

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in the Cage on Wednesday 11th July 2018.

Attended by Councillors: G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), J Hunt, M Hammond, C Killingworth, G Watson & P Williams.
Cambridgeshire County Councillor S King.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillors M Hammond and G Watson.

18/124. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from District Councillor S Bligh.

18/125. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.

There were no requests from Councillors for a Dispensation.

18/126. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Cllr Hunt declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 18/137 as he is a member of the Amenities 95 Committee.

Cllr Hammond declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 18/137 as he is a member of the Amenities 95 Committee.

Cllr Killingworth declared a Prejudicial Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 18/137 as she is an Officer on the Amenities 95 Committee.

The Chairman declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 18/137 as he has been assisting the Amenities 95 Committee with their grant applications.

The Chairman declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 18/132 c) as he has already indicated his support for this Planning Application as a District Councillor and therefore did not chair the meeting for this Agenda Item or take part in the discussions and voting.

Cllr Spriggs declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 18/132 c) as he rents farm land from the applicant.

18/127. 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 at the meeting.

18/128. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 2018.

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

18/129. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 13th June 2018. (Information only)

The Clerk advised that she had not received any response from the notice on the website asking for resident's views on the location of another Defibrillator in the village.

Cllr Spriggs raised that the reported over grown Hawthorn bushes had been incorrectly located by the Highways Department and needed to be reported again clarifying the correct location.

18/130. a) Community Police Officers Report.

An email had been received advising that in future the monthly reports would be a single report covering the whole of Wisbech and rural villages. The monthly report received for June did not identify any crimes or incidences in Parson Drove.

b) Report back on Speedwatch Training 30th June 10.30am.

The Chairman advised that the speedwatch training had been completed by volunteers, the equipment was being stored in the Cage and the first session would be held along Front Road and Back Road, Murrow next week.

18/131. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

District Councillor Booth advised that there was a District Council Meeting next week. The Planning Review would be starting next month.

County Councillor King advised that Silvers Lane repairs should be completed by the end of August but he would still pursue what went wrong with the original resurfacing after the work is completed.

Cllr King had tried to get the County Council to agree to fund the additional costs for the footpath extension along Sealeys Lane but without success. The Officers were still pressing for the scheme to be withdrawn under the Local Minor Highways and re-submitted under the 5 year Transport Plan. Councillors reiterated their objections to this suggestion and therefore Cllr King agreed to continue to press the County Council to agree to cover the funding shortfall.

Cllr King was still trying to arrange for a site meeting to be held with County Council Highways Officers to discuss the Swan Bridge junction.

18/132. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) Mrs Lee, Planning Application No F/YR18/0530/F, Agent Peter Humphrey Associates Ltd, formation of a vehicular access & tarmac drive on land north of 305 – 307 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to object to the application as the proposal was considered to be too close to the Listed Building resulting in a detrimental impact on the area and character of the building.

b) C Hopper, Planning Application No F/YR18/0561/F, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd., erection of 2 two storey 3 bed dwellings with detached double garage on plot 2 North of 15 -27 Mill Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved by a majority vote to object to the application on the grounds that the proposal would result in over development of the site, was not in keeping with surrounding properties and provides inadequate parking provision.

c) G Patrick, Planning Application No F/YR18/0568/F, Agent Alexandra Design, erection of 5 industrial buildings (B1) & Offices & 1.8 metres high fencing on land east of The Haven, Seadyke Bank, Murrow.

Vice Chairman Cllr P Spriggs chaired the meeting for this Agenda Item.

Councillors resolved to support the application.

d) Notification from Fenland District Council that the following Planning Application has been withdrawn.

Mr Yates, Parson Drove Developments Ltd, Planning Application No.F/YR18/0400/F, erection of 4 single storey 3 bed dwellings including 2 dwellings with detached garages & 2 dwellings with attached garages, & formation of an agricultural access adjacent to 27 The Bank, dwellings on land east of and to the rear of 23 to 28 The Bank, Parson Drove. Information noted by Councillors.

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

R. Goy, Planning Application No F/YR18/0403/O, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture, erection of up to 3 dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) on land east of 267 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove. Information noted by Councillors.

18/133. Accounts & Finance

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

Mrs Yvonne Reader, 1 months' salary & expenses, £528.30.L.G.A. 1972 s112.

b) To receive and approve a Receipts & Payments Bank Reconciliation Report and Budget Up-date Report.

Councillors resolved to approve the reports presented by the Clerk, with no issues arising.

18/134. Report on progress from the working group on Neighbourhood Planning Policies.

The Chairman advised that he and Mr Britt had met with the Neighbourhood Planning Officer and there were again some minor adjustments to be made to the Planning Policies but it had now been confirmed that Affordable Housing on Exception Sites can be included. Once the final adjustments have been made the plan will go out for a 6 week public consultation period.

18/135. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

a) Email from Doddington Parish Council regarding training for new Councillors.

Cllr's Hunt, Hammond and Watson indicated that they wished to attend the training.

18/136. Centenary Celebrations.

There had been no progress since the last meeting.

18/137. Amenities 95 Management Committee report & to approve the signing of the Deed of Dedication for the Lottery grant for the refurbishment of the village hall.

Cllr Hunt advised that CCTV cameras were being installed in view of the increase in vandalism. The waste collection contract was being changed from BIFFA to the District Council to save on costs. There had been a good response on Social Media regarding Tennis and Basketball clubs. A Craft Fair and Table Top Sale was being organised for the future. Councillors resolved for the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Deed of Dedication for the Lottery Grant for the refurbishment of the village hall.

18/138. Highway & Street Lighting Matters.

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

An email had been received from the Highways Agency advising of impending work to be completed at the A47 roundabout at Guyhirn.

Cllr Watson offered to clean some of the road signs in the village.

b) Up-date report on the Local Highways Improvement scheme for 2017/2018 for the extension of the footpath along Sealeys Lane.

Cllr King had given an up-date on this matter during his County Councillor report.

c) Up-date report on meeting with Fenland District Council regarding the terms, conditions and cost of the street lighting maintenance contract for the Parish Council to consider and approve if they wish to remain within the District Councils maintenance contract.

The Chairman attended a joint meeting with representatives from other Parish Councils and Officers from the District Council when those present raised why Parish Councils should have to pay for the energy and maintenance of Parish Street Lights when they had not been required to do so before. The District Councils estimated costs were based on previous data which in our opinion was not correct. The cost per column for electricity was confirmed as being correct at £30.57 per column and the invoice would be raised at the end of the year. The District Council were also stating that they would not now pay for the independent surveys some Parish Councils had completed. 4 Parish Councils had already decided not to participate in the District Council's scheme and were arranging their own contract. Councillors resolved to wait for the maintenance quotation requested from Electrical Testing Company before making a final decision.

d) To report any faulty Streetlights.

There were no new faulty street lights reported.

18/139. Future use of the North Level Internal Drainage Board riverbank from Swan Bridge along Murrow Bank to Murrow.

Councillors resolved to defer this Agenda item to the next meeting.

18/140. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

There were no questions raised by Councillors

18/141. Any other business (information items only).

Cllr Watson raised the matter of moles on the village green and the Clerk advised that she would draw this to the attention of the pest control contractor.

The Chairman advised that the Enforcement Officer had been informed about concerns raised by residents over the proposed caravan site at Sealeys Lane and the Enforcement Officer was monitoring the situation.

18/142. Dates for future Council meetings.

Councillors were reminded of the meeting on the 1st August at 7.30 to carry out the annual inspection of assets. The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 8th August at 7.00pm in The Cage.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.