

## **Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in the Cage on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Attended by Councillors G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), J Hunt, C Killingworth, D Markillie & P Williams  
Cllr S King (CCC), and 4 members of the public.

### **18/1. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received due to illness and accepted from Cllr J Cook.  
The Chairman proposed that the Council approve long term leave of absence for Cllr Cook in view of his ill health and this was unanimously agreed by Councillors.

### **18/2. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.**

There were no requests from Councillors for Dispensations.

### **18/3. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.**

Cllr Spriggs declared a Prejudicial Interest in respect of Agenda Item No18/9 b) and took no part in the discussions or decision on this Agenda Item. Reason for declaration of Interest was because he rents land from the applicant.

Cllr Killingworth declared a Prejudicial Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 18/9 a) and took no part in the discussions or decision on the Agenda Item. Reason for declaration of Interest was because her daughter is related to the applicant.

Cllr Hunt declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 18/14 as he is a member of the Amenities 95 Management Committee.

### **18/4. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.**

A new resident at the meeting kindly offered to assist with the maintenance of the War Memorial.

The raised Anglian Water manhole cover at the top of the Riverside Gardens Allotments roadway was reported by a parishioner at the meeting.

### **18/5. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

The minutes were taken as read and agreed as a true record after inserting the Councils approval for payment of the Anglian Water Business Invoice for £13.32 omitted on Page 1312, Minute Number 17/235 a).

### **18/6. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. (Information only).**

The Chairman advised that he would be attending the LHI Bids Panel Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January for our applications for an extension to the footpath at Sealeys Lane and improvements to the Bellamy Bridge junction.

### **18/7. Community Police Officers Report.**

The Clerk advised that no report had been received as PCSO Helen Norton-Smith was on leave.

**18/8. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.**

County Councillor King informed the Council that Gorefield Parish Council were wanting to purchase a mobile Flashing Speed Sign but as the cost of this was £3,000 asked if Parson Drove Parish Council would be interested in joining with Gorefield to purchase and operate this. Volunteers would be needed to move the equipment from one location to another.

District Councillor Booth reported that he had attended the last District Council Meeting when the Housing Benefit Scheme had been approved. The recent Planning Inspectorate ruling regarding the short fall in the District Council's 5 year housing supply plan was raising some concerns but as the short fall was only minimal should not result in a major problem.

**18/9. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.**

a) Mr L Allen, Planning Application No. F/YR17/1122/F, Agent David Broker Design Services, erection of a 3 storey 6 bed dwelling with detached garage on land west of 117 Back Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to object to this application as a 3 storey dwelling was not in keeping with the area, there was insufficient off road parking provision for a 6 bed dwelling and the lack of infrastructure along Back Road Murrow due to the inadequate width of the road, lack of footpaths and street lighting.

b) Mr G Patrick, Planning Application No F/YR17/1161/F, Agent Alexandra Design, erection of a two storey 2 bed dwelling on land west of Rosewood, Seadyke Bank, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to object to this application as it was considered to be over development of the site as the plot was very small.

c) Mr A Gray, Planning Application No. F/YR17/1232/F, Agent Alexandra Design, change of use of land for domestic purposes & siting of 2 two bed single storey log cabins at Woodland, Seadyke Bank, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to support this application subject to a condition being imposed restricting the log cabins to being ancillary to the dwelling of Woodlands.

d) Notification that the following Planning Applications have been approved.

R Goy, Planning Application No. F/YR17/0957/F, Agent Acorus Rural Property Services, for the erection of a 7.15m high Grain Store at Fen Farm, Long Drove, Parson Drove.

R Goy, Planning Application No. F/YR17/0958/F, Agent Acorus Rural Property Services, for the erection of a 6.915m high Hay Store at Fen Farm, Long Drove, Parson Drove.

Mr & Mrs Geoghegan, Planning Application No. F/YR17/1053/F, Agent David Broker Design Services, for the erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 261 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Mr B Vasey, Planning Application No. F/YR17/0124/VOC, Agent David Broker Design Services, for variation of condition 10 for Plot 3 relating to Planning Permission F/YR16/1012/F erection of 4 two storey 3 bed dwellings) to amend shape & design of dwelling on plot 3 including change from 2 storey to single storey land north of 9 Riverside Gardens, Parson Drove.

