

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in the Cage on Wednesday 11th December 2019

Attended by Councillors: G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), R Fowler, J Hunt, G Watson, C Killingworth and P Williams.
E Murat (Clerk) and Y Reader (outgoing Clerk).
plus 4 members of the public.

19/218. To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr C. Killingworth, Cambridgeshire County Councillor S. King. Fenland District Councillor S Bligh,

19/219. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.

None requested

19/220. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

G Booth and J Hunt (19/232) – Personal interest

G Booth 19/262 – Governor of school

G Booth 19/228 – Allotment tenant

P Williams 19/228 (b) – Church warden

R.Fowler – 19/226 (c) - Prejudicial

C Killingworth – School Governor, Sec. Amenities 95, and item 19/226 (a) 3.

19/221. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

1. Alex Patrick as agent for Alexander Design circulated new drawings and plans relevant to item 19/226, together with CCC Highways correspondence . Luke Patrick asked members to consider 'swopping' parcels of land for the Village Green to facilitate the development.

Members noted their submission to be considered in conjunction with the Planning Application.

2. A detailed report from the Community Speed Watch co-ordinator was read out to Councillors.

19/222. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November 2019.

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

19/223. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 13th November 2019. (Information only)

The Chairman has now agreed the date for his presentation on behalf of Parson Drove **Parish Council for next year's Minor Highways Bid.**

19/224. Community Police Officers Report.

It was noted that this was a generic report focussed on Wisbech and there were no Parson Drove specific items in the report.

19/225. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

Cllr S King CCC sent the following report with his apologies for being unable to attend.

Zebra Crossing: At the last meeting of the Highways & Infrastructure Committee on 4/12, I raised the issue of the £500 charge with senior officers and I was assured it was not intended to apply to preliminary discussions. As soon as I have more information, I will be in touch.

Bellamy's Bridge etc. This work is now completed.

Drain on Main Rd in front of the Methodist Chapel: I have requested that this is investigated further.

High Side Hedges: The owners have been written to.

Hedges at The Limes, Main Rd, Parson Drove: The owners have been written to.

Laurels in the Dyke on Silvers Ln: I have requested that the owners be written to.

Hedge on Fen Rd opposite the Telephone Exchange: BT have been written to and have agreed to cut it back. If it still has not been done a further letter must be sent before CCC can cut it and invoice BT

White lines on Fen Rd at Bridge Rd: Could you clarify if these are lines marking the junction or 'no overtaking' lines in the middle of the road?

Clarification was given by Cllr Spriggs - CCC has put a temporary black and White arrow sign on a temporary board at the Swan Bridge junction.

It was noted that the FDC meeting had been cancelled due to Purdah.

19/226. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) Planning Application for consideration.

1. Mr R Yates, Parson Drove Developments, Planning Application No. F/YR19/00758/F, Agent Alexandra Design, revised proposals for the erection of 10 dwellings consisting of 1 one bed, 2 storey, 1 two bed single storey with garage, 4 two bed 2 storey with garages and 4 three bed 2 storey with garages involving the demolition of 27 The Bank on land east of 14 – 27 The Bank, Parson Drove.

On a simple majority members agreed to refuse the application on the same grounds as the previous application on the site.

3. The Rowell Family, Planning Application No F/YR19/0971/O, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Services, erection of 5 dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) on land east of the Silverings, 114 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Members agreed to recommend approval on previous grounds.

4. Alderman Payne Primary School, Planning Application No. F/YR19/0993/TRCA, fell a Crab Apple tree within a Conservation Area at Alderman Payne Primary School, 9 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Members agreed to recommend approval subject to the tree officers report.

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

Mr & Mrs Ring, Planning Application No. F/YR19/0850/F, No Agent, conversion of existing

garage to living accommodation involving the replacement of the garage door with a window and the erection of a carport to the side of the existing dwelling at 98 Main Road, Parson Drove.

Noted

c) To consider proposed Development Area Boundary for Parson Drove and Church End for the District Councils Consultation on the Local Plan 2019 – 2040.

Cllr Fowler declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. It was noted that this item was deferred from the last meeting, and the following locations were agreed to submit as potential future Development Area Boundary sites:

- 1. Both sides of Sealy's Lane from Main Road to No 1.**
- 2. Field and Roadside frontage beside John Bend's Way. The gap on the corner of Main Road and John Bend's Way, and the field and garden near public walkway. (G Booth declared his interest and did not participate in discussion or decision).**
- 3. Bosworth Farm, Main Road, opposite Newlands Road.**
- 4. Plot of land opposite the school and next to the Limes, adjoin plot to Springfields.**
- 5. The field along Main Road opposite the Village Hall.**
- 6. Brownfield site in Church End.**

Cllr. R Fowler was recalled to the meeting.

