

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

3rd June 2019

AT THE BEECHES

Those Present; Cllr R Radcliffe (RR); Cllr D Beckett (DB); Cllr Mrs J Malkin (JM); Cllr R Mitchell (BM); Cllr Mrs G Preece (GP); Cllr Mrs P Wilkes (PW); Cllr M Caffarelli (MC); Cllr A Dennis (AD); Cllr C Elmer (CE);

Members: 11

Quorum: 4

Clerk: Jeanette Borderick (JB)

Parishioners: 6 County Councillor 1-M Goldsack: District Councillors 2 J Schumann and J Huffer

19-20/25	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE LGA 1972s95	Action
	Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith and Cllr C Patterson.	Noted
19-20/26	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
	None.	
19-20/27	OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)	
	A Noble requested update on neighbourhood survey. She was advised that only approximately 97 replies were received. However, they were very supportive of the village and its amenities. She was also advised that work on the Neighbourhood Plan continues.	
19-20/28	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD May 13th 2019	
	Proposed PW. Seconded BM.	Unanimous
19-20/29	MATTERS ARISING / CLERKS REPORT (also see appendix 1)	
(1a)	MC confirmed that the generator for use on Dunstall allotment has been ordered.	
(a)	Angus Irvine Fund.	
	It was agreed that AD and JM would look into outdoor gym equipment and outdoor table tennis table. The Clerk will also contact Soham Parish Council as there may be equipment available from Soham.	AD, JM and Clerk.
(b)	Renewal of Parish Council Insurance.	
	It was proposed by DB and seconded by GP to accept the insurance quote from CAS Ltd.	Clerk
		Unanimous
(c)	Clean It Up signs are to be put up around the village.	TW/Clerk
(d)	RR read out email from J Schumann. He advised that either he or J Huffer will endeavour to be at the Parish Council meetings.	
(e)	It was proposed by DB and seconded by MC to award Dunstall grant to T French subject to proof of items bought.	Clerk
		Unanimous
(f)	VE Day is to be brought back to July meeting.	Clerk
(g)	Issues arising from the Parish Meeting 20th May 2019.	
(a1)	Speedwatch.	
	J Huffer advised that she is responsible for running the Speedwatch in Fordham which has been successful in bringing down the numbers of speeding motorists. She is happy to meet up with volunteers to help with establishing an Isleham Speedwatch. She suggested the purchase of a camera for this venture.	Clerk

	Clerk to co-ordinate meeting.	
(a2)	Clerk to investigate costs of footpath signs subject to information being provided of size, lettering etc.	Clerk
(a3)	Clerk to email Councillors to arrange meeting at Priory	Clerk
(a4)	PW to arrange planting of extra bulbs and plants.	PW
(a5)	RR and TW to install new speed camera at appropriate location.	RR/TW
(a6)	Dunstall Charity.	
	Clerk advised Council that half of funds have been transferred to Dunstall Charity account. DB proposed and JM seconded Dunstall grant stays at £300.00.	Unanimous
19-20/30	COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS	
(a)	County Councillors.	
	<p>Still no date for grip cutting but I have escalated and stated that grip cutting in Isleham should be treated with same importance as reported potholes. I'm awaiting a cutting confirmation date and will let the clerk know when booked. Potholes by public need reporting. No good moaning if not reported as fixes ahead of reported numbers</p> <p>LHI now £15K not £10K. Same process but can try for larger amount.</p> <p>I am aware of numerous Facebook moans about straw on the roads from local farms. Can the Parish Council advise that FB is not an official route for complaints and seems to just irritate numerous people? Any such issues should be dealt with via 101 if serious enough, or, if highways are impaired as a result, then via myself to escalate.</p> <p>Soham Library closing due to improvements. Please check before using.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Cares. Looking at Staploe Medical Centre bringing adult care into the community. Based on Dutch Buurtzorg method so far it has been very successful with figures reporting not just increased user satisfaction but also cost of care delivery lower than normal including less hospital admissions. Pilot runs until Oct so will keep posted but this is quite a change to old ways of working and bringing a step change for all involved.</p> <p>Man shed Open day Saturday 8th June 10:30 onwards. All welcome and let's open one in Isleham!</p>	
(b)	District Councillors.	
	J Schumann advised Council that Fordham has agreed to move its meeting night so a District Councillor should always be present at Isleham Parish Council meeting. J Huffer happy to help arrange a Speedwatch for Isleham residents.	
19-20/31	PLANNING MATTERS	
(a)	Planning Applications:	
	19/00668/FUL. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 9 Beck Road, Isleham. Mr & Mrs Beswick.	No Objections
	19/00376/OUM. Outline planning application for the erection of 215 buildings with public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDs) and vehicular access points from Station Road and Fordham Road. All matters reserved except for means of main vehicular access. Land off Station Road, Isleham-Gladman's and C Harvey.	Clerk
	<p>This amendment makes no difference to previous objections. Also, it would appear that the amendment is just a sustainable SuDs. We would also question how a pond on chalk soil can be lined?</p> <p>By putting in this large pond it means there is less room for the 215 proposed</p>	

