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), J Cook, J Hunt, C Killingworth, D Markillie & P Williams.
Fenland District Councillor S King Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs.
2 members of the public.

17/85. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received.

17/86. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.

There were no requests by Councillors for a Dispensation.

17/87. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

There were no declarations of interest by Councillors.

17/88. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) L Vincent, Planning Application No F/YR17/0302/TRCA, No Agent, for works to 24 Lime Trees, 2 Yew Trees, 1 Elder Tree, 1 Plane Tree, 1 Apple Tree and a mixed hedge of Elder & Hawthorne, within a Conservation Area at The Limes, 4 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to respond advising that they would like their concern noted regarding the extent of the work already done and planned to be completed to the trees and the visual impact this will have but would leave the decision to the expertise of the Tree Officers.

b) Notification from Fenland District Council that the following Planning Applications have been approved.

P Boreman, Planning Application No. F/YR17/0012/F, Agent Morton Hall Ltd, for the erection of a part 2 storey, part single storey 5 bed dwelling involving the demolition of existing barns on land north of 23 and 27 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

R Goy, Planning, Application No F/YR17/0166/TRCA, for works to 5 Lime trees in a Conservation Area, Southea Emmanuel Church, 37 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

17/89. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

a) Email from the Landlord of the Swan Inn requesting permission to use the village green on the 28th May for a Bouncy Castle and Fun Day.

Councillors resolved to grant permission for the use of the village green on the 28th May subject to the Landlord ensuring that he had adequate Public Liability Insurance to cover this event. Councillors also resolved for the Clerk to give permission for any future requests without referring the matter to the Council.

b) Email from Cambridgeshire ACRE advising of a competition to find Britain's Best Village with a prize of £10,000. Closing date for entries on the 14th May 2017.

Councillors resolved to enter this competition and Cllr Cook agreed to complete the application and be the contact person for any further information required.

c) Email from a tenant advising that he will be unable to maintain his allotment for 3 months due to a problem with his knee and enquiring if he will have to vacate his allotment garden and re-apply when he has recovered.

Councillors resolved by a majority vote to allow the tenant to retain the tenancy as it was expected that he would be able to resume the maintenance of the garden allotment by early July.

17/89. Any other business (information items only).

At the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting availability of grant funding from the French Farm Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund was discussed. The Alderman Payne Primary School, Parson Drove Street Pride Group and possibly the Parochial Church Council would be making applications for grant funding. Applicants required a letter of support for their projects from the Parish Council. Councillors resolved for a letter of support to be sent to the Alderman Payne Primary School for their School Bus Library project, Street Pride Group for summer flowering plants and the Parochial Church Council for a children's 3 day holiday club.

Cllr S King gave an update report on the position regarding Parish Street Lights advising that the maintenance contract with Balfour Beatty had been withdrawn from the District Council so there was currently no maintenance contract in place. An alternative provider should be in place by the end of May but in the meantime any street light faults should be reported to the District Council's Assets & Projects department.

The Chairman advised that the District Council had received many letters regarding the proposed Travellers Site at Sealeys Lane. It would appear that if the size of the site was reduced then the main gas pipe would not be an issue.

FDC S King also advised that he had discussed this application with the Traveller Liaison Officer at the District Council who had indicated that insufficient traveller evidence had been provided with the application and this would be required before the application could be determined. It was being suggested that the application be withdrawn or a time extension agreed for the applicant to provide additional information. The Chairman did not therefore expect the application to be decided in May as first anticipated.

The Chairman and Cllr J Hunt had inspected the chevron on the bend at Highside and considered that an extra chevron would be advantageous as the existing chevron only went three quarters of the way round the tight bend. Councillors resolved to request the County Council Highways department install another chevron.

Cllr Spriggs advised that the railings on the top of Swan Bridge had been recently damaged.

17/90. Dates for future Council meetings.

The next meeting was confirmed for the 10th May at 7.00pm in The Cage.

Meeting closed 8.45pm.