

# ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

**Those Present;** Cllr R Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Dr C Corbin (CC); Cllr D Beckett (DB); Cllr C Elmer (CE); Cllr Dr A Noble (AN); Cllr G Preece (GP), Cllr Dr A Burn; Cllr A Dennis (AD); Cllr M Caffarelli (MC).

**Members of the public:** 6

**County Councillor:** Cllr. Mark Goldsack (MG)

**District:** Cllr. Julia Huff (JH)

**Quorum:** Four

**Clerk:** Rachel Nouch

**Responsible Finance Officer:** Janet Hall

	“Cllr RR began the meeting by honouring the memory of Mr. T. Washtell, acknowledging his significant contributions and dedicated service to the village and The Beeches.”	
	<b>AGENDA</b>	Action
<b>24-25/092</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE LGA</b>	
	Cllr P Wilkes and Cllr V Bruyneel-Smith	
<b>24-25/093</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST 1972s95</b>	
	None Declared.	
<b>24-25/094</b>	<b>OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)</b>	
	(i) An update was requested regarding hedge on Malting Lane.	Clerk
	(ii) Concerns were raised in reference to the use of the recreation ground. Meeting to be arranged for all recreation ground users.	
	(iii) T Wilding reported that the road to the back of The Beeches has sunk.	Clerk
	(iv) T Wilding reported that hedge cutting is required on Station Road, Waterside and the top of the recreation ground.	
<b>24-25/095</b>	<b>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD:</b>	
	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2024. Proposed GP, seconded DB. Agreed, unanimous.	
<b>24-25/096</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING / CLERKS REPORT</b>	
(a)	75th Anniversary USAF Bomber Crash Memorial Service recognising the airmen who lost their lives to protect Isleham Village. Budget £200. Proposed CC, seconded DB. Agreed, unanimous.	Clerk/RFO
(b)	Sunnica challenge- The joint application from the four affected County and District Councils for Judicial Review over the costs relating implementing the Planning conditions has been abandoned following a response from the Secretary of State to defend the approval. A further application for a Judicial Review by Say No To Sunnica has also been abandoned due to potential cost of £100K and being advised they only have a 50 percent chance of success. AB requested that everyone is vigilant in ensuring that Sunnica “do not lose sight of their promises”. JH stated that Sunnica will be held to account and must comply with all planning processes.	
(c)	The village sign has been repaired, but not to a high standard. It may require further work.	Clerk
<b>24-25/097</b>	<b>COUNTY &amp; DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT &amp; BUSINESS</b>	
(a)	County Councillors.	
	Mark Goldsack shared the position statement from the Joint Administration Leadership of Cambridgeshire County Council – Sunnica Solar Farm planning application.	

(b)	District Councillors Report	
	Julia Huffer stated that a free Health and Welfare Fair is to be held Sunday 15th September, 11am, at Ely Country Park.	
<b>24-25/098</b>	<b>MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>	
(a)	Pay Accounts September 2024. Proposed DB, seconded MC. Agreed, unanimous.	
(b)	To Approve Bank Reconciliations for July 2024. Proposed CC, seconded AD. Agreed, unanimous.	
(c)	Approve cutting hedges on plots 5 & 6 on the Three Trees Allotment £250, Work undertaken by John Allen. Proposed DB, seconded CE. Agreed, unanimous.	JH
(d)	RFO reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Wages are higher, but this was expected.</li> <li>ii) Budget is on track.</li> <li>iii) Report from external auditor found that Dunstall Charity report was 114 days late being submitted.</li> <li>iv) The AGAR 2022/23 was not published on the website. AGAR needs to be published on website by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.</li> <li>v) It was recommended that all Working Parties need to convene a meeting to discuss upcoming projects and planned events for 2025/26, ready to report to the Finance Working Party. Meeting to be convened end of Set / early Oct.</li> </ul>	
(e)	Dunstall Charity to be brought back to October meeting.	Clerk
(f)	Isleham Informer and additional VSA (View, Input, Submit) for Unity Trust bank account to be brought to October meeting.	Clerk
<b>24-25/099</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>	
(a)	<b>Planning Applications:</b>	
i	<b>Reference:</b> 22/00316 Site South East Of Hall Barn Road Industrial Estate Hall Barn Road Isleham Cambridgeshire <b>Proposal:</b> To discharge Condition 6 (soft landscaping long term management and maintenance strategy) of decision 22/00316/RMM dated 1 December 2022 for reserved matters for appearance, landscaping and layout of previously approved 16/00629/OUM for the 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. No Objections. However, request to be made to ECDC that they ensure that landscaping is completed as per planning application. <p style="text-align: right;">For Information Only</p>	Clerk
ii	<b>Proposal:</b> Two storey extension to side, single storey extension to rear, external insulation and render main dwelling and associated works <b>Location:</b> 15 Station Road Isleham Ely Cambridgeshire CB7 5QT <b>Reference:</b> 24/00602/FUL <p style="text-align: right;">No Comment</p>	Clerk
(b)	<b>Planning Approvals</b>	
(i)	No matter to be addressed.	
(c)	<b>Planning Refusals:</b>	
	Location: Land Between 43 And 49 The Causeway Isleham Cambridgeshire Reference:24/00455/OUM Outline planning application for development of up to 49 affordable dwellings to include public open space, landscaping, access, associated works and all matters reserved except for access Location: Land Between 43 And 79 The Causeway Isleham Cambridgeshire	

