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## Minutes of a meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council

Held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 19:00

**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 were and CCC S King and Clerk David Boyce.

*Cllr G Booth Chaired the meeting and opened it at 19:00.*

109/21. There were no apologies received or due to the Council. District Councillor Bligh gave her apologies as she was attending another meeting.

110/21. The Clerk received the following declaration of interests. There were no requests for Dispensations:

- 117/21 Cllr Killingworth has personal interests
- 118/21, Cllr Killingworth is the secretary and prejudicial. Cllrs Booth and Hunt were personal interests.

111/21. Open Forum – No members of the Public attended the meeting. At the point the Chairman informed members that the Speedwatch group is up and running again.

112/21. The Councillors **agreed** the minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

112/21 a. Matters arising from previous minutes not covered on the agenda (for information only)

Cllrs Unwin and Hunt had been to the Pit to investigate further what could be done with regards to Wildlife and conservation. Councillors were informed by the Clerk that the War Graves Commission had pushed back but more clarity would be needed and so a meeting was arranged with Cllr Williams. Cllr Spriggs had had someone look at the pointing on the Cage and was also looking into the costs for Victorian guttering. The Chairman informed members that the shop had received the letter and were considering some flower planters to put in the space to encourage drivers to take more care and

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follow the pre-designated route out of the car park. The Chairman had also forwarded the letter to the school with regards to the timed parking

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. The final item was the street light was waiting on replacement parts to come.

113/21. The Chairman gave the District Councillors report, including that District Councillors allowances scheme had been agreed but Parish had not been published yet, in the format of a simple calculation formula.

113/21 a. Members were informed of the District Council decision to not support the Fens Biosphere motion and the impact that this may have, including the limitations towards being awarded funding and future flooding.

114/21. The Councillors received the County Councillors report from CCC King, who explained that meetings had resumed and the first Highways and Transport meeting was scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. CCC King informed members that Silver Lane potholes were being inspected again, that the Hedge at Fen Road would not be cut due to the costs however it was noted that Cllrs Fowler and Spriggs had done it themselves following a long wait. Members were also informed the hedge at High Side would not be cut as it was within the white line, but another hedge was being enforced. CCC King explained to Members that following a meeting with stakeholders with regards to the works at the Guyhirn roundabout he had secured the “unsuitable for HGV’s” signage and asked Councillors if there were any other roads that would need them, where it was noted Black Drove did as well as Throckenholt Bank. Councillors were told that CCC King was pushing for proper temporary weight restrictions, but these were largely unenforced by the Police anyway. CCC King finally explained to Members that there would now be further closures to complete the Guyhirn roundabout.

115/21. Highways matters. Cllr Spriggs passed on the CCC King that the manhole covers throughout the village were loose following resurfacing works down Main Road and Fen Road . On Fen Road the level of the road was dropped rather than the proper repairs made to the footpath which is causing back flooding to the residential properties, where CCC King said he would take this up with Highways. It was highlighted that this issue was raised some months ago in November 2020.

115/21 a. The Council were told that there were surface dressing delays to High Road, Guyhirn due to the bad weather in May.

116/21. Planning application decision updates

116/21 a. Members were informed that 20/0963/F down Elbow Lane had been refused.

117/21. Planning applications for comment.

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117/21 a. F/YR21/0600/RM | Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to appeal

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decision APP/D0515/W/18/3202467 (F/YR17/1148/O) to erect 4 x dwellings (2-storey 4-bed), the formation of a new access, and the temporary siting of 4 x mobile homes during construction | Land North Of 135 Front Road Murrow Cambridgeshire. Councillors **agreed** that the Neighbourhood plan policy for all new properties have a footpath as a condition outside the front of their property was not included in the plan and this was now a material planning consideration which should be included, and this application did not respect that plan. It was suggested that the footway could be an extension of the road with a designated footway marked out.

118/21. The Council received the Amenities 95 report which explained that they had not met for the past year and were due an AGM however were making arrangements to do that in the short term dependent on whether or not government regulations are relaxed on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. Members were informed that there were still projects underway including benches being enquired into and a grant being applied for to put lighting up in the tennis courts.

119/21. The annual item to receive and approve the annual John Bends Charity Accounts is to be deferred until such time that the Charity has a meeting. These have been cancelled due to Covid 19.

120/21. To agree the payments of the Council

120/21 a. Payments to make were **agreed** as follows:

- i. Clerks Salary (£477.71)
- ii. Zurich insurance (£905.56)
- iii. Quotes received for street lighting from UK Power of £3,493.98 + VAT and £19,710.46 + VAT. One Councillor asked about the increase in bills with the additional columns, which was explained with a different allowance being paid by District and LED should bring the bills down too. The Clerk asked about suspending Financial Standing orders but the Chairman noted that District Council provided the maintenance and the District Council had to adhere to all the necessary financial controls. It was noted that quotes should be obtained for 2 columns opposite 65 Fen Road and PC1 Main Road. Also to request an update on the knocked down light at Fen Road corner.

120/21 b. Payments made were **agreed** as follows:

- i. The direct debits for E on of £33 and Wave £20 were noted.

It was also noted that the fee for Cllr Unwin's training that was previously agreed at £75.00 is to be paid this month.

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121/21. Councillors discussed and agreed that the future maintenance arrangements of St John's Churchyard would sit with the Street Pride committee and appealed for any volunteers that could help with the clearance or maintenance in the Churchyard. Cllr Unwin also noted that the church is looking to get the space utilised more often for the community.

122/21. To discuss correspondence received

122/21 a. Members discussed a letter received from the Community First responders asking for a donation towards their cause. The Councillors asked for

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more information in regard to what specifically Community First Responders did and what they would want in terms of donation. The item was moved to the next agenda. However it was noted that in principle a grant would be provided.

Members also discussed a letter of thanks from a member of the public hand delivered to the meeting for Cllrs Fowler for the cutting and clearance of the hedge at Fen Road.

123/21. The Council was informed that the Police report had not been received and so the item would be deferred to the next agenda.

124/21. Members suggested the following agenda items for the next meeting:

- To receive the Police report
- To discuss a grant to the Community responders
- To receive the Amenities 95 report
- To discuss the placement of commemorative bricks
- To update the Council on the progression of the footpath between Parson Drove and Murrow

*The meeting was closed at 20:35*