

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY APRIL 7th 2008

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett, Cllr Carter, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Baines, 6 parishioners
Apologies for Absence from CC Powley, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Mr Philip Clark

217 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 3rd MARCH 2008 1

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2008 be approved with the change to item 208b) that the ICA can hold the duck race on the wash.

It was also noted that Cllr Garbett left the meeting at 7.37pm to attend another council meeting.

CARRIED

218 MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING 17th MARCH 2008 1

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Carter that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 17th March 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

219 MATTERS ARISING (*for information only*)

206b) White Lines on the Marina/Fen Bank Road – County Council Highways are writing to the owner of the Marina with regard to replacing the lines.

206c) The trees on Sun Street will be dealt with under item 229 b)

206d) It was already too late to cut the hedge on the Corner of the Dunstall Allotment therefore this will now have to be done after 31st July.

207) The Three Tree Allotment – No one came forward to rent the land.

Late Submissions

The Council have not heard back from either Veolia or EDCD regarding the recycling facilities and rubbish bins outside the Co-op.

Repairs will be made to the passing places on Waterside Road.

As for the additional driveways on Waterside Road there are a number of other people who have done this over the years. If it is the wish of the council that this matter is followed up then the CC would do so however all properties would need to be contacted and many of them have been like this for a number of years.

220 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST 2

None

221 POLICE MATTERS

a) There was no police report.

b) Neighbourhood Panel – The last meeting of the Panel was well attended with District, County and Parish Councillors as well as

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20-30 members of the public. There were talks about the Area Emergency Plan and Dog Fouling. There was also a demonstration of the new speed check machines. Speed checks will take place in all the villages as speeding is the main concern of parishioners. The meetings are highly recommended as they give local people a chance to have their say to those who are in authority in their area.

The next neighbourhood panel meeting will be held on 2nd July.

222 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

- a) There was no Village Hall Report
- b) Roof Wire

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the council postpone a decision on the roof wire until after the new play equipment is installed.

CARRIED

- c) Performance Licence

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the Parish Council contact East Cambs District Council to see what an all year round performance license for the village hall would cost.

CARRIED

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- d) Lighting in Village Hall Car Park

- The village hall committee will look into having additional outside lighting at the front of the village hall.

Village Hall Committee

223 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a) Recreation Ground Report

- The fertiliser which was spread on the new recreation ground seems to be working.
- The council are trying to borrow a spiker to ariate the ground which would reduce the cost of verti-draining the recreation ground.

- b) Dogs on Recreation Ground

Following a request by the Gala Committee it was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that on Gala Day, dogs which are participating in the dog show should be allowed on the recreation ground between 1-6pm providing they are kept on a lead and the owners clean up after them.

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- c) Club Fees

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Neal that the Cricket Club pay £300 towards the cost of the cricket fencing along Mill Street.

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There is a mis-understanding with the Cricket Club about whether they have paid for the season 2007. The chairman is to pursue this with the Cricket Club and the Clerk will check the payment records.

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It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the Cricket Club pay their dues in June/July once the Cricket season is underway.

Chair Clerk

CARRIED

- d) Awards for All Grant
 It was announced at the Parish Meeting that the council have been awarded a grant of £10,000 from Awards for All towards the cost of new equipment for the Recreation Ground. It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that a working party including Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Garbett, The Clerk, and Philip Aspland (ICA) be formed to look at the postioning of the new equipment. They will also consult some of the teenagers and talk with members of the cricket and football clubs.

Bring to next meeting

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- e) The tractor should be delivered on either 14th or 21st April. The Dexter will then be redundant and should be sold for about £1,000. Any offers should be sent to the clerk or brought to the next meeting.

224 CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) Sale of Cemetery Land
 Draft Particulars for the sale of the land –
 It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Parish Council hand the affordable housing over to Hereward Housing but retain nomination rights and press for the properties to be 100% rented.

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CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Neal that the public open space under the section 106 agreement be moved to the recreation ground.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the open space be retained on the site.

The amendment received 4 votes with 5 against.

The council then voted on the original proposal.

5 votes in favour 4 votes against.

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- b) Cemetery Rules
 It was agreed that the burial working party will look at the cemetery rules amidst concerns about statues and lighting on the graves in the cemetery.

- c) Cemetery Mower
 The engine on the small mower recently blew up and has been replaced. The cemetery keeper will meet with the burial working party to discuss various matters concerning the wreaths, statues and vases left on the graves which interfere with the mowing.

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225 ISLEHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- a) Community Centre Update

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Neal that subject to the final draft plans being received at the next meeting the architect should be paid £12,000 which was the figure originally agreed upon for this work to the planning stage. £5,000 to be paid by the Parish Council and £7,000 by the ICA.

