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Minutes of a meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council

Held on 9th March 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 R Fowler.

Also in attendance were and CCC S King, DC S Bligh, Clerk D Boyce as well as one member of the public.

Cllr G Booth Chaired the meeting and opened it at 19:01.

42/22. To agree the apologies

The Council noted the dispensation given to Cllr Killingworth. The Council **agreed** the apologies of Cllr Unwin.

43/22. To receive requests for Dispensations and record interests

Cllrs Booth and Hunt raised their interests for items 51/22 and 57/22. Councillors were reminded that they could raise their interests at any time.

44/22. Open Forum

The representative from the Community Speedwatch informed the Council that more residents had signed up to support the program and that more volunteers would be welcome, where they were hoping to attract more with events in the coming months. Speedwatch sessions were planned in Murrow and Parson Drove in May, with Wisbech St Mary being the focus in June. There was a request to litter pick The Old Pit by Seadyke Bank that was declined due to their not having been any tree inspection there yet.

45/22. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2022, the 19th January 2022 and 9th February 2022

The Council agreed the minutes of the 12th and 19th January. The Council agreed the minutes of the 9th of February with the following changes:

- 27/22 to add at the end "as agreed at a previous meeting"

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- 32/22 To change this item from 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 and it was noted that it was cited in open countryside and the local plan allows for replacement dwellings which this was, but the concerns were about appropriate design for such a dwelling. Cllr Williams declared a personal interest. It was **agreed** that the conditions the Parish Council sought were to ensure all the vehicles and materials are kept on site and not interfering with the highway, as well as ensure the property is not moved forward in any way by design so as to restrict vehicular access for agricultural machinery to 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.
- To change 32/22 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** that there had been concerns raised by parishioners as to the size and condition of the trees and supported any properly identified required works to 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.

45/22 a. Matter arising from previous minutes not covered on the agenda (for information only)

The Council was informed that Cllr Booth had emailed in regard to Clough Bridge where he was told that the works had gone to tender due to their specialist nature.

46/22. To receive the District Councillors Report

Cllr Booth informed the Council that the Emergency Planning department were approaching Parish Councils regarding having an emergency plan. The District Council had been deliberating the call wait times which have been bad, but it is being addressed. DC Bligh told the Council that the Police & Crime Commissioner was funding a problem-solving role for each District Council in the Community Safety Partnership and that Fenland District Council has frozen their portion of the Council Tax for this year.

47/22. To receive the County Councillors Report

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The Councillors acknowledged CC Kings report previously sent. It was noted by Cllr Spriggs that the Dragon Patcher had been around filling potholes but not to a good standard, where some were breaking up again.

48/22. Highways Matters

Cllr Fowler reported 102 potholes down Silvers Lane, 17 down Sealeys Lane and 4 down Harolds Bank. It was noted that the Dragon Patcher had done them down Silvers Lane.

48/22. a. To report new street light faults

Cllr Fowler reported that the PC1 on Elbow Lane had been knocked over in the storm, the UK Power Networks had made safe, but this needed reporting to get replaced, which the Clerk would do.

48/22. b. To update the Council on the progress of the streetlight works

The Members were informed that FPC 3 streetlight was to be installed this week and the Fen Road new light had been asked to be quoted.

49/22. Planning application decision updates

49/22 a. None

50/22. Planning applications for comment

50/22. a. F/YR22/0201/F [Erect a double stable and hay store on skids and formation of a hardstanding](#) Land East Of Downyonder Harolds Bank Parson Drove Cambridgeshire was deliberated and it was **agreed** to recommend for approval.

50/22. b. F/YR22/0190/F [Change of use of site to a building contractors yard \(Sui-Generis\) \(retrospective\)](#) Land North Of Lavender Cottage Seadyke Bank Parson Drove Cambridgeshire was deliberated and it was **agreed** to recommend for approval.

50/22. c. F/YR22/3019/COND [Details reserved by Condition 09 \(Energy Assessment\) and 12 \(Levels\) of planning permission F/YR19/0971/O \(Erect up to 5 dwellings \(outline application with matters committed in respect of access\)\)](#) Land East Of The Silverings 114 Main Road Parson Drove Cambridgeshire was noted.

51/22. To agree the payments of the Council

51/22. a. Payments to make were **agreed** as follows

- i. Clerks Salary (£477.71)
- ii. Working from home allowance (£25.00)
- iii. With the exception of this item which was a repeat
- iv. T A Blackamore grass cutting 21/22 (£4093.46 including £682.24 VAT)

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v. Icen Tree Care LTD (£1850.00)

51/22 b. It was noted that the EE direct debit had now been set up and payments made were **agreed** as follows:

- i. EE Telephone bill (£22.80 including £3.80 VAT)
- ii. E-On (£33.00)
- iii. Wave (£20.00)

51/22 c. Grant requests received

- i. The Council deliberated the Amenities 95 Committee request for £400.00 towards crockery, where it was **agreed** to make a payment under section 137, but with the request that the crockery purchased has cost effectiveness and durability.

52/22. To discuss the Jubilee arrangements

Cllr Fowler felt the Council should do something themselves to note the jubilee for the children of the village where it was requested that such an item be placed onto the April agenda.

53/22. To hear the progress of the Website Working Party

The Council was informed that the tenders had been circulated and the end date had been set at 21st March 2022, in readiness for the agreement. It was also noted that the Clerk had found some NALC templates for policies that would support the process.

54/22. To agree the updated Safeguarding Policy

The Council **agreed** to defer this item until the Wryde Croft Wind Farm had come back with their requirements.

55/22. To agree the updated Equality and Diversity Policy

The Council **agreed** the policy.

56/22. To receive a tree works on The Green update

57/22. To receive the Amenities 95 report

Cllr Hunt informed the Council that the hall was growing in popularity

58/22 To receive the Police report

In Cllr Unwins absence, the Council were first informed that the next meeting was on the 18th March 2022. Councillors were invited to give any report for the police, where there were none.

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59/22. To collate agenda items for the next meeting

- To discuss implementing the Military Covenant
- To discuss the Crash Site memorial
- To agree the action the Council will take in regard to commemorating the Jubilee for the local children.
- Discuss progress on North Level Drain walkway.
- Grass cutting tender.
- Allotments.

60/22. To agree a date, time and venue of next meeting

The Council agreed an extraordinary meeting on the 23rd March 2022 at 19:00 at the Methodist Church

The meeting was closed at 20:56