

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in Parson Drove Village Hall on 18 March 2020

Attended by Parish Councillors: G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman),
and J Hunt,

20/44. To receive apologies for absence.

Apology received from Parish Councillors: G Watson, P Williams, C Killingworth, R Fowler, also E Murat (Parish Clerk), S Bligh (Fenland District Cllr), and County Cllr. S King.

20/45. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.
None requested

20/46. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.
None noted.

20/47. Public Participation – A member of the public asked if the Parish Council, asked if any offer had been submitted to remove part of the Village Green. It was confirmed none had been received to date, but this was expected in the near future.

20/48. Members approved the minutes of the meetings held on 12 February 2020

20/49 Matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda (information only)
The Highways department at the County Council would be sending letters to clear hedges in front of the telephone exchange, Fen Road and The Limes, Main Road.

20/50 County Council Report not covered on the agenda (including Highways matters)
None

20/51 District Council Report not covered on the agenda (Including Lighting matters)
Cllr Booth reported that it had been agreed a 0% increase to District Council Tax (other elements were being increased). A new Deputy Monitoring Officer had been appointed. The Wisbech Cumulative Impact Assessment had been removed.

20/52 Cambridgeshire Constabulary Report
There was no report from Cambs Constabulary.

20/53 Speedwatch report
Item deferred.

20/54 Amenities 95/Village Hall Report

There was no Amenities 95 report
New cleaners' duties to be confirmed. A coffee morning is scheduled for 8 April. This year is the 25th anniversary of the charity. There is a new mobile number for hall bookings: 079402602621. Investigations are underway to buy a new till for the Bar. The football club is looking at further enhancements to allow promotion, most of which are considered minor such as additional signage,

side protectors on dug-outs, etc. They have been informed there may need to be additional temporary fencing and a ticket booth, the committee is waiting for plans before considering further. A caravan event has been booked for 27 – 30 August 2021.

20/55 Planning Matters

1. Applications made

- a) F/YR20/0097/F- Kingfisher Cottage 3 Station Road Parson Drove Wisbech PE13 4HA. Erect a 2-storey extension to side of existing dwelling

Members agreed the Parish Council do not consider the onsite parking to be adequate and would like to see revised plans submitted that would provide parking for 2 cars, before the Parish is willing to determine the application. The council consider the bend where the property is situated to be dangerous and therefore believe additional parking should be provided.

- b) Members noted the following up-dates on previous applications

- a) F/YR19/1082/F - This is still pending consideration and has not yet been decided.
 b) F/YR19/0758/F – There is no update from the County Council regarding the village green. There has been no further correspondence with the County Council, this will be chased.

- c) Members noted the following application decision.

- a) F/YR20/0028/F - Fysons Nursery Sealeys Lane Parson Drove Cambridgeshire - Erect a 3-bay greenhouse and erection of a 1.8m high boundary fence –**GRANTED**
 d) Having considered the FDC Strategic Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) and suggested sites for Parson Drove Members agreed to the following response:

SHELAA Response	
Site ID Address	Parish Council Response
40292 Cranfield Farm	Site not appropriate given the need for a gap between Parson Drove & Church End. Also goes against the adopted Neighbourhood Plan.
40297 Woad Mills Farm	Site not appropriate given size of Church End in settlement Hierarchy and proposed scale of development.
40148 Murrow Bank	Site not appropriate as this would be in the open countryside and would go some way to join the villages of Parson Drove & Murrow
40204 Seadyke Bank	This would be an appropriate site for small scale commercial developments with connected housing. Although technically in the open countryside, this road has numerous commercial developments along its length.
40231 Land west of Murrow Bank	Site not appropriate given the scale of the proposal and result in back land development.
40247 Land off the Bank	Site not appropriate given the loss of high-grade agriculture land and scale of development on the edge of the village.
40100 Glebe Villa	Support this site and believe it would result in a planning gain given the condition of this site with redundant agricultural buildings. Recognise this is in Church End, but believe it is appropriate.

