

Minutes of Parson Drove Parish Council Meeting held in the Cage on Wednesday 12th July 2017.

Attended by Councillors G Booth (Chairman), P Spriggs (Vice Chairman), J Cook, J Hunt, C Killingworth, D Markillie & P Williams.
Clerk to John Bends United Charity & 4 members of the public.

17/132. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Simon King.

17/133. To consider any requests by Councillors for Dispensations.

There were no requests from Councillors for dispensations.

17/134. Members' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda.

Cllr Williams declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 142 d) as she resides close to the application site.

Cllr Spriggs declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 17/142 as he rents land from the applicant.

Cllr Cook declared a Personal Interest in respect of Agenda Item No 17/147 as he is an Officer of the Amenities 95 Committee.

17/135. Public Participation – To allow up to 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting.

A parishioner residing at Riverside Gardens asked for the Parish Councils help in resolving a problem with damp and mould in the house as she had reported the matter to Roddons Housing Association who had not been very helpful in their response. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council would write to the Housing Association on her behalf and as a District Councillor he would also look into this complaint.

The Agent for the Planning Application under Agenda Item No 17/142 spoke regarding the issues that had been raised by the District Council Planning Department in relation to the Community Contribution requested by the Parish Council only being relevant if the dwellings were in Flood Zone 3 and that as the site location was classed as being in Church End the Officers were recommending refusal of the application.

Councillors were also informed that following the recent sale of the land previously owned by Delamores the new owner was looking to erect 20 bungalows on some of the land with the access being from The Bank via the King William entrance. Community Consultation would be undertaken for nearby residents but the Agent asked for the Parish Councils comments on the proposed development. The Chairman advised that previous proposals for development on this site had been strongly opposed by the majority of residents and development of this size was contrary to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

17/136. To receive and approve the annual accounts for the John Bends United Charities.

The Clerk to the John Bends Charity presented the annual accounts to the Parish Council and they were approved and signed by the Chairman.

17/137. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th June 2017.

The Minutes were taken as read and agreed as a true record after an amendment on page 1282, Agenda Item Number 17/125 b) changing Wednesday to Tuesday and signed by the Chairman.

17/138. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14th June. (Information only).

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

17/139. Community Police Officers Report.

The Clerk had received an email advising that the Parish Council will no-longer be receiving monthly reports on crimes and incidences in the parish as the information was available on the websites. The Clerk advised that she had checked the website for the June information but the website only went up to April. Councillors therefore resolved to respond advising that as the website was not up to date this was not acceptable to them. The next Community Contact Point was being held in Newton Village Hall on the 27th June. The Clerk was trying to organise a Community Contact session for Parson Drove during September but was still waiting for a proposed date.

17/140. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

County Councillor S King had sent an email to the Clerk regarding the various Highway issues raised at the last meeting in relation to repairing pot holes and this was read out at the meeting.

District Councillor G Booth advised that there was to be a consultation exercise regarding the future of the County's Children's Centres and Murrow's Centre was included in the proposed closure list.

Wisbech St Mary's Local Highway scheme for the junction of Seadyke Road, Back Road, Silvers Lane Murrow had been completed with improved signage and yellow lines for parking restriction on Pidgeons corner and Seadyke Road.

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council had agreed to support a joint bid to Wryde Croft Wind Farm Community Fund for a grant towards FACT providing a shuttle bus from Murrow and Parson Drove to connect with the X1 bus at Guyhirn.

The District Council had engaged new contractors to deal with enforcement of fly tipping, dog fouling and dropping litter.

17/141. Planning Matters & Applications for consideration.

a) Messrs Coles Planning Application No F/YR17/0501/F, Agent Maxey Grounds & Co., for the conversion of existing barn to form two 2 storey dwellings (1 two bed and 1 three bed, including rear 2 storey extensions, raising the roof to accommodate the first floor & a single storey side extension involving the formation of a new access & demolition of existing lean-to shed & farm outbuildings, Barn north east of 39 The Bank accessed from Marshalls Bank, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to support the application subject to an Agricultural restriction being imposed on the two dwellings.

b) L W Lake, Planning Application No F/YR17/00511/F, Agent Ken Elener, for the erection of a detached 2 storey garage with storage above involving the demolition of the existing garage/carport, Apple Crumble Cottage 318 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to support the application and recommend approval.

c) Mr & Mrs Rudd, Planning Application No F/YR17/0538/F, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd., for the erection of a single storey rear extension & conversion of garage to additional living accommodation to existing dwelling Midway, Long Drove, Parson Drove. Councillors resolved to support the application and recommend approval.

d) A Dixon, Planning Application No F/YR17/0548/F, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd, for change of use of barn to tea room & agricultural land to Ti-pee camping site & erection of two 2 storey 5 bed dwellings with integral garage for plot 1 & detached double garage for plot 2, land west of 338 & land south east of 344 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Councillors resolved to object to the application in its current form as they considered that the plot was only large enough for 1 dwelling. Councillors expressed their disappointment that the comments regarding the access to the camping site on the previous application had not been taken into account and therefore objected to this part of the application as they considered that the entrance for the camping site should be at the north end of the field. Councillors considered that insufficient measure had been suggested to address the possible noise to neighbouring properties. Concern was also expressed about the nature of the neighbouring consultations as the responses were anonymous.

e) C Hopper, Planning Application No F/YR17/0553/F, Agent Swann Edwards Architecture Ltd., for the erection of a 2 storey 4 bed dwelling with detached double garage, plot 1 north of 15 – 27 Mill Road, Murrow.

