

## **Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in the Cage on Wednesday 8 January 2020**

Attended by Parish Councillors: G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), R Fowler, J Hunt, G Watson, & P Williams.  
E Murat (Clerk).  
Cambridgeshire County Councillor S. King,  
plus 1 member of the public.

### **20/1. To receive apologies for absence.**

Parish Cllr C. Killingworth, & Fenland District Councillor S Bligh. Cambridgeshire County Councillor S. King left after item 20/8.

### **20/2. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.**

None requested

### **20/3. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.**

G Booth and J Hunt – Personal interest Amenities 95  
G Booth – Governor of school  
G Booth – Allotment tenant  
P Williams – Church warden

### **20/4. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.**

Diane Cutler gave a detailed report as the Community Speed Watch co-ordinator, including the availability of the 30 mph bin stickers, and asked for people to contact her to obtain stickers for their bins. Their availability has also been publicised in Village Voices.

There were no speed watch sessions held in December. The schedule has been circulated to volunteers for January and February. Focus on 2020 is to recruit new volunteers for the scheme. Co-ordinators will look for suitable events that CSW can attend free of charge. There are plenty of events in village Halls, schools etc., but CSW has no funds to book tables at the events so they will be relying on contacts within local groups.

The coordinator will send future reports electronically to the Clerk.

### **20/5. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the addition of Cllr Killingworth's interests.

### **20/6. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 11 December 2019. (Information only)**

The Chairman has attended the Local Plan Working Group. In regard to the boundaries agreed by this Parish Council, FDC will consider and possibly follow up by seeking the agreement of the landowners.

**20/7. Community Police Officers Report.**

None received

**20/8. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.**

1. CCC Cllr S King reported and discussed with members the following:
  - a) Highside hedges have been trimmed but only on the inside – not on the roadside.
  - b) Cants Drove repairs paid for by Bio Cow and is planned to be done this year.
  - c) Silvers Lane hedging is on private land, not the responsibility of the County Council.
  - d) Fen Road hedge has been partially done (trimmed by sheers), but has not been trimmed back enough. Footpath still cannot be used and the cuttings were left on the footpath.
  - e) As reported last month, Cllr King has written to the owners to cut the hedges at The Limes.
  - f) As reported last month, Cllr King has asked for the Drain on Main Rd in front of the Methodist Chapel and outside the village Hall to be investigated further (using a camera introduced into the drain). It was noted that this had been done eight years ago and found that the drains had collapsed. Cllr King said there was no record of a previous investigation. There is a possibility that the drain is converted to a soakaway.
  - g) Several ongoing issues of potholes and poor workmanship were discussed and Cllr King said he would investigate CCC's new strategy on the infilling of potholes and report back. Minor ones should be being filled by Dragon Patcher.
  
2. Cllr Booth reported that FDC is considering a Council Tax reduction scheme, and that FDC will be investing and possible borrowing up to £25 million.

**20/9. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.**

a) Planning Application for consideration.

Mr Upton, Planning Application No/F/YR19/1082/F, Agent Dr S Rushton, Ruston Planning Ltd., change of use of land to a traveller's site involving the siting of 2 mobile homes, 2 tourer caravans, erection of 2 day rooms, 1.8 metres high fence & 1.2 metre high post & rail fencing (part retrospective) on land south of Harolds Bank, Sealeys Lane, Parson Drove.

**Members noted that this application was brought forward again because FDC had lost an appeal on a similar application elsewhere. Members agreed to refuse the application on the same grounds as the previous application on the site, and to add that the Parish Council and had concerns regarding noise and light pollution. It is also disappointed that this application has been brought forward a third time, noting that the normal cut-off is after the second refusal.**

**b) The following notifications from Fenland District Council that the following Planning Applications have been approved were noted.**

1. Mr & Mrs Fryett, Planning Application No. F/YR19/0922/F, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd., formation of a vehicular access & dropped kerb, at existing 29 The Bank, Parson Drove.

2. Mr & Mrs M White, Planning Application No. F/YR19/0924/F, Agent GR Merchant Ltd. Erection of a single story front and rear extension involving the removal of, the existing conservatory at Sudbrooke, 47 main Road, Parson Drive.

#### **20/10. Highway & Street Lighting Matters.**

- a) Highway issues to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.  
**CCC Cllr S King reports at item 20/8 were noted and will be progressed by Cllr King. Cllr Fowler volunteered to wash all village signs, and to speak to his sign writer friend to get the village sign repainted free of charge.**
- b) To report any faulty Streetlights.
1. Cllr Fowler reported that trees need to be trimmed obscuring lampposts L5B1K, L2B1K, L1BHQ (top of Ingham Hall) and PC1 (top of Springfield).
  2. Lampposts not working are: PPC16 (Snips hairdresser), FPC15A, PC8, No number post opposite Mr Clarkes outside Yukka House, PC3 opposite Manor Farm, PC1 (Morrow End of Silver's Lane, and No 76 metal stamp (last light before Clough Bridge).

#### **20/11. 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, £480.(S.112)

Mr E Murat, November net salary, £461.36 (s.112)

HMRC, November PAYE, Mr Murat, £12.80. (s,112)

Mr E Murat, expenses claim, £50.00. (s.111)

D.A. Pest Control, annual contract, £375.00 (s.111)

Cambridgeshire Acre, annual membership renewal fee, £57.(s.143)

**Having approved the above cheques for payment they were signed by two of the signatories.**

- b) Members agreed to submit an application to the District Council to join the Council's Green Dog Walkers Scheme and contribute £265 for the purchase of promotional materials.**
- c) Members agreed to submit an application to the County Council for an extension of the 30 mph speed limits for Morrow Bank, the Bank & Fen Road and approved the initial payment of £500.00.**

**20/12. Members noted that FDC were organising a referendum on the Neighbourhood Development Plan on 27 February 2020.**

**20/13. The Clerk reported that he had reviewed the Parish Council's Standing Orders & Financial Regulations, and that they were fit for purpose. Members agreed that the Standing Orders & Financial Regulations should remain the same with the proviso that**

**there should be provision for the use of electronic (BACS) payments should they become necessary.**

**20/15. Amenities 95 Management Committee report.**

A typed report was handed to the Clerk by Cllr Hunt. Possible issues with GDPR to determine which parts may be reported to the meeting to be held on 12 February 2020

**20/16. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.**

Street lighting issues and potholes were highlighted again by members. Clerk to present a more detailed report to meeting on 12 February 2020.

**20/17. Any other business (information items only).**

None

**20/18. Dates for future Council meetings during 2020.**

**It was agreed that the date of the next meeting be Wednesday 15 January 2020 to agree the budget and agree the precept for the tax year 2020/2021. It was further agreed that future meetings are to be held on the second Wednesday each month.**

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed as a correct record G. Booth (Chairman) - 12 February 2020