40166	Farm yard / Grain Store of Main Road	Support this site in part. The Parish Council support roadside development in line with adjacent existing properties.
40203	Land rear of 27 The Bank	Site not appropriate given lack of community support, loss of high-grade agricultural land, there is also highways issues that have not been resolved with this site.
40224	Brewery Close / Ingham Hall Gardens	Site not appropriate given the scale of the proposal and result in backland development. This would also have a major impact on the shape and form of Parson Drove. This would also close the gap between Parson Drove and Murrow.
40260	North of Fen Road	Site not appropriate given requirement to use Swan Bridge junction, which is an accident hotspot. Also, would result in back land development.
40261	Long Drove	Site not appropriate given requirement to use Swan Bridge junction, which is an accident hotspot.
40302	Swan Bridge Farm	Site not appropriate given requirement to use Swan Bridge junction, which is an accident hotspot. Also, would result in back land development.
40320	Silver Lane	Site not appropriate given the need for a gap between Parson Drove & Church End. Also goes against the adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

20/56 Referendum on Neighbourhood Plan - Note the result.
The referendum supported the Neighbourhood Plan

20/57 Operation London Bridge
Item deferred to a future meeting.

20/58 Members noted the following correspondence

- a) Letter to BT Open Reach Returned by Royal mail
- b) Request for item for April Village Voices
- c) Land adjoining Swan Bridge – is council interested in renting from North Level District Council?
The Parish Council would like further details on the proposed hedge maintenance from the drainage Board. Also need to consider how the Parish will maintain the bank
- d) Letter from Alderman Payne school regarding pre-school.
The Parish Council support writing a joint letter to the County Council, challenging the proposal to dramatically increase rents, given we live in an area of rural deprivation.
- e) Grant request from Table Tennis club.
Defer.
- f) Grant request from EACH
The Council decided not to support this request, as we are not certain how many parishioners they support.
- g) Konica Minolta correspondence.
Defer to future meeting.

20/59 CAPALC incorporation
Members agreed to the incorporation.

20/60Accounts & Finance

1) Approved cheques for payment.

- a) Cheque for EON - £56.90 Members agreed to pay Eon £136.47 to bring the account up-to-date
- b) Cheque for Anglian Water for the Cage - £12.07
- c) Cheque for Clerk's salary + Expenses- £461.36 + £112.88 (inc. 3 months Postage) - £574.24
- d) Cheques for HMRC – PAYE = 12.80
- e) Cheque to Volunteer Centre Fenland stationary materials and equipment - £90.35
- f) Cheque to Fenland District Council – Rate for The Cage = £377.32. To be paid in new tax year.

2) Consider quotations for cutting of grass

It was agreed to award the annual grass cutting contract to TA Blackamore and to ensure adequate cutting frequency is adhered to.

3) Members agreed to accept the offer from FDC as follows:

It was resolved to accept the offer from Fenland District Council (3 March 2020) in respect of a One-off payment and increase to the concurrent functions grant. However, it was noted that although this goes some way to rebalance the situation off double taxation in regard to Parish and Town street Lighting it does not fully and fairly resolve the matter for all parties. We also considered that the calculation to increase the concurrent functions grant does not accurately reflect the electricity and maintenance cost to the Parish Council, as the concurrent function grant was intended to cover the cost of other services such as grass cutting. A fairer calculation would have been to base it on actual costs incurred. We also noted that this offer is only valid while the concurrent function grants are made to Parish Councils and if these were to cease then the offer would cease in relation to annual payments.

4) Reviewing the balance sheet.

Agreed to defer to the end of the financial year in line with the Annual Reconciliation process.

20/61 Any other business (information items only).

It was suggested that at the next meeting an application is considered to Wryde Croft Wind Farm to pay for shortfall in street lighting payments.

It was noted another accidents had taken place at Swan Bridge junction. Parish to write to County Council again to request crash barriers for the Foot bridge.

It was agreed under the current Covid 19 crisis to establish a community support scheme to offer assistance to vulnerable residents. A note would be inserted into village voices with the Chairman to co-ordinate.

It was noted that the parish Clerk has been and continues to suffer for almost a month with influenza type symptoms and has been advised to self-isolate.

20/62Date of next meeting to be confirmed following advice concerning Covid19.

Signed as a correct record G. Booth (Chairman)