19/227. Highway & Street Lighting Matters.

- a) Highway issues to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.
 1. Letter to be sent to CCC once again highlighting the traffic issues and the need for action on and around Swan Bridge - to include replacement of metal barriers and the rationalisation of the lighting to make it more effective.
 2. Letter to be sent ref: subsidence on road approaching Clough Bridge.
- b) The Email from County Council Highways was noted advising that due to their dissatisfaction with some of the re-surfacing work completed at the end of Main Road, Parson Drove, Highside and Leverington Common the contractors will be back to carry out remedial work to rectify the defects. This will result in a further road closure with dates and times to be advised in due course.
 - b) To report any faulty Streetlights.
 1. Elbow Lane No. PC1 – cover is not secured.
 2. PC3 and adjoining lamp are both not working.
 - c) To consider installing an additional street light lamp on Swan Bridge.

This item refers to issues discussed at 19/227. Members agreed that the most effective solution to be recommended is to have two lamps facing in appropriate directions to illuminate both ways.

d) To consider and agree on proposed locations for the mobile activated speed sign.

1. Near Alderman Payne School
2. Halfway along Village Green on Murrow Bank.
3. Along Fen Road
4. Along Village Green opposite the butchers.

19/228. Accounts & Finance

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

In accordance with L.G.A 1972 s 112. Clerks & Councils Direct L.G.A. 1972

Mrs Yvonne Reader, 1 months' salary & expenses, £569.78. (S.112)

Mr E Murat, November net salary, £379.33 (s.111)

HMRC, November PAYE, Mr Murat, £94.83. (s,112)

Mr E Murat, expenses claim, £155.43. Includes reimbursement for the purchase of 2 filing cabinets, costing £95.98.(s.111)

EON, electricity for The Cage, £12.26. (s.111)

Clerks & Councils Direct, annual membership renewal fee, £12.(s.143)

T A Blackamore Ltd., annual grounds maintenance contract, £4,093.46. (s.111)

Anglian Water Business Ltd., water rates for The Cage, £12.20. (s.111)

Konica Minolta Business Solutions, quarterly photocopier rental & copy charges £84.82. (s.111)

Society of Local Council Clerks, membership renewal fee, £109. (s.143)

K J Isaaks T/A Smartwheelie Co, Speed Limit stickers, £500. (s.111)

Members approved the above cheques for payment which were signed by two of the signatories.

b) Request from Parochial Church Council for the annual maintenance of the Churchyard grant. Cllr P Williams did not participate in the discussion or the decision.

It was agreed to provide grant support of £650

c) To report on the collection of the outstanding rents for the Riverside Garden Allotments.

Members noted that these had all been collected and banked.

19/229. Up-date on Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Members noted that FDC had made all the amendments proposed and the plan was now ready for uploading onto FDCs system.

19/230. To Review and re-adopt the Risk assessment for Parish Council Assets.

It was agreed to accept and adopt the Risk Assessments for 12 months.

19/231. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

- a) Letter from the Silvers Surfers group thanking the Parish Council for the donation of £50 towards the refreshment for the Scam Awareness Day being held in January 2020.

Noted

- b) Letter of thanks from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the £50 grant/donation.

Noted

- c) Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council advising of the consultation on their Climate Change & Environmental Strategy and Action Plan from the 20th December 2019 to 31st January 2020.

Cllrs were advised to study CCC's web-site on climate change etc.

- d) Email from Fenland District Council advising that they will be holding a briefing for Town and Parish Councils on Thursday 13 February 2020 at 4.00pm in the Council Chamber at Fenland Hall regarding Operation London Bridge, which is the protocol that will be followed to mark the death of the sovereign.

The Chairman, Cllr Williams and the Clerk to attend if possible.

- e) Email from a Fen Road resident requesting a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph and a footpath in view of concerns over road safety particularly in view of the number of small children using the road and the constant speeding traffic.

Members agreed to support this request and to link it to the request for Murrow Bank. It was suggested that the head of the school could be asked to support the proposals.

Members requested that Cllr King be asked for a progress report on the Fenland Transport Plan.

19/232. Amenities 95 Management Committee report.

Cllr Hunt advised that there had been no meeting.

19/233. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

It was noted that there Was one volunteer for the Green Dog Walker Scheme. To be discussed at the next meeting.

19/234. Any other business (information items only).

None

19/235. Dates for future Council meetings.

The next meeting will be at 7pm in the Cage on Wednesday 8 January 2020
Councillors also resolved to hold an additional Council Meeting for the Precept and Budget Setting on Wednesday 15th January 2020, and that the former Clerk Y Reader will be

involved with that meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed as a correct record G. Booth (Chairman) - 8 January 2020