<p>dwelling</p>	<p>Roads in Isleham are already not fit for purpose. Isleham has speeding issues along Station Road and Fordham Road. The increased traffic flow will exacerbate these problems.</p> <p>The current Local Plan 2015 shows Isleham as having a Housing Requirement of 86 new homes for the period of the Plan. In the 4 years since its adoption just under 200 homes have been built, are under construction or have obtained planning approval in the village. This is a 20% increase in the number of homes in the village and far exceeding the identified number for our village.</p> <p>Isleham has recently been consulted on sites for development as part of the now failed Local Plan. This site, despite extensive work to make sites available for consideration, was not put forward in those proposals.</p> <p>This site is agricultural land at the edge of the village, it is open countryside with far reaching views to the South and East from Fordham Road and to the West from Station Road which will be lost.</p> <p>The Planning Statement states "the application site represents a suitable and sustainable location for housing, well located to the existing urban area, and provides an obvious and logical extension to Isleham." Isleham is a village, it is clearly not urban. This extension to the village is not suitable and will significantly impact on the visual amenity on entering and leaving. It extends the village significantly to the south beyond the current built up area, across open countryside and does not as the Planning Statement says "fill in the gap between the existing farmyard off Fordham Road and Station Road". This "gap" is open countryside.</p> <p>It also states "Isleham therefore has good public transport links to the surrounding areas..." It is difficult to those in the village to believe that a total of 7 buses leaving the village in a week represents good transport links. Their proposal to improve the bus stop does not improve the village's extremely limited public transport! This development will increase the level of traffic to an area where there are significant concerns for safety because of other developments along the Fordham Road.</p> <p>This proposal, if approved, alone would increase the size of the village by over 20% and when added to the approvals already granted, the village will have grown by over 40%. This would clearly move our village towards the town and urban area Gladmans' refer to so often in their Planning Statement in describing Isleham, The proposal would clearly be a significant change to the nature of our village. The stated meagre benefits are far outweighed by the loss of open space and views at the edge of the village. Isleham is already, without this proposal, increasing in size beyond that anticipated in the Plan. Without significant clearly identified and deliverable improvements to services, facilities and connectivity to the village, this and any further development above that planned will be to the detriment of the village.</p>	<p>Object</p>
	<p>18/01375/FUL. Proposed Erection of 6 Dwellings Following Demolition of Store and Outbuildings. Patterson's Stores, 11 Mill Street, Isleham- Mr Sleightholme. Alteration to layout and elevations.</p> <p>The Council wishes that this development should enhance the surroundings and not be over developed.</p> <p>We would also request that it is confirmed that the structural integrity was conducted by a structural engineer. Our objections remain the same as previously. This site is within the conservation area and the proposed development will not enhance it. The Parish Council considers that the existing footprint and structure of the former stores, the clunch barn together with the clunch walls surrounding the property should be retained. This will retain the existing street scene which is an integral part of our area.</p> <p>The rear of the site is approximately 3 metres higher than the neighbouring properties in Limestone Close. Any development in this area of the scale indicated</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>would have significant impact on these existing homes and views across the conservation area.</p> <p>The vehicular access arrangements to this busy street cause concerns over safety.</p> <p>DB will attend the meeting on 12th June and J Huffer will also speak on behalf of the residents and Council</p>	
	Object	
	<p>19/00349/FUL. Change of use from residential to business. 31 Croft Road, Isleham-J Reynolds.</p> <p>It is totally inappropriate to operate a business in a residential area.</p> <p>Also, this property is central in a residential estate. It is close to the local Primary School and increased traffic would only exacerbate issues with increased traffic flow.</p>	Clerk
	Object	
	<p>19/00447/RMM-Reserved matters for the construction of 121 dwellings and associated works following approval of outline planning permission 18/00363/OUM. Land accessed between 2 & 4 Fordham Road, Isleham-Bloor Homes Eastern. Energy statement.</p>	Noted
	J Schumann entered the meeting at 8.15pm	
(b)	Planning Approvals:	
	<p>19/00424/FUL-Single storey rear bedroom extension. 9 Festival Road, Isleham-Mrs A Harlow.</p>	Noted
	<p>16/00629/OUM Erection of buildings to accommodate up to 4,160 square metres for B1, B2 and B8 uses and associated development on land allocated by policy ISL6 of the adopted Local Plan, adjacent to Hall Barn Road Industrial Estate. Land adjacent to Hall Barn Road industrial estate, Hall Barn Road Isleham. Mr A Clarke:</p>	Noted
	<p>19/00309/FUL Full application for the change of house types for plots 4& 5 granted consent under planning approval 17/00510/FUM. 7 Fordham Road, Isleham, CB7 5QU-K & J Carpenter & Sons.</p>	Noted
	J Huffer entered the meeting at 8.20pm	
(c)	Planning Refusals:	
	None.	Noted
(d)	Other Planning Matters:	
	<p>19/00551/TRE-Felling/pruning of trees at 41 Mill Street Isleham-P Haine.</p>	Noted
	<p>19/00510/FUL-Construction of 1 no three-bedroom single storey detached dwelling. Site north east of 41 West Street Isleham-Mr T French-Application withdrawn.</p>	Noted
19-20/32	POLICE MATTERS	
	<p>Anti-social behaviour concerns have been raised by parishioner. Email to be sent to him advising that these issues need to be raised with the police, Sanctuary Housing and the District Council.</p>	RR
	<p>DB advised that tractor shed has been rammed and floodlights and other items stolen. Doors are to be repaired.</p> <p>AD will investigate costs for movement sensor and intruder alarm.</p> <p>DB and MC will look at provision of barriers.</p>	AD/DB/MC
19-20/33	PLAYAREA & SKATEPARK MATTERS	
	<p>Clerk to contact Wicksteed about Zip-Wire. Concern raised about 'should platform have bars around'.</p>	Clerk
19-20/34	RECREATION GROUND MATTERS	
(a)	<p>Request to hold IYF tournament 16th/17th May 2020 granted.</p> <p>Proposed DB. Seconded GP.</p>	Unanimous
(b)	<p>Youth Work Provision bus to visit Isleham week beginning 15th July 2019.</p> <p>Proposed PW. Seconded BM.</p>	Unanimous

