

Parson Drove Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council

Held on 11th August 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 Unwin, C Killingworth & J Hunt.

Also in attendance were and CCC S King, Clerk David Boyce as well as 4 members of the public.

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

125/21. To agree the apologies

Apologies were received for Councillors P Williams and R Fowler which were **agreed** by the Council. Apologies were also noted from District Councillor S Bligh.

126/21. To receive requests for Dispensations and record interests

Councillors G Booth, J Hunt and C Killingworth all declared their interests in item 137/21. The Chairman reminded members they could declare their interests at any point in the meeting.

127/21. Open Forum – Public participation.

The Community speedwatch representative reported that they had a new volunteer start for Parson Drove which meant that all scheduled speedwatch events could take place. Comments were made that speeding had increased with one vehicle caught near the school doing 56 mph, it was likely due to drivers forgetting speedwatch coverage due to CoVID.

128/21. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 14th July 2021

The minutes of the meeting on 14th July 2021 were **agreed**.

128/21 a. Matter arising from previous minutes not covered on the agenda (for information only)

The Chairman informed members that today he had received a letter of thanks from the Community Responders for funding the defibrillator. The Chairman also informed the Council that the North Level drainage board

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meeting did not go ahead as one of their representatives received a track and trace notification that day.

129/21. To receive the District Councillors Report

The Chairman informed members that the next meeting of the District Council would be the 24th August 2021 where they were looking to discuss the potential boundary review and agree the number of Councillors for the area. Members were also told that in the Planning Committee meeting that day had noted objection to the proposed Incinerator in Wisbech, it was been noted that the decision lay with the Secretary of State. Members were updated that the low water pressure had been reported to Anglian Water who explained that they were improving pipes down Station Road in Wisbech St Mary and were looking to lay further pipes along Harolds Bank and Marshals Bank.

130/21. To receive the County Councillors Report

The Councillors acknowledged the sent report from County Councillor S King. Cllr King informed the Council that he was investigating temporary weight restrictions to be put in place for the last full weekend closure in November and appealed for details as to any complaints they had received from Parishioners. The lower manhole covers and uneven road surfaces outside properties was also raised, where Cllr King asked for specific stretches and addresses that have been affected so he could take it further. Councillor Spriggs offered to meet Cllr King to support.

131/21. Highways Matters

Councillors commented that Long Drove had the potholes down the sides of the road repaired but the other marked ones on that stretch of road had not been done.

The Chairman moved to take agenda item 133/21 at this point in the meeting as a courtesy to the representatives and invited them to speak to the Council.

The representative of the planning applicants for the rejected plot of 9 dwellings made a short summary presentation of the facts contained within the application and appealed to Members for understanding of what they would want to see as a community donation. The Chairman reminded the applicants of the natural linear nature of the village, to which the Council had felt that the proposed development was not in keeping of. It was also noted that the District Council supplied guidance as to holding a community consultation, which the Parish Council wanted to see the result of before considering again, especially with the number of complaints received versus the letters of support for the previous application.

132/21. Planning application decision updates

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132/21 a. Members were informed that F/YR21/0600/RM | Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to appeal decision APP/D0515/W/18/3202467 (F/YR17/1148/O) to erect 4 x dwellings (2-storey 4-bed) and the formation of a new access, Land North Of 135 Front Road Murrow Cambridgeshire was **agreed**.

133/21. Planning applications for comment

133/21. a. To receive the comments from the applicants for 210803 - SE-537 - Proposed development Ingham Hall Gardens, Parson Drove.

133/21. b. For F/YR21/0820/RM Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (for Plot 2 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0971/O to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 5-bed) Councillors had no further comments.

133/21. C. For F/YR21/0797/NONMAT Non-material Amendment: amendment to orangey parapet wall, insertion of window to garage wall and change to of solar panel type, relating to planning permission F/YR20/1200/VOC (Variation of condition 9 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR20/0332/F (Erect a dwelling (2-storey, 3-bed) including garage/workshop, arbour and temporary siting of caravan during construction) Councillors had no further comments.

