

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

9th January 2017

AT THE BEECHES

Those Present; - Cllr Beckett (DB); Cllr Mrs J Malkin (JM); Cllr Mitchell (BM); Cllr Patterson (CP); Cllr Mrs G Preece (GP); Cllr P Wilkes (PW); Cllr Mrs Bowker (MB); Cllr Wightman (LW); Cllr Radcliffe (RR); Cllr Mrs V Bruyneel-Smith (VBS); Cllr Chaplin (PC)

Members 11

Quorum 4

Clerk Richard Liddington (RL)

Parishioners 2

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

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| 16-17/195 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE LGA 1972s95.
County Cllr James Palmer | | |
| 16-17/196 | COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
(a) Existence & Nature with regard to items on the agenda.
Members of the Council are subject to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2012 (Standing Orders section 7 C & D). | | |
| 16-17/197 | OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15mins)
(a) Mrs Winter raised the continuing need for the street light outside St Andrew's Church social centre to be repaired. RL confirmed that numerous telephone calls and notifications via the ECDC website have been made by both the council and members of the public. RL to contact ECDC once again. | | Clerk |
| | (b) Mrs Winter highlighted the poor state of road markings within the village. RL to contact ECDC highways department. | | Clerk |
| | (c) Mr Wilding identified the fact that a Nitus Oxide canister and inhaling paraphernalia had recently been found on the recreation field. RL confirmed that this had been reported to the PCSO. | | |
| | (d) Mr Wilding raised the problem of mud deposits being continually left by football players on the footpaths surrounding The Beeches. (see 16-17/202a) | | |
| 16-17/198 | It was proposed by PW and seconded by BM that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th December 2016 are approved and signed by the Chairman.

7.20pm VBS arrived | | CARRIED |
| 16-17/199 | MATTERS ARISING/CLERKS REPORT (<i>Also see appendix 1</i>)
(a) RL responded to a question from JM confirming that no contact has yet been made by the Environment Agency re repairs to the Lugger Bank. RL to contact the environment agency once again. | | Clerk |
| 16-17/200 | POLICE MATTERS
(a) Nil | | |
| 16-17/201 | COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT & BUSINESS
(a) DB provided the following information: | | |

- Consultation on the local plan for Isleham begins this week.
- The local plan parish conference is due to take place on 18th January. GP & LW to attend the 2.00pm workshops, RR & PW to attend the 6.00pm workshops.
- Local authority devolution is gathering momentum. Nominations for the post of mayor is likely to be limited due to the £5k bond required and the nomination process.
- The wider parish conference is due to take place on 3rd February. This is open to all councillors.
- Youth football matches had to be called off on 7th January due to the inclement weather.

16-17/202 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- (a) *Initially raised under agenda item 197 (d)* The current boot cleaning equipment appears to be inadequate for the number of boots needing to be cleaned. It was noted that the men's football club have previously offered to purchase additional cleaning equipment. RR to contact the football clubs asking them to ensure boots are cleaned outside & pursue the purchase of additional cleaning stations. RR
- The problem of mud from football players clogging up the shower drains was also brought up by CP. RR to contact any visiting teams and pursue a £50 fine for any additional cleaning/blocked drains caused in their changing rooms. Councillors agreed to support RR on any such pursuance. RR
- (b) RR disseminated details of a meeting on the 12th December 2016 when consideration was given to establishing a joint committee of councillors and representatives from local sports teams to help improve sporting opportunities and provision within the village. A meeting has been arranged for 24th January when a representative from NALC will advise councillors of the legalities and practicalities for such a committee. This meeting is open to all councillors.

16-17/203 PLAY AREA/SKATEPARK/MUGA MATTERS

- (a) The MUGA has been cleaned but is already attracting mud from users and parents of youth football players. Consideration was given to install either a tree bark or plastic matting footpath from The Beeches to The MUGA. RL to establish the relevant costs. Clerk
- (b) Consideration was given to an idea raised by Mr Caffarelli of offering local businesses advertising space on the MUGA. Councillors agreed to pursue this idea, subject to the principle that the Parish Council would retain the right to veto any advertisements deemed to be inappropriate. RL to pursue this matter with Mr Caffarelli. Clerk
- (c) It was proposed by GP and seconded by PC that Fenland Leisure be awarded the contract to repair the bearings on a playground roundabout at a cost of £1233. Clerk
CARRIED
- (d) Concern was expressed at a quote of £650 from Gravitas for repairs to surface cracks in the skate park. RL to contact Gravitas once again re our expectation that the repairs are carried out free of charge. Clerk