(c)	Permission given to Isleham Beaver, Cubs and Scouts to have a water slide on the recreation ground on 23 rd July, subject to them having own insurance. Proposed DB. Seconded MC.	Unanimous	
(d)	PW requested that the flower beds are weeded before Gala day.		TW
19-20/35	CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS		
	Lawnmower quote from Scamblers for Cub Cadet Xt2PS 107, £2695.00 plus road registry £85.00, and trade in old mower for £500.00 to be accepted. Proposed JM. Seconded AD	Unanimous	Clerk
19-20/36	ICA REPORT/THE BEECHES		
	T Washtell is now operational trustee. He is meeting with L Quinn every 2 weeks and The Beeches finances are good for the next 3 months. There has been very little interest in The Bee Gees night. Volunteers are needed.		
	DB queried £15.00 bill that is paid quarterly to The Beeches. Clerk to speak to L Quinn and email Council.		Clerk
19-20/37	MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS		
(a)	Pay Accounts May 2019- see appendix 2 Proposed PW. Seconded DB.	Unanimous	CP/GP/RR
(b)	To Approve Bank Reconciliation for April 2019. Proposed BM. Seconded GP.	Unanimous	
(c)	Approve End of Year Accounts. Proposed DB. Seconded GP.	Unanimous	
19-20/38	HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS		
	JM requested letter to be sent to M Clarke requesting that footpaths 5 and 6 are cut to at least 1 metre width.		Clerk
	Concerns over ownership of trees and grass on Jubilee Close were raised. Truelink to be contacted to request that they cut grass for rest of season. Land registry search to confirm ownership.		Clerk
19-20/39	PARISH COUNCIL POLICY UPDATES AND REVIEW		
(a)	Meeting to be arranged to review policies, procedures and risks.		RR
(b)	There were no problems raised by the Internal Audit. However, it was suggested that the petty cash account be closed. Clerk to speak to Rialtas.		Clerk
(c)	Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Proposed DB. Seconded GP.	Unanimous	Clerk
19-20/40	ALLOTMENT MATTERS		
	None.		
19-20/41	ORCHARD MATTERS		
	None.		
19-20/42	WASH MATTERS		
	Lark lease contract to be accepted. Proposed DB. Seconded JM.		Clerk
19-20/43	MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS		
	That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item No 68 because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category 1 & 2 Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). Proposed GP. Seconded DB.		
	Meeting closed 9.42 pm and reopened at 10.07pm		
	Meeting closed at 10.08pm		
19-20/44	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS		
	Parish Council meeting - Monday July 1 st 2019.		