133/21. D. The Members acknowledged the received Cambridgeshire and Peterborough minerals and waste local plan.

134/21. The Councillors **agreed** the payments of the Council

134/21. a. Payments to make

- i. Clerks Salary (£477.71)
- ii. Working From Home Allowance Clerk April, May, June, July, August (£125.00)
- iii. GBSG LTD (The Cage intruder alarm) (£97.20)
- iv. ROSPA (£246.60)
- v. Fenland District Council for the three new bins (£926.22 + VAT)

It was noted here that the Clerks working from home allowance hadn't been claimed until now hence the build-up of claims to make.

134/21 b. Members **agreed** the Payments made, including:

- i. Wave (£20.00)
- ii. E-On (£33.00)
- iii. EE (£22.80)
- iv. Community Responders (Grant payment previous meeting) (£850.00)

135/21. To receive and approve a Receipts & Payments Bank Reconciliation Report and Budget up-date report.

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The Councillors acknowledged the circulated financial report on excel and **agreed** to it. The Chairman also noted that the Budget Update report being prepared, explaining that so far at this stage in the year, the main variance to date are the grants paid for the Cage.

136/21. To agree to purchase a wreath for the Remembrance Day parade

Councillors **agreed** to purchase a wreath for the Remembrance Day parade at this years rate of £20.

137/21. To receive the Amenities 95 report

Members were informed that the first post CoVID meeting of the Amenities 95 committee meeting would be the coming Saturday, where more updates will come.

138/21. To receive the Police report

It was noted that the next Police meeting was on the 20th August, but the Chairman was unable to attend. It was **agreed** that Councillor Paul Unwin represent the Council and Chairman in the Chairman's absence.

139/21. To agree actions to be taken following the allotment and asset inspection

The Members discussed the outcomes of the inspections conducted, including the Allotments and the Green. The Clerk explained the outcomes of his meeting with the District Council tree officer, including the identified remedial works amendments to the identified works by the previous contractor. It was **agreed** that the Clerk create and circulate a schedule of works for the trees and the Cage and to bring these to the next meeting. It was agreed to write to a number of allotment tenants requesting that their gardens are tidied.

140/21. To agree next steps following the Parish Councillor allowance review

Members acknowledged the outcome of the District Council Parish Councillor allowance review, where Members could vote to give themselves an allowance for doing the role. The Chairman's additional allowance was also discussed, where it could incentivise someone new taking the role. The Councillors **agreed** to not call upon these allowances at this time, instead putting onto the January agenda with the precept setting.

141/21. To discuss how to take the Lancaster Bomber memorial proposition forward

The Clerk informed the Council that there had been no further communication from the War graves commission and that something more local would be fitting. Suggestions included an information board, plaque or a small monument on the roadside near the site, or a new tablet at the War Memorial to commemorate them

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instead. It was acknowledged that Members felt that they needed to contact the surviving family as well as the Wisbech and Norfolk Aviation Museum.

142/21. To receive an update on St Johns Church (Cllr P Unwin)

Councillor Unwin updated Members on the works being carried out in the Churchyard including the strimming and the mowing. Councillors were informed that there were three planned events coming up at the church, including a Bat walk & talk in September, an arts & crafts event that was nearly fully booked & at the end of October there was an Astrology session.

143/21. To collate agenda items for the next meeting

- To agree a quote for the tree job specification
- To agree a quote for remedial works to the Cage
- To agree the next steps for the path between Parson Drove and Murrow.
- To agree an allotment management policy

144/21. To agree a date, time and venue of next meeting

The Council considered the other local venues available including going back to the Cage, which was felt less practical now. Councillors agreed to continue to meet at the Village Hall at 19:00 on the 8th September 2021.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 20:41