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Minutes of a meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council

Held on 12th January 2022 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, and P Unwin.

Also in attendance were the Clerk David Boyce as well as one member of the public.

Cllr G Booth Chaired the meeting and opened it at 19:04.

1/22. To agree the apologies

The Council **agreed** apologies from Cllr Fowler. Apologies were also received and noted from CC King and DC Bligh. It was also noted that Cllr Killingworth had been given continuing dispensation for attendance in November 2021's meeting.

2/22. To receive requests for Dispensations and record interests

Councillors Booth and Hunt registered interests in 14/22. Councillors were reminded that they could register their interests at any point in the meeting.

3/22. Open Forum – Public participation.

The Community Speedwatch updated members as to their recent works, including preparation to resume the Speedwatches with all the volunteers back in session from next week across the 4 villages. It was also explained to Councillors how the boundary changes will negatively impact the effectiveness of the Speedwatch and so they had fed their feedback in that mirrored the opinion of the Council.

4/22. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 8th December 2021

The Council **agreed** the minutes of the meeting of the 8th December 2021 with a spelling amendment.

4/22 a. Matters arising from previous minutes not covered on the agenda (for information only)

It was noted that for 228/21. a. the drain works had been started at Ingham Hall Gardens by Highways. It was noted that for 231/21. c. the kerbs on Fen Road were discussed from CC King's report, where it was **agreed** that the

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kerbs hadn't been changed since the County Council had installed the path or since the road had been resurfaced, as had been suggested by the County Councillors report. Councillors were informed the LHI bid had instead been submitted for the path down Fen Road.

5/22. To receive the District Councillors Report

In DC Bligh's absence, Cllr Booth informed Members that there had not been a meeting to report on except the Planning one that happened this same evening. It was noted the Boundary review with the increased number of District Councillors had been applied for. Councillors were also reminded of the Webinar planning training being offered by District, starting tomorrow.

6/22. To receive the County Councillors Report

The Councillors noted the report of CC King, where Councillors were informed of the delays being experienced with the LHI bids, the lack of staffing at the County Council and further investigations being put into place for Fen Road. It also explained that Murrow Bank had been put forward for works due to its poor condition.

7/22. Highways Matters

Cllr Unwin informed members that he had been told by Police Sergeant D Arnold that the vehicular obstructions down John Bends Way had been investigated and on those occasions where it had been there hadn't been an obstruction, but they would continue to check. It was then discussed about the lack of access to the farm land there as a result of how residents parked down there. Cllr Booth declared an interest for this part of the meeting.

7/22 a. To report on new street lighting faults.

Councillors were told that the street works were being scheduled for the replacements, but there were delays with parts. There were no new street light faults to report at this time.

7/22. b. To discuss and agree position on Swan Bridge following the RTC reported on 14th December 2021.

It was noted to the Clerk that the bridge in question was Clough Bridge, not Swan Bridge, as well as that it would need to be on the agenda again for next month to ensure that the works had been carried out and it wasn't simply forgotten about. It was noted that the works would close the bridge completely for approximately one day and were meant to happen by the end of January.

7/22. c. Members noted the TRO 2022/020 to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Back Road, Murrow as lies between numbers 1 and 19 from

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13th January 2022 and continue until these works have finished or on the 12th July 2023 whichever is the earlier.

8/22. Planning application decision updates

Councillors were informed of the following planning decision updates;

8/22 a. F/YR21/1351/TRTPO | Works 1 x Lime tree covered by TPO WR/15/2/465/2 | Village Green The Bank Parson Drove was Granted

8/22. b. F/YR21/1250/RM | Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (for Plot 4 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0971/O to erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 5-bed) and a detached double garage with home office above | Land East Of The Silverings 114 Main Road Parson Drove was Approved

8/22. c. F/YR21/3104/COND | Details reserved by conditions 9 (Sustainable Construction Elements) and 12 (Levels) of planning permission F/YR19/0971/O (Erect up to 5 dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access)) - for Plots 2 and 3 only | Land East Of The Silverings 114 Main Road Parson Drove was Approved

8/22. d. F/YR21/1176/F | Erect a single-storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling together with the siting of a log cabin and change of use of land to residential curtilage | The Lairage High Side Parson Drove was Approved

9/22. Planning applications for comment

Councillors deliberated the below and made the following comments;

9/22. a. In regards to F/YR21/1502/F Conversion of existing agricultural buildings to 2 x dwellings (2-storey 4-bed) involving the erection of a single-storey side extension and detached garages, and the demolition of 2 x agricultural buildings at Agricultural Building South East Of Bridge Farm Long Drove Parson Drove Cambridgeshire the Council deliberated the item and it was **agreed** that this was an application in the open countryside and the usual process is to replace like for like. It was also **agreed** this was an excessive development in the open countryside that is not in keeping with the area nor decisions on other developments sited in open countryside. The Council **agreed** to object to the planning application.

9/22. b. F/YR21/1507/PNH Erect a single-storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 8.0m with a maximum height of 3.95m and a height of 3.50m to the eaves. The Council **agreed** they had no further comments to add and recommended the application.

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10/22. The Council **agreed** the payments of the Council as below:

10/22. a. Payments to make

- i. Clerks Salary (£477.71)
- ii. Working from home allowance (£25.00)
- iii. EE Telephone bill (£22.80 including £3.80 VAT)
- iv. Payment for s.137 payment for heater (£99.99)

10/22 b. Payments made

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

11/22. To review the Parish Council's Risk Assessment on Assets & Finances

The Council **agreed** the Parish Council's Risk Assessment on Assets & Finances with an amendment as some of the documents are stored in the Cage.

12/22. To adopt the Model Financial regulations

The Council **agreed** the Model Financial regulations

13/22. To appoint the internal auditor for 2022/2023 financial year

The Council **agreed** to appoint S Pollard again for this financial year.

14/22. To receive the Amenities 95 report

Cllr Hunt informed members that there was the AGM meeting scheduled for the coming Saturday at 10:00.

15/22. To receive the Police report

Cllr Unwin informed the Council that there had not been another meeting with the Police since Christmas.

16/22. To discuss the Military Covenant

Cllr Booth informed members that Cllr Wickes from Benwick asked that this be considered to ensure support for armed forces servicemen both active and veteran. Councillors felt this was already in their hearts through their actions and donations to the poppy appeal and **agreed** to support the Military Covenant.

17/22 To collate agenda items for the next meeting

- Update on works on Clough Bridge
- To discuss Jubilee arrangements

At this point in the meeting Cllr Unwin informed Members that the Friends of St

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Johns had held their inaugural meeting and thanked the Council for their donation towards a heater for their events.

18/22. To agree a date, time and venue of next meeting

The Council **agreed** to meet on the 19th January 2022 at 19:00 to set the precept.
The Council **agreed** to meet on the 9th of February 2022 at 19:00 to hold the next monthly meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:22