

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held on 9 September 2020 at 19.00

Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic and in line with new regulations, the meeting took place virtually. Notices of the meeting were posted on the village notice board and on the council's website, giving members of the public the opportunity to participate.

In attendance were Parish Councillors: G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs, P Williams, J Hunt, R Fowler, C Killingworth.

Also, in attendance: and CCC Cllr S King.

138/20. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from FDC Cllr S Bligh. It was noted that there is currently no Clerk and the Chair was undertaking the administration duties of the Council.

139/20. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.
None requested.

140/20. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.
None.

141/20. Public Participation
None.

142/20. Members approved the minutes of the meetings held on 12 August 2020.

143/20 Matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda (information only)
None.

144/ 20 Parish Council Vacancy – Co-option
No expressions of interest had yet been received.

145/20 Planning Matters - Applications made -

- a) F/YR20/0733/AG1 Erect an agricultural building to be attached to existing building A C Coates And Sons Limited Hundred Acre Farm Harolds Bank Parson Drove Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4PR.

The Parish Council supports this application and recommends approval.

- b) F/YR20/0751/F Erect 4no dwellings comprising of 2 x 3-bed single-storey, 1 x 2-storey 4-bed and 1 x 2-storey 4/5-bed with garages including temporary siting of a caravan during construction on Plot 3 only at Land North Of 1-5 Brewery Close Parson Drove Cambridgeshire. The Parish Council supports this application and recommends approval subject to the following conditions being added: 1. Flood alleviation measures suggested by the applicant for installing additional drainage measures at the entrance to Brewery Close are implemented prior to the main development starting on site. 2. That roadways surrounding the site (Springfield & Brewery Close) to be left at the same standard at the end of development as they are now.

146/20 Notification of the planning decisions from Fenland District Council:

- a) F/YR20/0436/F - Erect 10 dwellings (2 x single storey 2-bed, 4 x 2-storey 2-bed and 4 x 2-storey 3-bed with garages). Land East Of 14 - 27 The Bank Parson Drove Cambridgeshire - Status: Refused
- b) F/YR20/0544/F - Erection of a single-storey 1-bed annexe ancillary to the existing dwelling. Land North Of 47 Main Road Parson Drove Cambridgeshire - Status: Granted
Information noted by Councillors.

147/20 Correspondence – members are asked to note:

- a) Local Highway Improvement Bid 2019 / 20 Application
Sealey's Lane LHI bid 2019/20 was noted the increased sum from the County Council was to cover contingency costs due to Covid 19. The Parish Council agreed to limit its contribution to 14% in line with the budget
- b) Local Highway Improvement Bid 2020 / 21 Application
Confirmed no bid has been submitted, agreed to submit a bid to extend Sealey's lane footpath.
- c) Planning White Paper
Defer to next meeting.
- d) Pensions Regulator Auto-Enrolment
This had not been completed by the previous Clerk, agreed for the Chair to complete.
- e) Community Gritting Scheme applications for Winter 2020 – 2021
Agreed to contact existing volunteer to see if they wished to continue.
- f) Murrow Book Café – Thankyou letter
Noted

148/20 Fenland District Council

- a) Street Lighting.
The Chair had reported lights Sealeys PC1 & PC2 and lights outside 81 & 105 Main Road. It was agreed the Chair should make enquiries with FDC regarding a schedule to replace existing streetlights to the new standard.
- b) Cllr Booth confirmed that Anglian Water would be attending an Overview & Scrutiny meeting regarding the issue of water pressure.

149/20 Cambridgeshire County Council

- a) Highways Matters
Questions were asked of Cllr King regarding:
The County Council suggested double yellow lines & speed limit reduction be progressed via a minor highway bid. It was noted that the speed limit reduction was intended to be pursued via a third-party application.
The missing white lines in the middle of the road at junction of Bridge Drove, Fen Road & Long Drove, was removed when the road was resurfaced, with no plan to reinstall. Cllr King was asked to pursue this matter again.
The hedge outside the Openreach site on Fen Road and High side is overhanging still, even though someone had undertaken some minor work there.

150/20 Allotments – Notice of Vacancy & Request for an allotment

One allotment holder had confirmed they wished to return their allotment. The previous applicant had been contacted to confirm if they wished to proceed. It was also noted that the council records indicated another resident had contacted the previous clerk some time ago regarding a vacancy.

151/20 Painting of the village sign. Update on actions from last meeting.

Cllr Williams had been unable to pursue the matter via the Museum. Cllr King to provide details of someone who had worked on Wisbech Society. Cllr Fowler agreed he would take the sign down.

152/20 Website Accessibility Code

The council agreed to put in place an action plan.

153/20 Update on Wryde Croft grant

No further update available at this time, the Chair to contact the Wryde Croft Community fund.

154/20 Financial Matters

a) The Annual Governance and Accountability Return did not have all the supporting information documentation ready. This needs to be completed and sent by the end of September. It was agreed the Chair would work with a locum to resolve this issue. The deadline had been extended to 30 September 2020.

Payments to be agreed.

b) CAPALC – Postage £2.06

c) WAVE – water rates £21.44 (includes late payment of £8.08 agreed under minute 20/124 C- i)

Payments agreed

d) Grant Request update – Table Tennis

It was noted contact had not been made with the club, the Chairman had now spoken to them and they had informed the Council the grant was no longer required.

155/20 Meeting held on 6 August 2020 at 11 am in the village hall.

Members are asked to consider a resolution for Council to exclude members of the public and press pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Council were asked to resolve that, because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted under this agenda item that the public and members of the press would be asked to leave the meeting during the consideration of this item.

The resolution was passed unanimously. Refer to confidential minute.

156/20 Any Other Business (Information Items Only)

None.

157/20 Date of next meeting to be 14 October 2020 at 7pm on Zoom. It was noted that due to new Covid 19 restrictions and advice it was unlikely that a physical meeting would take place soon.

Signed as a correct record G. Booth (Chairman)

14 October 2020