16-17/204 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- (a) Cemetery Report – nil.
- (b) It was proposed by PW and seconded by PC that exclusive rights of burial for Mrs E Walker be granted. Clerk
CARRIED

16-17/205 ICA REPORT/THE BEECHES

- (a) CP reported that it is currently a quiet time in the life of The Beeches:
- The New Years Eve party unfortunately had to be cancelled due to exceptionally low ticket sales. A good number of residents enjoyed the hospitality offered by The Beeches bar however and this is likely to be repeated for the 2017-18 New Year.
 - A number of new fitness classes have been started and these are proving popular.
 - Forthcoming film nights include: 'Me Before You' on 13th January and 'Pete's Dragon' on 15th January. Tickets are available on the door.
 - The trustees meeting is taking place on 16th January
 - Youth Football team are organising fortnightly bingo evenings, beginning on 20th January
 - The next quiz night will take place on 27th January

16-17/206 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) The 2017-18 parish precept was discussed. It was noted that the support grant has been halved to just £1300. It was proposed by PC & JM that the (draft) parish precept be requested at £95,760. RL to complete relevant return. Clerk
- CARRIED
- (b) It was proposed by RR & seconded by GP that a an additional payment of £100 be made to Mr Winter in respect of his work on the allotment. PC to discuss the nature of this payment with Mr Winter. PC
Clerk
- (c) It was proposed by RR & seconded by GP that £200 would be allocated for the forthcoming training for new clerks. Clerk
Clerk
- CARRIED
- (d) Problems continue with transferring the registered address for Isleham Charities Santander account to The Beeches. RL to contact Mrs Bayliss to obtain details of their required signatories. Clerk
- (e) It was proposed by RR and seconded by VBS that the December Pay accounts (appendix 2) be approved Clerk
Clerk
- CARRIED
- (f) Although the November Bank reconciliation and reports were available, *technical challenges* resulted in the December reconciliation not being available. As training in the use of the software is scheduled for the 24th February, Councillors agreed to defer their approval of these reconciliations until the February meeting. Clerk

16-17/207 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- (a) PW raised the issue of the Delbrig Drove footpath being hidden by crops growing in the field. DB confirmed that this does not affect pedestrian's right to use the footpath, which is signposted.

Mr Wilding confirmed that (temporary) repairs had been made to the curb stone at the entrance to The Beeches car park.

Concerns were expressed at the lack of road gritting taking place in / around Isleham. DB clarified that subject to sufficient staff, ECDC are reintroducing gritting at the end of January, to the B1104 between Chippenham & Isleham (Prickwillow Rd) Clerk

JM identified significant problems with potholes on Beck Rd, close to the 4 Ways junction and the need to replace the road reflectors either side of this junction. RL to raise with ECDC & SCC

- (b) CP raised the need to repaint the village sign, particularly given its significance and position within the village. PC offered to donate the paint. It was proposed by BM and seconded by PW that the project goes out to tender. Clerk
- 16-17 /208 PARISH COUNCIL POLICY UPDATES AND REVIEW**
- (a) The list of Councillors working parties was updated, including removing Mrs Harrison, who is no longer a councillor. Clerk
- 16-17/209 CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- (a) A written response has been received from Thompsett Burgess growers re the Transport charter (see December minutes)
- (b) PW & VBS expressed their interest in attending the garden party at Buckingham Palace. RL to nominate. Clerk
- 16-17/210 ALLOTMENT MATTERS**
- (a) RL identified a high level of outstanding debt on allotment rents. PC to contact relevant allotment holders. PC
- 16-17/211 ORCHARD MATTERS**
- (a) No issues.
- 16-17/212 WASH MATTERS**
- (a) No issues.
- 16-17/213 PLANNING MATTERS**
- (a) **Planning Applications** Clerk
- 16/01669/FUL Single storey rear extension plus new front porch. 20 Maltings Lane Isleham. Mr Alex King.
-No objection
- 16/01293/OUM Proposed farm relocation. Land parcel South of Fifty Farm, Prickwillow Road. Mr PJ Leonard.
While councillors are supportive in principal of this development, councillors note its location in open fen countryside and the visibility of such a large house and barns from all directions.. They therefore seek assurances that:
-The colour of the barns & house finish is sympathetic to the local countryside
-Trees are used to screen the view of the house and barns from all directions
- 16/01501/FUL Demolish the existing commercial Priory Garage and the erection of four new dwellings. Mr R Manchett.
Objection on the grounds that previously raised representations have not been address. Specifically:
-The distance between the edge of the footpath / car park and the front of the proposed development is significantly less than our suggested 2m)
- The height of the buildings, particularly that proposed for plot 4, would continue to completely dominate the skyline.
- The proposed design of the houses, particularly those adjacent to the Priory car park appear 'characterless'. We believe that at the very least these should be more in keeping with its historic location.
- 16/01546/FUL – External rendering. 2 Mill Street Isleham. Mrs Ashleigh Palmer.
Objection on the grounds that ;this is one of the few remaining red, brick built / clunch houses in the village, that it is in a very prominent location and are therefore reluctant to see the character of the village detrimentally affected by its rendering.

