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Minutes of a meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council

Held on 15th July 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, P Unwin & R Fowler.

Also in attendance were CCC S King, DC S Bligh, Clerk David Boyce as well as two members of the public.

Cllr G Booth Chaired the meeting and opened it at 19:03.

125/21. To agree the apologies

Apologies received from Councillor C Killingworth.

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

Cllrs Gavin Booth and John Hunt registered their personal interests for agenda item 140/21 as they are committee members.

127/21. Open Forum – Public participation.

During this session the Community responders were invited to explain what they do for the village and specifically what they wanted funding for. The presentation included explaining that there had been 12 callouts for Parson Drove from 35 in the villages, including 2 cardiac arrests, where they were first to attend at almost every call. The group have their training and some consumables provided by the NHS but the equipment is from fundraising. It was requested for £1000 for a defibrillator to replace their 2013 model, which would be recycled.

128/21. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 9th June 2021

It was noted there were to be some minor amendments. Otherwise **Agreed.**

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

It was asked what the current situation of the Lancaster Bomber memorial was, where the Clerk updated Members that the two Airmen had been

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commemorated on a war memorial elsewhere, but the matter had been referred to another body as the pilots remains were still in situ, where the matter would be ongoing.

129/21. To receive the District Councillors Report

DC Councillor S Bligh reported to Members that she was now a member of the Planning Committee. Councillors were informed that the Police were working on Anti Social Behaviour with a 14 day focus over the next month. The Chairman then reported that a Boundary review was coming, which could affect Parish Councils and their Wards. The Members were told that the Parish Cllr expenses review was completed but awaiting guidance.

130/21. To receive the County Councillors Report

CCC S King referred Members to his reporting email, where he had supplied the revised road closure dates and updated Members to the works he had completed including reporting the badly levelled man hole covers to Anglian Water and that the HGV advisory signage was all out at the requested sites. Members were informed that the only route to a weight restriction on Swan Bridge was via a LHI (Local Highways Initiative) bid, which was due by the 15th September 2021 deadline. The LHI bid was then discussed, where it was agreed to continue the work down Sealeys Lane for a new pathway, as it costs approximately £1,000 per metre of new path to install.

135/21. To discuss a grant payment to the Community Responders

The Chairman decided to move the item up the agenda for the representatives benefit to this point in the meeting. The members discussed the benefit to the Villages as well as the higher usage of local residents of the service, with keeping in mind the Section 137 limit and the 5 year lifespan of the defibrillator. It was proposed and agreed to give a grant of £850.00. It was noted the last years grant allowance of £1,000 had not been fully utilised yet nor applicants received for the pot this year.

131/21. Highways Matters

It was noted that some of the road closure dates for the Roundabout works had been amended, the Chairman requested that Highways and the Police work together to ensure minimal disruption. The following dates were supplied:

- Monday 2 August: A141 full night closure
- Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 August: South Brink full night closure
- 1st September: Overnight closure (8.00pm to 6.00am)
- 3rd September: Overnight closure (8.00pm to 6.00am)

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- 29th October: Overnight closure (8.00pm to 6.00am)
- 10th November: Overnight closure (8.00pm to 6.00am)
- 19th November: Overnight closure (8.00pm to 6.00am)
- 20th November to 21 November: weekend closure (20: 6.00am to 22: 6.00am – road open)

132/21. Planning application decision updates

132/21 a. F/YR21/0233/O Land South Of 12 - 24 Ingham Hall Gardens was a Refusal

133/21. Planning applications for comment

133/21. a. None

Members made clear comment that it was disappointing how residents and Councillors alike had felt with the Fenland Planning team were not listening to comments provided. An update was requested via DC S Bligh with regards to when the Gypsy and Traveller housing needs assessment would be completed.

134/21. To agree the payments of the Council

134/21. a. Payments to make were **agreed** as below:

- Clerks Salary (£477.71)
- Telephone expenses to Clerk (£47.12)
- North Level District Internal Drainage Board rates (£176.79)
- District Council re: Street Light Maintenance (£4287.13)

134/21 b. Payments made were **agreed** as below:

- E-ON (£33.00)
- Wave (£20.00)
- EE (£22.80)
- Internal Auditors payment (Auditing Solutions LTD) (£300.00)

134/21 c. Payments received were noted and accepted as below:

- Fenland District Council £5329.00 (concurrent functions grant)7

136/21. To agree the placement of the Bins

Following the Chairman updating the Council on his meeting with Adam Pratt, Members widely **agreed** for the £930.00 to put a bin at the Sewerage plant, the top of Sealeys Lane and Clough Bridge. The bin along Johnsons Drove would be repositioned.

137/21. To agree The Cage maintenance items

Councillors received an update from Cllr Spriggs where he was told it was difficult to quantify any quote over 10 days in timeframe as prices for materials were soaring

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up. The quote he had received was £200 a day for around two weeks, which would require further quotes.

138/21. To discuss the swings on the green

Members discussed the complaint that was received about noise coming from children playing on the swings from a resident, where it was alleged that parents were leaving their children whilst drinking in the Swan. It was noted that it would be a potential planning issue as it was in a conservation area, as well as the quote from a bona fide play equipment company to move the swings safely came to £2248.00 + VAT. It was brought to Members attention how many parents appreciated the facility. It was widely agreed that this was more a policing issue, with Members being informed that PSCO Helen Norton-Smith was to be returning to the area shortly. It was **agreed** to write a letter to the Swan Landlord to ask to work together to address the anti-social behaviour, as well as to the Sgt. David Arnold.

139/21. To discuss a grant to the Community responders had been completed at minute item 135/21.

140/21. To receive the Amenities 95 report

It was reported to the Council that the Amenities 95 Committee were due to meet following the relaxing of restrictions on the 19th July 2021.

141/21. To discuss the placement of commemorative bricks

The Members discussed and concluded it would be best that the Friends of the Cage were engaged to take that matter forwards.

142/21. To receive the Police report

The Councillors were informed that the best way to get action is to be on the Teams call with the local policing team. The ASB (Anti Social Behaviour) focus would start from the 19th July 2021.

143/21. To update the Council on the progression of the footpath between Parson Drove and Murrow

The Chairman informed Councillors that he had spoken to the North Level Drainage Board and had passed on the concerns regards to the hedge cutting from the road side, where a further meeting was scheduled for Thursday 22 July at 11:00.

144/21. To agree a date for the allotments inspections and assets inspection

It was **agreed** to meet at the Cage at 19:00 on the 28th July 2021.

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145/21. To collate agenda items for the next meeting

The following agenda items were requested by Members:

- To agree to purchase a wreath for the Remembrance Day parade
- To approve the Bank Reconciliation
- To discuss how to take the Lancaster Bomber memorial proposition forward
- To receive an update on St Johns Church (Cllr P Unwin)
- To discuss the locations of future meetings

146/21. To agree date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held at the Village hall at 19:00 on 11th August 2021

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 21:06