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Minutes of a meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council

Held on 11th July 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, J Hunt, & P Unwin.

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

Cllr G Booth Chaired the meeting and opened it at 19:00.

142/22. To receive the apologies.

The Council acknowledged the standing dispensation for Cllr Killingworth. Apologies from Cllrs R Fowler and P Williams were **agreed**. Apologies were also noted from FDC Bligh.

143/22. To receive requests for Dispensations and record interests

Cllrs Hunt and Booth requested for 154/22. Cllr Spriggs for 150/22 .b. and 156/22.

144/22. Open Forum – Public participation.

One member of the public spoke about the poor state of Main Road, in particular the drains that have dropped significantly and how much the houses shake when the lorries go past on that road. CCC King explained that there was a jetting programme in place to clear the drains for the future. The member of the public also said that CCC King's manifesto explained that he would tackle speeding in the villages but, to date, this had not been accomplished. CCC King offered to meet the member of the public after the meeting to discuss his issues. The representative for Community Speedwatch presented successes, including the MVAS on Front Road has been successful. There had been five letter 3's issued to persistent speeders and speeders caught from outside of the County would now be issued a letter. The campaign for the new kit recently trialled continues.

145/22. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 8th June 2022

The Council **agreed** the minutes of the meeting on 8th June 2022

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145/22 a. Matter arising from previous minutes not covered on the agenda (for information only)

106/22. a. was updated by the Chairman to explain that a meeting had been held with Highways Officer for the MVAS system and the 40mph limit had been agreed to be extended to Clough Bridge and mirror the speed limit on the Lincolnshire side. The SID had been delivered but is still waiting for the poles to mount it to.

128/22. It was noted that, despite being promised to be on the programme for Long Drove, road planings had not been sealed and would now need topping up again before the sealing happened.

146/22. To receive the District Councillors Report

In FDC Blighs absence, Cllr Booth informed the Council that there was a full District Council meeting held on Monday where the indicative recycling rate was discussed, finding that the rate had dropped to 41% from 52% over the last few years. It was also noted that air monitoring was being proposed for Whittlesey but Cllr Booth had requested this be extended to the whole District. It was also noted that the fence owned by the Housing association had now been repaired.

147/22. To receive the County Councillors Report

CCC Kings report had been sent on the day of the meeting and councillors had not had time to fully read it. Highlights included Long Drove needing a follow up now the Highways Officers had changed. CCC King invited any suggestions from the Council as to the Local Highways Initiative Scheme for consideration. It was noted that other Counties do not have to pay for rationalisation on their speed limits where conditions were now met under section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. It was also noted that Highways should not be constantly using the LHI process as a method for dealing with enquiries from the public, given Parishes could only submit one bid a year.

148/22. Highways Matters

148/22. a. To report any new street lighting faults

There was much debate about the outstanding issues with the streetlights and discussion as to the fairness of paying for the electricity for all the streetlights whilst not all of them work and for a substantial period. The Clerk assured that he would send a letter of dissatisfaction regarding the service level agreement and the billed electricity costs for the streetlights that do not work this month.

148/22. b. To discuss the Local Transport Plan from CAPCA

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The Council discussed this, and comments were made about the lack generally of local public transport services.

149/22. Planning application decision updates

149/22 a. The Council noted that the application F/YR22/0427/F [Erect an annex \(2-storey, 2-bed\) incorporating triple garage and pool house](#) Lavender Cottage Seadyke Bank Murrow Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4SB was Granted

149/22. b. The Council noted that the application F/YR22/0439/F [Erect an agricultural storage building](#) Land South East Of The Clough 39 The Bank Parson Drove Cambridgeshire was Granted

149/22. c. The Council noted that the application 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 Granted

149/22. d. The Council noted that the application F/YR22/0554/F [Erect a single-storey garage to front of existing dwelling involving formation of a dropped kerb](#) Carling 21 Fen Road Parson Drove Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4JP was Refused

149/22. e. The Council noted that the application F/YR22/0370/O [Erect 1 dwelling \(outline application with matters committed in respect of access\)](#) Land East Of Mill Road Murrow Cambridgeshire was Refused.

150/22. Planning applications for comment

150/22. a. The Council discussed their comments for application F/YR22/0759/F [Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing outbuilding](#) 18 Sealeys Lane Parson Drove Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4LD and **agreed** to recommend for approval.

150/22. b. The Council discussed their comments for application F/YR22/0728/F [Erect an Annexe to side of existing dwelling](#) Fieldend Swan Bridge Parson Drove Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4JG reproposal and **agreed** to recommend for approval.