	<i>It was agreed to keep a copy of The Planning Officer's recommendations for refusal of this scheme which are also recorded in the Councillors notes.</i>	
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Other Planning Matters:</b>	
(i)	No matter to be addressed.	
<b>24-25/100</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND WASH</b>	
	<p>(i) Approve £250 spend on bulbs and wildflower seeds Costs to be met from environment budget. Proposed CC, seconded AN. Agreed, unanimous</p> <p>(ii) Approve plaque in memory of Roy Clarke and tree planting near to the Priory. Costs to be met from environment budget. Proposed CC, seconded AN. Agreed, unanimous.</p> <p>(iii) Waterside bus shelter</p> <p>Report from East Cambs tree inspector: In summary it was determined that the trees looked to form part of the adopted public highway as such they would be the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council, and some work was undertaken on them a couple of years ago. If the trees are removed without affecting the pathway there will be little to no adverse impacts on the trees.</p> <p>It was discussed at the meeting the possibility of removing the current bus shelter and replacing with a more appropriate structure.</p> <p>(iv) Approve purchase of trees for junction of Coates Drove / Church Lane – up to £200 Costs to be met from environment budget. Proposed CC, seconded AN. Agreed, unanimous.</p> <p>(v) A proposal was made to increase the grass cutting contract to an additional 6<sup>th</sup>, optional, cut per year. PW and VBS to liaise with SP Landscapes to seek their advice.</p> <p>Councillor M Caffarelli left the meeting at 8.05 pm.</p>	<p>AB/AN</p> <p>AN</p> <p>PW/VBS</p>
<b>24-25/101</b>	<b>POLICE MATTERS</b>	
	No matter to be addressed	
<b>24-25/102</b>	<b>PLAY AREA &amp; SKATEPARK</b>	
(a)	No matter to be addressed	
<b>24-25/103</b>	<b>RECREATION GROUND MATTERS</b>	
(a)	Steel Bones Celebration Day Proposed date 20th July 2025 Proposed DB, seconded CE. Agreed, unanimous.	Clerk
(b)	The Big Play Date Tuesday 29th July 2025 Proposed GP, seconded CE. Agreed, unanimous.	Clerk
(c)	The Request for a flag to be flown by Isleham Youth Football has been denied as The Council do not consider it appropriate to fly flags.	Clerk
<b>24-25/104</b>	<b>CEMETERY &amp; CHURCHYARD MATTERS</b>	
(a)	Memorial for Delphine Yvonne Mann. Proposed DB, seconded AB. Approved, unanimous.	Clerk
<b>24-25/105</b>	<b>ICA REPORT/THE BEECHES</b>	
(a)	Trustee Report. No matters	
<b>24-25/106</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS</b>	
(a)	LHI Fordham Rd. No update available.	

(b)	CPCA, Bus Franchising Consultation. Councillor R Radcliffe has volunteered to liaise with all parties on this consultation.	RR
<b>24-25/107</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL POLICY UPDATES AND REVIEW</b>	
(a)	AB collaborated with The Community Pantry to gather detailed information about their community services. They currently support between 30 to 40 families, addressing both long-term and short-term needs. Additionally, they offer a "Sign Posting Service." The Community Pantry has requested IPC's support in raising awareness through The Isleham Informer and securing funding. IPC has suggested that they approach IPC directly, along with other local charities.	AB
<b>24-25/108</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY</b>	
(a)	Isleham School PTFA colour run event on Sunday 25th May 2024. Proposed DB, seconded CC. Agreed, unanimous.	Clerk
(b)	Fitness Rush Community CI request for use of parking spaces has been approved. It was agreed that they use the disabled spaces at the front of the car park. Proposed DB, seconded CC. Agreed, unanimous.	Clerk
<b>24-25/109</b>	<b>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</b>	
(a)	Increased allotment fees 24/25 effective from 1st October 2024. Proposed AN, seconded GP. Agreed, unanimous.	RFO
(b)	(i) Increased allotment fees, £50 deposit for new tenants and rent to be increased to £20 per plot, £15 per half plot. (ii) M Tarver to use rough scrubland allotments to keep the ground under control at a cost of £20. Proposed AN, seconded GP. Agreed, unanimous	RFO
<b>24-25/110</b>	<b>ORCHARD MATTERS</b>	
	The date of the Apple Day at the orchard is 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024.	
<b>24-25/111</b>	<b>MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</b> Approve Excluded Minutes 24-25/089. Proposed DB, seconded by AN. Minutes approved. The meeting closed at 20.43 and reopened at 20:45. The meeting closed at 20.45. RR thanked J Borderick for taking the minutes of the meeting.	
<b>24-25/112</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</b>	
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024.	
<b>24-25/113</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT / FUTURE MEETING</b>	
	<b>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.</b>	