FC Parson Drove, Planning Application No. F/YR17/0962/F, Agent Inspire Architecture, for the erection of 6 x 15m high floodlights on the Playing Field, Main Road, Parson Drove.

Mr Sharman, Planning Application No. F/YR17/0756/F for the erection of a single storey 2 bed dwelling with a single storey 1 bed annex attached & detached timber garden shed for use as temporary living accommodation (part retrospective) land north east of Avondale, Fen Road, fronting Swan Gardens, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

e) Pre-application consultation by G Patrick & Sons on use of land opposite Cannon House, Seadyke Bank, Murrow.

The applicant wished to use this area of land for some form of development or use and enquired as to what kind of development or use the Parish Council would support.

Councillors felt that as the site was some way from the centre of the village of Murrow it was not considered to be acceptable for a private dwellings but could perhaps be used for light industrial use or a dwelling with associated workshop. However it was considered that perhaps it would be difficult for this site to comply with the current District Council's Planning Policies.

#### **18/10. Accounts & Finance**

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following invoices for payment.

Mrs Yvonne Reader, 1 months' salary & expenses, £511.95. L.G.A. 1972 s112.

Smiths of Derby, annual Cage Clock service, £235.20. P.C.A. 1957 s2.

T A Blackamore Ltd., annual grounds maintenance & grass cutting £3,704.66. O.S.A. 1906.

D A Pest Control, annual contract for moles treatments, £350.O.S.A 1906.

b) Letter from Fenland District Council requesting the Parish Council's Precept Form by the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and advising that 2018/2019 would be the last year that a Council Tax Support Grant would be given amounting to the reduced amount of £617.

Information noted by Councillors.

c) Notification of the External Auditor Appointments for 2017/2018 and the estimated audit fees from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd,

Information noted by Councillors.

d) Quotations received from Smiths of Derby for an automatic winding device to be fitted to the clock in the Cage.

In view of the high cost of approximately £4,500 it was resolved by Councillors that this item of expenditure could not be funded from the Precept but for the Clerk to look into obtaining a grant from the Wryde Croft Wind Farm Community Fund Scheme.

#### **18/11. Report on progress from the working group on Neighbourhood Planning and to consider the revised Planning Policies.**

The Chairman advised that the revised Planning Policies had not yet been finalised but would soon be ready for the next stage.

**18/12. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.**

a) Letter from Bowsers, Solicitors advising of the estimated costs to rectify the error regarding the registration of the village green with the Land Registry.  
Councillors resolved to accept the estimate of £245 for rectification of the error and instruct Bowsers to proceed.

b) Email from M Brooks Cambridgeshire Police regarding setting up a Speedwatch scheme in conjunction with Tydd Gote and Tydd St Giles.  
Councillors resolved to accept the offer and arrange the required training sessions for the volunteers.

**18/13. Highway & Street Lighting Matters.**

Highway issues to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.

Cllr Spriggs advised that despite initially being impressed with the recent resurfacing of Silvers Lane his opinion has since changed due to the road surface cracking and numerous pot holes appearing.

Pot holes were also reported along Long Drove and Black Drove.

Following the recent resurfacing of Seadyke Bank the road side verges had been reinstated with earth which was inadequate as large vehicles were sinking into the earth and this had resulted in a lorry going off the road.

Councillors reported a loose Anglian Water cover in the road at Fen Road.

b) To report any faulty Streetlights.

Councillors reported two faulty street lights one near to St Johns Church, Church End and the other outside the Mulberries, 23 Main Road.

**18/14. Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.**

The Chairman reported that a meeting had taken place with a representative from the Big Lottery the previous week when some revisions were requested by the 31<sup>st</sup> January but he was hopeful that the grant application would be successful. A decision should be received towards the end of February.

Cllr Killingworth advised that a Defibrillator would shortly be installed on the outside of the Pavilion on the Playing Field.

**18/15. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.**

There were no questions raised by Councillors.

**18/16. Any other business (information items only).**

There were no items raised by Councillors.

**18/17. Dates for future Council meetings.**

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in The Cage to agree and set the Budget and Precept for 2018/2019.

The next normal monthly Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February in The Cage starting at a later time of 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.