(b) **Planning Approvals**

16/01471/FUL – Erection of two storey dwelling and garage (plot 3). 27 Sun Street Isleham. Mr Jonathan Wilson and Miss Nicki Ellis

16/000055/OUM – Outline application for erection 14 dwellings and new access. Land adjacent to 8 Hall Barn Road Isleham. Mr & Mrs Brian King

16/01396/LBC Demolish and replace existing Eastern boundary wall. 3 West Street Isleham. Mr John Howlett

(c) **Planning Refusals**

16/01061/FUL Change of use of land for the erection of five static log style cabins for tourism purposes. River View 26 Prickwillow Road Isleham. Mr A Dilley

(d) **Other Planning Matters**

Applicant response to: 16/01471/FUL Erection of self-build two storey dwelling at 27 Sun St Isleham for Mr Jonathon Wilson & Miss Nicki Ellis

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th February 2017

Monday 6th March 2017

16-17/194 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

DB reminded Councillors to notify the Clerk of any business and payments at least 7 days before the next meeting.

- Allotment committee to undertake a site visit and produce a verbal report for February meeting.
- *NALC financial procedures*
- *Use of social media*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

1. LGA 1972 s85
2. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2012
3. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

Appendix 1

Agenda No	Action Point	Responsible	Comments on Progress
	Complete minutes.	Clerk	Completed & draft emailed to DB
197 (a)	Contact ECDC re street light.	Clerk	
197 (b)	Contact ECDC re village road markings.	Clerk	
199 (a)	Contact Environment Agency re Luggar Bank.	Clerk	
202 (a)	Contact adult football club re boot cleaners.	RR	
202 (a)	<i>Ongoing</i> contact of visiting football teams.	RR	
203 (a)	Establish cost for footpath to the MUGA.	Clerk	
203 (b)	Pursue advertising on the MUGA.	Clerk	
203 (c)	Initiate repairs to the roundabout.	Clerk	
203 (d)	Contact Gravitas re skate park repairs.	Clerk	
206 (a)	Submit precept notification.	Clerk	
206 (b)	Discuss contribution with Mr Winter.	PC	
206 (d)	Contact Mrs Bayliss re Charity signatories & submit form.	Clerk	
207 (a)	Contact SCC & ECDC re pot holes & road markings.	Clerk	
207 (b)	Initiate tenders for repainting village sign.	Clerk	
208 (a)	Amend & distribute revised working parties.	Clerk	
209 (a)	Submit nomination for Buckingham Palace.	Clerk	
213 (a)	Submit response to planning applications.	Clerk	Completed 10.1.17
Other matters			

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Appendix 2

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL TO PAY ACCOUNTS January 9th 2017

Cheque No;	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Total	Power
<u>Payments made since the last meeting</u>						
BACS	Staff	December Salaries		£0.00	£1,530.56	LGA 1972 s112
300265	Anglian Water *	Water supply (rec ground)	£14.92	£0.00	£14.92	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214
<u>Payments for Tonight's meeting:</u>						
	HMRC **	Tax & NI	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 112
300275	Jane Sheldrick	Payroll	£44.67	£8.93	£53.60	LGA 1972 s 112 Local Authorities Cemeteries Orders 1977 & 1986 Open Spaces Act 1906ss9 & 10
300276	Veolia	Hire Easi-bin	£178.80	£35.76	£214.56	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214
300278	Truelink	Grass cutting	£108.00	£21.60	£129.60	
300279	Bussens & Parkin	Repair materials for The Beeches	£12.29	£2.46	£14.75	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 &10 LGA 1972 s214
DD	BT	Internet	£52.00	£10.40	£62.40	LGA 1972 s50
<u>Grand Total>>></u>			£410.68	£79.15	£2,020.39	

*this was identified on the December accounts as being paid by direct debit. On investigation no direct debit is in place and was therefore paid by cheque on 9.12.16

**due to tax refund to new parish clerk, made December 2016