

# ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Those Present;-** Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Beckett, Cllr Earl, Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Charlotte Lowry (County Council)  
3 Parishioners

### **PQT**

The cemetery keeper would like the PC to consider allowing the graves to be levelled sooner than the current 6 months. (Cemetery Matters)

Veolia are putting the waste together (brown bag and black box) (Neighbourhood Panel Report)

Proposed development on Beck Road, Open space on the development is only half the requirement on site (700sqm) the remaining section 106 monies are to be used on recreation ground.

It was suggested that the Clerks e-mail address and the Web-Site address be added to the list in the Informer.

There is a lot of parking on the footpaths on Hall Barn Road this will be mentioned to the PCSO.

Charlotte Lowry from the County Council addressed the Council about the Nature Reserve on the Isleham/Fordham Road. First offering her apologies for being unable to attend the February and March meetings. There is a management plan attached to these minutes.

Cllr Carter arrived at 7.10pm

Meeting opened at 7.20pm

### **207 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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County Councillor Powley, County Councillor Mrs Broadway, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Garbett,

### **208 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST (For Items on Agenda)** 1

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Cllr Mrs Malkin 223a) Planning Application

Cllr Earl 223a) Planning Application

Any comments made by Cllr Beckett on planning matters are subject to change when presented with all the facts at ECDC planning meeting and do not constitute a pre-determination of any matter.

### **209 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** 2

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It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

### **210 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

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It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Neal that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup>

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March 2009 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted after recording that Cllr Earl and Cllr Mrs Wilkes attended the meeting.

CARRIED

## **211 MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**

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A letter has been received from Cambridge Courts confirming that the AWSA is suitable for cycle polo. The fence at the back of the recreation ground needs to be higher to stop balls going over. The Council have tried to address this matter in the past but will raise the matter again at a meeting of the recreation ground committee.

## **212 POLICE MATTERS**

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- a) A police report has been received for February 2009 and read to the Council. noted

Councillors suggested that the clerk should ask the police to attend Isleham School in the afternoon at least twice per week. clerk

- b) The latest Neighbourhood Panel meeting was very successful and the best attended so far. There are a number of concerns about the rubbish and recycling collection by Veolia – a parishioner has witnessed rubbish from the black boxes and the brown bags being collected by the same lorry. Veolia will be contacted again regarding this problem. Priorities this month include extra vigilance in Soham/Fordham following a number of burglaries. There is to be an environmental action day at Barley Fields Soham. The second half of the meeting was largely given over to transport issues. The County Council seem reluctant to give answers. There was also some information about the community car scheme and dial-a-ride. The Chairman closed the meeting briefly at 7.36pm because someone was on the village hall roof it was reopened 7.37pm.

## **213 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

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- a)
  - The village hall committee will check the hall over in the holidays to see what needs doing, any repairs or maintenance will be undertaken by the Caretaker.

## **214 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

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- a)
  - There are often large amounts of litter left on the recreation ground; this will be monitored a bit more closely and discussed at a further meeting.
  - Concerns were raised about sportsmen wanting to use the toilets in the village hall when other groups are running; This is not acceptable and a notice will be placed on the door to dissuade recreation ground users from entering the hall when it is in use.

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- b) • It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Baines that quotes be obtained for the same fencing to be continued from the recreation ground behind the play area to the garage by the side of no Mill Street.
- c) CARRIED
- It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Neal that a recreation ground committee meeting be held to consider the request by the Junior Football Club for a reduction in their fees.
- d) CARRIED
- Dyno Rod came out last Thursday to clear a blockage in the sewer behind the pavilion; the man hole covers have been disturbed and the third one from the village hall needs to be re-bedded. This will be done by Mr Cox.
- A meeting will be held with the clubs and the recreation ground committee to discuss the fees and the other matters raised at this evenings meeting.

### 215 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) The Sign for Isleham Fresh Produce should be put up shortly. There are a number of dips in the path round Limestone Close which will be reported to the County Council
- b) The broken glass in the bus shelter at the top of The Causeway has been repaired.
- c) The dog waste bins have been delivered and a meeting is to be arranged with the dog warden to decide on the position of the bins.
- d) The P3 co-ordinator is unable to attend the CCC P3 workshop to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- e) A letter has been received from a concerned resident of Pound Lane regarding the parking situation in the road which has worsened considerably over the last few weeks. The Chairman has spoken to Inspector Alan Savill as this is not PC responsibility.
- It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Baines that the Clerk will write to Pound Lane Church to ask if they would be willing to put a steward outside on a Sunday, as well as putting some bollards out; a letter will be sent to the occupier of 15 Pound Lane, and also to Mrs Bennet explaining the action taken and that the Council do not feel that yellow lines are appropriate all the way down the road. A copy of the correspondence will be sent to Inspector Savill.
- CARRIED

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### 216 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) The cemetery keeper had pointed out that the graves settle very little after the first 6-8 weeks and he feels that 3

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months would be sufficient time before levelling the graves. This matter will be deferred to the parish meeting (20<sup>th</sup> April) where the rules are to be considered.

### 217 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Council contact the County Council in response to their letter to see if they would be willing to sell the Three Tree Allotment site on Beck Road to the Council.

