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## Minutes of a meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council

Held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 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, R Fowler and P Unwin.

Also in attendance was Clerk David Boyce as well as two members of the public.

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

19/22. To receive the apologies.

The Council acknowledged the standing dispensation for Cllr Killingworth. Apologies from FDC Bligh and CCC King were **agreed**.

20/22. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.

No requests were received by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Under item 26/22 Cllrs Booth and Hunt registered their personal interests. Councillors were reminded that they could register their interests at any part of the meeting.

26/22. Open Forum

A representative of Johnson Drove application gave a presentation to the Council in regards to the proposal in line with the agreed Local Plan. Councillors were invited to make comment or ask questions at this point, where Cllr Williams registered a personal interest and commented on the perceived encroachment of the verge on the plans which would stop farm machinery & its implements reaching the fields beyond. The representative explained the plans and that it will take it further back from the roadway.

The Community Speedwatch gave a presentation upon the effectiveness of the local volunteer group where different approaches to the process were being trialled including doing a village focus which alternates geographically on full day shifts with all the resources to improve effectiveness. This was instead of the current model of covering all the villages with smaller groups.

27/22. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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The item was moved to next month as not all councillors had received the minutes.

27/22 a. Matters arising from previous minutes not covered on the agenda (for information only)

Cllr Booth informed the Council that he had applied for the Wryde Croft Wind Farm fund on it's behalf for the Murrow Bank project.

Cllr Booth moved to take planning applications for comment at this point in the meeting.

32/22. Planning applications for comment

32/22. a. The Council discussed F/YR21/1516/RM Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale (for Plot 5 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0971/O to erect 1no dwelling (2-storey, 4-bed) at Land East Of The Silverings 114 Main Road Parson Drove Cambridgeshire and **agreed** to continue to support this application.

32/22. b. The Council discussed F/YR22/0110/F Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 3-bed) with integral garage involving demolition of existing dwelling and alterations to existing access, and temporary siting of a caravan during construction at Fairview Johnsons Drove Parson Drove Cambridgeshire PE13 4JS. Cllr Williams declared a personal interest. The Council Recommend Approval on condition all the vehicles and materials are kept on site and not interfering with the highway so as to not restrict vehicular access for agricultural machinery.

32/22. c. The Council discussed F/YR22/0081/TRTPO Works to 2no Sycamore Trees covered by TPO 03/2011 at 103 Main Road Parson Drove Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4LA, where it **agreed** to support the tree officers recommendations.

Cllr Booth then moved to take the agenda back to the usual order.

28/22. To receive the District Councillors Report

In Cllr Bligh's absence, Cllr Booth reported that the next meeting was scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The recycling rates for the District have been raised as cause for concern compared to Central Government, the community safety partnership was to be discussed and the Wisbech Rail project had gone back to bard meeting from CPCA to get more funding with options being considered for both light and heavy rail. Cllr Spriggs asked that a Planning Enforcement Officer be contacted about Sealeys Lane as some of the caravans were being bricked round which was against their planning permission.

29/22. To receive the County Councillors Report

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CCC King had sent the report at 17:30 on the day of the meeting and so Councillors did not have time before the meeting to discuss it in his absence. Cllr Spriggs informed the Council that he had met with someone who was inspecting the pot holes and the works completed recently who noted some of the works had been quite poor, which was particularly concerning now there were a number of additional lorries using the route with the closures on the A47. It was **agreed** to report 14 pot holes down Silvers Lane and 14 down Long Drove.

## 30/22. Highways Matters

Cllr Booth reported to Councillors that he had been pursuing an update on the MVAS system for the Parish but had not had a proper update prior to the meeting.

30/22. a. To report on new street lighting faults.

Cllr Fowler reported a knockdown at the top of Sealeys Lane.

30/22. b. To update the Council on the progress of the street light installation

Cllr Booth informed the Council that the Clerk had sent the list but there had been some confusion as to the locations and so after correlation work, had uncovered many are on the schedule of replacement anyway. The Clerk informed the Council that he had still not received the Service Level Agreement. It was asked as to whether there was an update with regards to the new light at 65 Fen Road, to which the Clerk informed not at the date of the meeting but this would be followed up.

30/22. c. The Council acknowledged the Guyhurn Roadworks update.

30/22. d. The Council acknowledged the TTRO 864/098757 between Sandbank -B1542 – Murrow Lane on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

31/22. Planning application decision updates were noted by the Council as follows;

31/22 a. 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 | Anaria House 305 Main Road Church End Parson Drove – Prior approval not required

31/22 b. F/YR21/1418/CERTLU | Certificate of lawfulness (Existing): Use of site as Building Contractors Yard | Lavender Cottage Seadyke Bank Parson Drove – Application withdrawn

31/22 c. F/YR21/1351/TRTPO | Works 1 x Lime tree covered by TPO WR/15/2/465/2 | Village Green The Bank Parson Drove - Granted

33/22. To agree the payments of the Council

33/22. a. Payments to make were **agreed** as follows;

i. Clerks Salary (£477.71)

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- ii. Working from home allowance (£25.00)
- iii. Clerks postage costs (£8.78)
- iv. EE Telephone bill (£22.80 including £3.80 VAT)

33/22 b. Payments made were **agreed** as follows;

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

34/22. To agree the job specification for the grass cutting tender

Some discussion ensued around the prepared document by the Clerk. It was noted some of the local names to circulate to and it was **agreed** to circulate the tender.

35/22. To discuss the Jubilee arrangements

Councillors were informed that there was an intended afternoon tea party scheduled for the Jubilee celebrations at the village hall, the school were still in the process of planning something and the Friends of St Johns Church are organising a picnic on the Saturday with live music.

36/22. To receive the Amenities 95 report

The Council were told that the AGM had been had and all committee members were re-elected, as well as a sausage supper being organised for the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

37/22. To receive the Police report

The Members were informed that the Police meeting had happened the previous Friday. Cllr Unwin went on to explain the Wisbech Police Station renovations were about finished and the station was open again, with two new officers resourced for the area, one from a PCSO and one an ex firearms officer. It was hoped that there would be more resourcing for Neighbourhood Policing, but they have now been passed the responsibility of Hate Crime. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Neighbourhood Watch was this year and a relaunch was happening to appeal for new volunteers. There was also a new plan to push awareness around picking up after your dog. It was brought to Cllr Unwins attention with regard to a car regularly parking at the top of Sealeys Lane causing an obstruction to the junction and the path which needed reporting.

38/22. To hear the progress of the Website Working Party

The Council was informed that the Job Specification had been written and sent to various companies for their tender.

39/22. To collate agenda items for the next meeting

- To agree the updates to the Safeguarding Policy
- To agree the updates to the Equality and Diversity policy

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40/22. To agree the draft dates for future meetings

The Council **agreed** to the same format as this last calendar year with the second Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall

41/22. To agree a date, time and venue of next meeting

It was agreed to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 19:00 in the Village Hall.

*The meeting was closed at 21:06*