150/22. c. The Council discussed their comments for application F/YR22/0660/F [Erect a dwelling \(2-storey, 5-bed\) and detached single-storey home office \(Plot 2\)](#) Plot 2 Land East Of The Silverings 114 Main Road Parson Drove Cambridgeshire and **agreed** to recommend for approval with enforcement of conditions of works vehicles being parked on site and not on Main Road as they currently were.

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150/22. d. The Council discussed their comments for application [F/YR22/0664/F Erect a detached garage with room above to rear of existing dwelling](#) Walnut View 75A Back Road Murrow Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4JW and **agreed** to recommend for approval.

150/22. e. The Council discussed their comments for application [F/YR22/0653/F Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling](#) The Palms 36 Main Road Parson Drove Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4JA and **agreed** to recommend for approval.

150/22. f. The Council discussed their comments for application [F/YR22/0702/F Erect 1 x dwelling \(2-storey 4-bed\) involving demolition of existing dwelling within a conservation area \(part retrospective\)](#) 27 The Bank Parson Drove Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4JD and **agreed** to recommend for approval with conditions of all works vehicles to be kept on site at all times and the trees all to be protected and there to be no damage to take place to the Village Green.

151/22. To agree the payments of the Council

151/22. a. Payments to make were **agreed** as below:

- i. Clerks Salary (£486.03)
- ii. Postage (£7.74)
- iii. Working from home allowance (£25.00)
- iv. Open Spaces Society (£45.00)
- v. Icen Tree Care (£650.00)
- vi. GBSG for The Cage (£105.17 including £17.53 VAT)
- vii. Grant for Southea Parochial Church Council (£700.00)

151/22 b. Payments made were **agreed** as below:

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

151/22. c. Payments received were **agreed** as below:

- i. Fenland District Council 20240405 (£5,329.00)
- ii. Wryde Croft Wind Farm A632430 (£2,000.00)

151/22. d. To receive the Bank reconciliation

The Council received and agreed the bank reconciliation for May 2022 as below:

31/05/2022

Opening balance	
42765802	£110,745.02

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Opening balance	
05546583	£14,827.18
add receipts	£1,837.60
less payments	£5,766.99
unpresented cheques	£0.00
<i>Total</i>	£121,642.81

Current balance 42765802	£106,814.51
Current balance 05546583	£14,828.30
unpresented cheques	£0.00
<i>Total</i>	£121,642.81

Line 8 check = £0	£0.00
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*Unpresented cheques

<i>Total</i>	£0.00
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152/22. To agree the commemorative Jubilee plaque

The Council were informed of the official Jubilee options by the Clerk from the Queens Green Canopy website. The Council **agreed** to purchase a steel A5 sign from Ward Signs.

153/22. To hear the progress of the Website Working Party

The Council were informed by Cllr Unwin that, after much work, the current provider of website services had all but withdrawn and this was causing issues with publication of documents. Two companies had now come back to the working party with very similar costings around £1,600.00 to cover the next three years provision, where it was **agreed** to authorise Cllrs Unwin and Booth to instruct a provider on behalf of the Council from the two presented up to £1,600.00. Cllr Hunt abstained from the vote and requested that this be recorded.

154/22. To receive the Amenities 95 report

Cllr Hunt informed Members that the committee were investigating a solid structure path to cross the gravel car park to improve accessibility for all. The football contract was being renegotiated, a new defibrillator for the village was to be installed at the front of the building to improve accessibility for those who need it and there were further reports of vandalism. Councillors were reminded of the upcoming car show which was to be hosted for the first time for three years.

155/22. To receive the Police report

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The Council were told that the Police hadn't met again but there was a reschedule for the 22nd July 2022.

Cllr Hunt left the meeting at 20:52

156/22. To discuss the painting of the Cage and the roadway.

After best endeavours, the council had received one quote back for the necessary maintenance works to the Cage. It was **agreed** to accept the quote for paintwork and guttering repairs. Cllr Spriggs abstained from the vote. It was then noted that a scaffolding tower be required to complete the works to the Clock Tower, which the Clerk would investigate. There was a request to ask Elgoods to give some attention to the roadway, especially as Cllr Spriggs had now levelled it.

157/22. To agree date for inspection of Council assets

The Council **agreed** to meet on the 7th September 2022 at 19:00. The Council noted the benefits of communicating to allotment tenants prior to the event and **agreed** to send a letter to notify all allotment tenants of the upcoming inspection.

158/22. To collate agenda items for the next meeting

- To discuss moving banks
- To receive the Budget report
- The Hedge outside BT causing an obstruction

159/22. To agree a date, time and venue of next meeting

The Council **agreed** to meet at the Village Hall at 19:00 on 10th August 2022.

The meeting was closed at 21:21