Councillors resolved to support this application and recommend approval.

f) Notification that the following planning application has been approved.

Mrs A Baldwin, Planning Application No. F/YR17/0434/F, Agent Trundle Design Services, for the erection of a single storey front extension to existing dwelling and erection of a detached garden shed (part retrospective), Silvers Barn, Silvers Lane, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

g) Notification that the following planning application has been refused.

N Bates, Planning Application No. F/YR17/0352/O, No Agent, for the erection of a 4 – 5 bed roomed 2 storey dwelling on land adjacent to Glebe Lodge, 385 Main Road, Church End, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

h) Notification that the following planning applications have been withdrawn.

1. G Patrick, Planning Application No F/YR17/0391/F, Agent Alexandra Designs, for the erection of a 2 storey two bed dwelling on land west of Rosewood, Seadyke Bank, Murrow.

Information noted by Councillors.

2. L Upton, Planning Application No F/YR17/0212/F, Agent G Seaton, for change of use of land to form a travellers site for 3 mobile homes & 3 tourer vans and erection of a 1.2 metre high post & rail fencing on land south of Harrolds Bank, Sealeys Lane, Parson Drove.

Information noted by Councillors.

The Chairman advised that residents had expressed their thanks for the Council's support in objecting to this application and the subsequent withdrawal of the application.

**17/142. To discuss community payment for Planning Application F/YR17/0411/F
G Patrick.**

The Chairman advised that the Planning Department had informed him that no Community payment would be paid as the proposed development was not in Flood zone 3. The Planning department had also since realised that the proposed development was in Church End and not Parson Drove therefore falling under the category of limited development to single dwelling infill sites and subsequently they could be recommending refusal of the application.

Councillors resolved to still support the application and request the community payment as it was a Brownfield site, part of the site falls within Flood Zone 3, a precedent had already been made with 4 dwellings already being approved for the site and a further 4 dwellings at another site in Church End.

17/143. Accounts & Finance

a) Councillors resolved to approve the following invoices for payment.

Mrs Yvonne Reader, 1 months' salary & expenses, £511.96. L.G.A. 1092 s 112.

Cllr J Hunt reimbursement for purchase of electric heater for the Cage, £21.98. L.G.A. 1972 s133.

C&PALC, Outreach Training Session, £350. L.G.A. 1972 s111.

b) To receive and approve the Receipts & Payments Bank Reconciliation Report & Budget Update Report.

Councillors resolved to approve the reports presented by the Clerk with no issues arising from the reports.

17/144. Report on progress from the working group on Neighbourhood Planning and the revised Planning Policies.

There was no new information to report on this matter.

17/145. To debate & respond where appropriate to items of correspondence received.

Email from CPRE advising of a workshop for Parish Council on Understanding the Planning System & responding to planning applications on Thursday 2nd November 9am to 1pm at St Ives Corn Exchange inviting 2 Parish Councillors to attend at a cost of £25 per attendee.

Cllr's Cook and Hunt indicated that they wished to attend this training session.

b) Notification from the County Council that FACT are providing a transport service from the Horse Fair Bus Station to Tesco's.

Information noted by Councillors.

c) Request from Savills acting on behalf of Anglian Water Services Ltd., for the agreement to be signed and returned in respect of the sewer pipe laid under the village green.

Councillors resolved for the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Parish Council, witnessed by the Clerk.

d) Email from Forcewide Speed Watch & Neighbourhood Watch suggesting that parishes apply to the Wryde Croft Community Fund for a grant to provide additional Speed Watch equipment.

Councillors resolved to respond advising that they may be interested in the future but as yet, despite several attempts, they had been unable to recruit enough volunteers to set up another Speedwatch group for the village.

17/146. Highway & Street Lighting Matters.

Highway issues to be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council.

Councillors reported an overgrown Thorn bush near the Parson Drove sign at Church End, the overgrown hedge outside The Limes obstructing the footpath and the low branches on the trees near the War Memorial on the village green obstructing vision for access onto the main road. The Chairman advised that he would arrange for the Street Pride group to trim the branches on the trees near the War Memorial on their next working session.

The Clerk had received an email advising that repair work to Swan Bridge following the recent accident damage would start on Friday 21st July and last 8 days. The road would not be closed but temporary barriers and traffic management would be required.

b) Faulty Street lights to be reported to the County Council.
There were no faulty street lights reported by Councillors.

c) Update report regarding Parish Street Lighting.
The Clerk advised that she had been notified by the contractors that they would carry out the inspection of the Parish street lights in the next month.

17/147. Amenities 95 Management Committee Report.

Cllr Cook advised that the Committee had been invited to submit their stage 2 application for grant funding from the Big Lottery. They had passed the recent Hallmark inspection and the presentation is to be arranged.

17/148. Councillors questions to Chairman & Clerk.

Cllr Markillie asked if any further progress had been made relating to the over grown Riverside Allotment Gardens and the two tenants who had previously been contacted about this situation. The Clerk advised that one tenant had indicated that he wished to erect a polytunnel on his allotment garden so it would appear that he intended to clean the garden up but no response had been received from the other tenant. Councillors agreed to consider this matter again after the annual inspection of the Allotment Gardens on 8th August.

17/149. Any other business (information items only).

There were no other matters raised other than the Car, Bike & Trike Show was being held on the 15th & 16th July on the playing field.

17/150. Dates for future Council meetings.

The Annual Inspection of Assets would take place on Tuesday 8th August at 7.30pm and the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for the following day, Wednesday 9th August at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.