19-20/45	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	
	<i>Any business and payments, to be considered at Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.</i>	

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Appendix 1

Agenda No	Action Point	Responsible	Comments on Progress
19-20/05	Weeds on Church Street	Clerk	Reported- Highways response is weeds are dealt on a cyclic program during the year
	Hedge Beck Road	Clerk	Reported-Highways response is The issue you raised with us is the responsibility of the landowner. Unfortunately we do not have records of who is responsible for this location and we are therefore unable to take any action.
19-20/07	Update working parties	Clerk	Updated.
	Councillor's in house training	Clerk	CAPALC contacted.
19-20/09	Respond to planning applications	Clerk	Emails sent.
	Bloor contacted to arrange meeting	Clerk	Waiting for response
19-20/13	War memorial	Clerk	Mildenhall Memorials contacted.
19-20/16	Malting Lane/ Croft Road footpath	Clerk	Hedge trimmed back.
	Letter to Co-op manager ref bench	Clerk	Sent.
19-20/12	Car park fencing quotes	Clerk	Email sent to all bidders.
19-20/15	Pay accounts	Clerk	Completed.
19-20/16	Signs	Clerk	Ordered.
19-20/19	Generator	Clerk	Cheque paid to Mr Boneham.
	Send email refusing request for pigeons	Clerk	Email sent.
	Send email refusing request for shed	Clerk	Email sent.
19-20/20	Signs	Clerk	Email sent
	Other Actions		
	Annual Parish Meeting	Clerk/RR	Minuted by clerk.
	Letter to be sent ref Vine overhanging recreation ground	Clerk	Sent.
	Half of income transferred to Dunstall Charity	Clerk	Monies transferred.

Appendix 2

Pay Accounts June 2019						
Cheque No	Payee	Item	Net	Vat	Total	Power
Payments made since last meeting						
BACS	Staff Salaries	Apr-19	£1,679.13	£0.00	£1,679.13	LGA 1972 s112
Direct Debit	Bank Statement					
	Lloyds Bank multipay card	Monthly fee	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00	LGA 1972 ss50
		Petrol for mower	£18.76	£3.75	£22.51	Local Authorities Cemeteries Orders 1977 & 1986
		Stationary	£11.17	£2.23	£13.40	LGA misc provisions act 1976 s19(d)
Postage and stamps		£13.26	£0.00	£13.26	LGA misc provisions act 1976 s19(d)	
Direct Debit	Welplan	Pensions-	£22.93	£0.00	£22.93	LGA 1972 s12
Direct Debit	BT Group	Phone & Broadband	£165.85	£33.17	£199.02	Open spaces act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214
Payments for authorisation at tonight's meeting						
126PB000080	HMRC	Tax & NI	£49.00	£0.00	£49.00	LGA 1972 s112
4777	ICE	Car Park Electric June to September 2019	£132.00	£6.60	£138.60	LGA 1972 s50
4778	ICE	Water June to September 2019	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00	LGA 1972 s50
4779	ICE	MUGA Electric January-May 2019	£132.12	£6.61	£138.73	LGA 1972 s50
INV-0716	Greenwood Tree Surgery	Watering of trees on the rec ground	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214

	CAS/RSA	Parish Council Insurance	£1,460.20	£0.00	£1,460.20	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10LGA 1972 s214
851476	ECDC	Parish Council Elections	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	LGA misc provisions act 1976 s19(d)
14835	R Palmer & Sons	Tractor repair and galvanised gate	£3,400.77	£680.15	£4,080.92	Open Spaces Act 1906ss9 & 10
192	Simpsons Nurseries	Trees	£470.86	£94.17	£565.03	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214
	CAPALC	Membership renewal 2019/2020	£502.05	£0.00	£502.05	LGA 1972 s144
406	JE Harvey & Son	Hard standing	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10 LGA 1972 s14
T10730	Truelink Ltd	Grass Cutting	£400.55	£80.11	£480.66	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214
300453	P Boneham	Allotment generator-agreed at May Meeting	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214
26830	Rialtas	End of year accounts	£708.65	£141.73	£850.38	LG Misc Provisions Act 1976 s 19 (d)
	Trevor Boyd	Internal Audit of accounts	£119.40	£0.00	£119.40	LG Misc Provisions Act 1976 s 19 (d)
12618	JD Glass Ltd	Replacement Glass	£14.36	£2.87	£17.23	LG Misc Provisions Act 1976 s 19 (d)
	Dunstall Charity	Half of income-Trf 22/05/2019	£638.50	£0.00	£638.50	LGA 1972bs. 139
751	Jane Sheldrick	Prepare Salaries May 2019	£20.75	£4.15	£24.90	LGA 1972 s112
INV-0734	Greenwood Tree Surgery	Watering of trees on the rec ground	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214
	Tim Wilding	Petrol	£12.60	£0.00	£12.60	LG Misc Provisions Act 1976 s 19 (d)
			£11,440.91	£1,285.54	£12,726.45	

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