

A meeting of the Partney & Dalby Parish Council held at Partney Victory Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

### **PRESENT**

Mr J Hudson MBE (Chairman), Grp Cptn A B Callaway, Mrs M E Dawson, Mr S Oliver, Mr J Oliver, Mr J Pearson & Mr A Kemp, Mr A Middleton.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence received from Mr N Blanchard. The Chairman explained that as the Clerk was on holiday, Gp Captn Callaway would take the minutes.

### **MINUTES AS CIRCULATED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006 were considered, prop Mr J Oliver, sec. By Mr J Pearson, approved unanimously by Council as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

The Partney village website [www.partneyvillage.co.uk](http://www.partneyvillage.co.uk) was up and running with hits from all over the world. Approval had been given for the pruning and trimming of the trees in the churchyard to start in February 2007.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Flooding at the junction of Hardings Lane and the Rectory would be dealt with by an ELDC contractor jetting the drains.
- 2) The LCC Highways Dept would arrange for the entrance to Partney Pumps filling station to be signed as "Services Only" in an attempt to reduce traffic using the slip road as a short cut. The Dept would also be investigating the Parish Council's request for a weight limit on vehicles coming through the village.
- 3) The Planning Application by Mr & Mrs Leverton had been approved by ELDC.
- 4) A map of tree locations had been produced by Mr D Hudson, Tree Warden. 24 trees would be given to the village in the next few weeks under the "Free Trees for Parishes" scheme run by Lincs CC. A rowan would be planted by the Bugg Memorial Seat and local boys would be recruited to help with the planting.
- 5) ELDC had asked for PC approval for the RAF Benevolent Fund collection to be carried out in Battle of Britain week (Wings Week). The Chairman undertook to write giving this approval.
- 6) Mrs March had asked for approval to purchase and reserve a grave space next to her late husband. This has been given by the Chairman and the fee of £40 has been received.
- 7) Griffin Memorials on behalf of Tony and Daisy Dickinson had requested authority to erect a standard size granite headstone at the grave of their grandmother. This was given.
- 8) A speeding incident in Maddison Lane had been reported to the Chairman. Action had been requested of the LCC Highways Dept to cut back the verges in order to widen the lane and reduce risk of injury. This was in hand. Mr Kemp suggested the construction of 'sleeping

policemen' but this was not thought to be viable although highly desirable.

- 9) Application had been made under new legislation to reduce the cemetery rates.

### **ACCOUNTS TO PAY & APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS TO DATE**

- 1) There were no accounts to pay.
- 2) In reply to an inquiry from Mrs Dawson, it was confirmed that the Middleton contract for cemetery maintenance was for three years commencing November 2004.

### **TO CONSIDER AND FIX PRECEPT FOR 2007**

The precept for the last financial year was £1570 and expenditure amounted to £1501 which indicated good financial management. The Chairman opened discussion on the proposed precept for 2007/8 with a suggestion of £1600, and Mrs Dawson said that an increase of about the rate of inflation was indicated. Prop by Mr Callaway, sec by Mr J Oliver that the 2007/8 precept be set at £1610. Agreed unanimously. Mr Pearson (resp. for finances) said that there were reserve funds of £1379 on deposit.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION – Mr & Mrs Williamson driveway**

The Chairman introduced this application and tabled plans of the proposal for discussion. The members had no objection in principle to the application but considered that the LC Highways Dept would assess and approve or reject the application in the light of current legislation for siting and dimensions entrances to properties from a main road with double white lines. It was noted that this was a retrospective application, the work having been done in the belief that planning approval had already been given. There was no Parish record of this belief. It was prop, by Mrs Dawson and sec. By Mr Pearson that the ELDC be advised of the P.C.s decision in this matter. Approved unanimously.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1) Finger post sign – Mr Callaway had asked by email of 10 Jan 2007 of LCC (Mr Rose) for progress report, but no reply received. Copy of email given to the Chairman for the record. Note: reply received from Mr Rose 16<sup>th</sup> Jan and attached to notes.
- 2) Chairman had written to ELDC regarding the apparent change of use at the property known as Stanwood situated on the old A158 just before the junction with the new bypass road. This had also been noted by Cllr Davie the LCC member for our area.
- 3) Mr Pearson said that a pedestrian gate at the end of the footpath to the new A158 had been damaged and had been missing for some time. This negated the work done at considerable public expense to keep the badgers in and provide a safety gate for children that may run onto the new road. Chairman to write to ELDC.
- 4) Mr S Oliver drew attention to graffiti on a new A158 sign near Partney Pumps, work to replace the sign was in hand.
- 5) Mr Kemp drew attention to the unsatisfactory state of fencing around Fairfield. Chairman will keep matter under review.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Concern was expressed by Mr Swanson that an access to West Lodge from the old main road had been done before planning permission had been granted. Chairman pointed out that this work had been done in the mistaken belief that approval already existed. Mr Swanson said he would be writing to Bristol.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance.

Meeting closed 8.20p.m.

**TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7.30p.m.