CARRIED

- b) Notice has been given by EDC of tree works to be carried out at 11 Jubilee Close, Isleham. noted
  - c) A letter has been received from the Staploe Medical Centre thanking the Council for their donation to the Staploe Transport Fund. noted
  - d) Notice has been given by SP Landscapes of tree works to be carried out at Temple Road, Isleham. noted
  - e) Entries are welcomed for the Cambridgeshire Acre Village of the Year Award. noted
  - f) Forest Heath LDF noted
  - g) CCC & Peterborough Minerals & Waste noted
  - g) A letter has been received from Soham Village College thanking the Council for their donation towards transport costs for the year 5 careers event. noted
- Cllr Earl left the meeting at 8.36pm

### 218 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- a) There was no report from the County Council
- b) The District Councillor Reported that:-
  - Soham Vision working party held a successful consultation day where 30 stakeholders and 157 members of the public attended during the afternoon and evening.
  - There will be a two day consultation sometime towards the end of June which Councillors will be invited to however it is difficult to arrange meetings at the moment because there is a purda (no decisions can be made) because of the County Council elections.
  - Invites were not sent out for the last consultation day, measures will be taken so that this does not happen again.
  - Three major possible benefits for Isleham: Access across the A142;- a roundabout, a cycle path and a possible footpath network, New Community Centre (Soham has not got anything like ICA are proposing, it is possible that if the Isleham Centre was included this may open up other funding opportunities). There is potential for Tourism/Visitors to Isleham to see the

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Priory and the Lime Kilns.

- Cllr Beckett has been re-elected chair of neighbourhood panel

## 219 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded Cllr Baines that the March Bank Reconciliation be approved.

**CARRIED**

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Baines that the End of Year Bank Reconciliation be approved.

**CARRIED**

- c) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the April accounts be paid.

**CARRIED**

The Cheques were signed by Cllr Baines/Cllr Carter and the Clerk

- d) Notice has been received of a price increase by Veolia.

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- e) It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Baines that the Council accept the village grass cutting grant from Cambridgeshire County Council.

- f) The Dial-a-Ride Service has been very successful offering a good service into Ely however there are more users than seats on one bus therefore two buses are in use hence the council have to pay the difference in cost. The Council will continue to monitor the situation.

## 220 TO APPROVE REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY, HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY, STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the Council approve the amendments to the Risk Management Policy

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Neal that the Council approve the amendments to the financial regulations.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the amendments to the Health and Safety policy be approved.

The date of the approval of the model code of conduct was amended to read August 2007.

**CARRIED**

## 221 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Cllr Baines that the Council approve the erection of a 6' x 8' shed on the Three Tree Allotment for Mrs King.

**CARRIED**

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the Council approve the erection of a 6' x 8' shed on the Three Tree Allotment and that a

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maximum of 15 chickens be kept on their Allotment at Beck Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Bilinski.

CARRIED

- c) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the Council approve the erection of a 6' x 4' plastic green house on the Three Tree Allotment for Mr Norman.

CARRIED

A meeting is to be arranged with allotment holders and the allotment working party.

### **222 WASH MATTERS**

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Cllr Mrs R Thompson remained in the meeting at the request of the chairman

A request has been made from the angling club about taking cars across the Big Wash; however as the land is in the higher stewardship scheme this is not possible.

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Baines that agenda item 222 is moved under an exclusion order at 9.30pm

CARRIED

The Chairman re-opened the meeting to the public and press at 9.48pm.

Cllr Neal left the meeting at 9.52pm

### **223 PLANNING MATTERS**

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- a) 09/00223/FUL Single storey infill extension to the front of the existing dwelling and partial Barn conversion at 18 Little London, Isleham for Mr T Drayton - Conditions should be attached to approval of this application ensuring that the barn does not become a separate dwelling as this would be considered an overdevelopment of the site and insufficient parking.

09/00224/LBC Single storey infill extension to the front of the existing dwelling and partial Barn conversion at 18 Little London, Isleham for Mr T Drayton - (conditions as above)

09/00179/FUM Creation of 21 no. three and four bedroom houses, plus associated roads, paths, car parking, garages and public open space at land to North of 21 Beck Road,

Isleham for Bellway Homes Essex It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Mrs H Thompson that there is no access through to Festival Road at the rear of the development. The PC want building materials to be sympathetic to/in keeping with the surrounding properties.

Height: Cllr Malkin wished to object to the 21/2 storey properties.

09/00146/FUL Two storey extension at 9a Mill Street for Mr & Mrs Darley (Amendment) - no objection

09/00231/FUL Removal of existing temporary partakabin

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building and erection of new purpose built facility to form pre-school nursery at Isleham Pre-School 3a Malting Lane, Isleham - no objection

b) 09/00012/FUL Proposed single storey rear conservatory at 3 Hall Barn Road, Isleham

09/00070/FUL Demolition of existing utility room, toilet store & garage construction of two storey and single storey rear extensions and single storey front extension. Two storey double garage with games/store room above at 24 Mill Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Wilson

09/00071/CAC Demolition of existing front clunch boundary wall and rebuild with existing access widened with new additional vehicle access.

**224 MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item Nos 201 & 202 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)

The meeting was closed to the public and press at 10.45pm

**225 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXCLUSION**

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Baines that the minutes of exclusion be approved.

CARRIED

The meeting re-opened at 10.48pm

**226 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

As previously agreed the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.49pm

- 1. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 Part 2
- 2. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
- 3. Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960

Signed: .....

Chairman

Date: .....