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Minutes of a meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council

Held on 8th September 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.

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

Cllr G Booth Chaired the meeting and opened it at 19:02.

167/21. To agree the apologies received

The Council **agreed** apologies from Cllrs Bligh, Fowler & Killingworth.

168/21. To receive requests for Dispensations and record interests

Cllrs Hunt and Booth registered an interest in item 180/21 as they are on Amenities 95 Committee. Cllr Spriggs registered his interest in item 178/21 d, then Cllr Booth registered his interest in 178/21 c. Councillors were reminded at this point that they could register an interest at any point in the meeting.

169/21. Open Forum – Public participation.

The member of the public informed Members that almost all the Speedwatch sessions had happened, with a National Action Day being taken on the 15th September 2021. Members were also informed that the Book Café at the Murrow Methodist Chapel was now open again and that from 16th September 2021 all volunteer sessions would resume.

170/21. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 11th August 2021

Councillors **agreed** the minutes as a true record and the Chairman signed the copy.

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

The Chairman reviewed the minutes, where Members were informed that the meeting with the North Level Drainage board had happened the previous Monday where it was confirmed that a lease would be offered at cost to the

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Council, some proposals had been made regards to maintenance and about usage restrictions in February, but this would be presented to the Council once it had been proposed.

The Chairman moved that item 175/21 c be taken now for the members of the public that it concerned. Cllr Booth thanked them for trying to adhere to the Neighbourhood plan and then invited the members of the public to speak, where Councillors were appealed for their support in regard to the minor changes that had been made to their plans. Some Members made comment with regards to drainage and flooding and some Highways challenges were noted. The two members of the public then left the meeting.

171/21. To receive the District Councillors Report

The Chairman informed Members that Anglian Water were still drawing up plans for the proposed pipework to increase water pressure. The Councillors were then told that the local government boundary review meeting was postponed until the end of September. The Council was then explained that the District Council had decided to press ahead with the play area scheme, despite not winning any additional funding, with a reduced phased scheme which would see around £30,000 of equipment installed around the end of the month. The Chairman explained he had registered his disappointment that the Parish Council nor the electorate were engaged which was acknowledged, the District had agreed to work with the Parish Council for phase two. It was explained that the play area would be closed whilst the works are completed.

172/21. To receive the County Councillors Report

County Councillor S King followed up on his email report where he had met with Cllr Spriggs who helped identify the dropped kerbs, potholes and the sunken drains but the good weather had prevented any flooding evidence photos. CC King then informed the Council that the Highways and Transport Committee had met and agreed to civil parking enforcement, to free up the Police and extend support to more rural areas. Whether it would be done in house or outsourced was to be agreed, as well as changes to signage and bids written before it could start, with an anticipated date of February 2023. Members were reminded to get the LHI bid in for Sealeys Lane path.

173/21. Highways Matters

173/21. a. Members noted Back Road closure from 6th September 2021 until 5th March 2023, or whenever the works finish, whichever is earlier, of Order number 2021/814.

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173/21. b. Members noted road closure from Harolds Bank to Marshall Bank to The Bank to Main Road to High Side from 4th October 2021 to 6th October 2021.

Cllr Hunt raised a point about the width of Agricultural vehicles, where it was discussed the benefits of repairing large roadside potholes such as that by Swan Bridge Road and trimming hedgerows back properly to allow better passing places for all rural traffic.

174/21. Planning application decision updates

174/21 a. There were none to be noted.

175/21. Planning applications for comment

175/21. a. Members noted 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) at Land East Of The Silverings 114 Main Road Parson Drove Cambridgeshire

175/21. B. Councillors discussed their comments for the proposed Wisbech Green SEMH school and **agreed** their feedback, including the poor access with a single-track road, the local Highways infrastructure already at capacity at peak periods such as North Brinks gridlocked during school times already and the issue of parental choice not properly reflected in any transport studies.

175/21. C. To receive comments regards the Land South of Brewery Close, Parson Drove had been taken earlier on the agenda.

176/21. To agree the payments of the Council

176/21. a. Payments to make were **agreed** as follows:

- i. Clerks Salary (£477.71)
- ii. Working from home allowance (£25.00)
- iii. EE phone bill (July & August = £45.60 inc. £7.60 VAT)

176/21 b. Payments made were **agreed** as follows:

- i. E-On (£33.00)
- ii. Wave (£20.00)

177/21. To agree the received quotes for the Tree work in the Green

Members were informed that of the companies invited to quote from the job description, two came back with a quote and their quotes were explained to the Council. The Members agreed to appoint Icen Tree Care subject to the company's compliance to the job spec.

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178/21. To agree the following allotment items:

178/21. a. The members proposed amendments to the allotment management policy, including around the waiting list process, the addition of the Allotment Act to the legislation used and appeals process that finalises at the Council meeting, then **agreed** the policy.

178/21. b. The Members **agreed** the updated allotment application form with an amendment regards to non-fruiting trees.

178/21. c. It was **agreed** to maintain the Riverside Garden allotment rent rates at their current rate for the following year.

178/21. d. It was **agreed** to maintain the Fen allotments allotment rent rate tiers at their current rates for the following year.

179/21. To appoint a representative to the Leverington Feoffees Trustees Meeting on Tuesday 28th September

It was **agreed** that Cllr Pam Williams would attend the meeting and represent the Council.

180/21. To receive the Amenities 95 report

Councillor Hunt informed members that the meeting had now been had, where the grant had been accepted but he had had many challenges with regards to getting companies to come back on their quotes from a year ago due to building material issues. Members were also informed that the bins were coming to the playing field, with a meeting next Thursday to finalise their placement.

181/21. To receive the Police report and collate comments to forward on

Cllr Unwin reported that the meeting had been cancelled at the last minute. Councillors raised their concerns about the planned Anti-Social Behaviour patrols hadn't happened as there was no note of any Police visibility.

182/21. To collate proposed agenda items for the next Council meeting

- To agree remedial actions to take following letters issued to Allotment tenants.
- To agree to cover the North Level Drainage Board costs in respect of arranging the riverbank path to Murrow lease.
- Staffing matters
- To collate extra planning concerns from around the Parish to report to Fenland District Council.

183/21. To agree the date, time and venue of the next Council meeting

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It was agreed to meet at the Parson Drove Village Hall on the 13th October 2021 at 19:00.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:05