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County Councillor Broadway arrived at 8.30pm

- b) Parish Council Sub-Committee for Brochure & Special Informer
 A working party consisting of Philip Aspland, Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs R Thompson and Cllr Baines will be formed to work on producing a brochure and special edition of the Isleham Informer to promote the New Community Centre.

226 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillors Report

- Street Lighting is still generally a problem for the CC although some repairs have been carried out.
- There are 1000 faulty streetlights that they know of in the County.
- Lights which need mending by EDF take a very long time as they are the lowest priority. The County Council may try to get another supplier although no progress has been made on this at the moment.
- There is no news on extra yellow lines for the village.
- Fence on travellers site on the edge of the road
- There is a considerable amount of dog fouling on the Nature Reserve; Can anything be done about this? The Clerk will contact the dog warden.
- CC Powley has approached the chairman in relation to his difference of views with the Parish Council and asked whether the Parish Council would reconsider its position, as the positions had not changed it was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that matters remain as they are.
 6 votes in favour 2 abstentions.

Clerk

Chair

CARRIED

District Councillors Report

- There is nothing to report that is not already covered on the agenda.

227 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

CARRIED

- b) Year End Bank Reconciliation
 It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Year End bank reconciliation be approved.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

- d) To Approve Grass Cutting Grant
 It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the council approve the grass cutting grant of £1947.68

CARRIED

Clerk to Invoice

- e) Shell Gas Price Increases - noted
 f) Eon Price Increases - noted

- g) True Link Price Increases – noted
It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs Malkin that the council accept the proposed price increases from Truelink.

CARRIED

The clerk will enquire about the grass at the back of the recreation ground.

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- h) Councillor/Chairman Workshops –
It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the new councillor attend the new councillor workshop if he so wishes.

CARRIED

228 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) ECDC Casual Vacancy
No election was called by the parish therefore a vote will take place to co-opt a new member later in the meeting.
- b) Audit Commission – The appointment of Moore Stephens as the external auditor until 2012 was noted.
- c) CPBRC Pond Matters – Cllr Mrs Malkin
- d) East of England Regional Assembly – Cllr Baines
- e) Cambs County Council – Integrated Plan – Cllr Baines

229 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) Footpath on Fordham Road – The plans will be looked at by the chairman & the clerk and the matter will be brought back to the next meeting.
- b) Trees on Sun Street (top of Waterside).The clerk met with Cathy White from ECDC; the council will need to write to Highways or the landowner requesting that the ivy be cut away from the trees, the dead wood be cut back and an inspection be carried out to see if the trunks are in a fit condition to sustain new growth as there is no soil at the back of the trees to nourish the roots. The council will write to Mr Clarke to request that he carry out the work required on the three Ash trees.
- Lorries on Temple Road/Common Gate Drove
There are still lorries coming down East Fen Drove and Common Gate Drove which are getting stuck on the corner and causing traffic problems. There should be signs made to direct traffic away from Isleham towards the carrot factory.

Chair/
Clerk

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- c) It was agreed that County Councillor Broadway would contact County Council Highways about this matter. The Parish Council will contact the Highways Department to request that a larger sign be placed at the top of little London saying no HGV's. County Councillor Broadway will also follow this up.

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230 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- a) Allotment Report
As there were no offers to rent the Three Tree Allotment, the site will be topped at the end of July to keep it tidy.

231 WASH MATTERS

- a) Wash Report

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Neal that the Council accept the quotation from Adrian Neville to provide an accurate map of the roadway on the Wash.

CARRIED

232 TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATION FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. That the lighting be improved in the Village Hall Car Park.
2. Cemetery Land to put up for sale following the April Parish Council meeting.
3. To make changes to the Housing Needs Survey.
4. There should be no further planting in the New Cemetery.
5. To put details of Council Tax bills in the Informer.
6. The Dunstall criteria should change so that applicants can only be awarded once.
7. The amount of the grant to remain at £220.
8. To advertise the grant regularly in the Informer.

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the recommendations from the Annual Parish Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

233 AUGUST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the Council do not hold a meeting in August. Wages cheques will be approved at the July meeting and a Planning Meeting will be held in August if necessary.

CARRIED

234 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Approvals

08/00040/FUL Residential development comprising of 2no two bedroom, semi-detached dwellings, associated parking and site works at site North East of 8 Goodchilds Gardens, Isleham for T & E Developments.

08/00067/LBC Erection of conservatory and utility room to rear of listed building at 5 Mill Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs J Tatum.

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b) Waterside Road

Concerns were raised about a new travellers site on Waterside. On the road there was a layby; has the layby been taken out or is it still there? The council agreed to ask Highways to look at the layby and the proximity of the fence to the road - CC Broadway also agreed to look into this. A retrospective planning application has been submitted for four caravans on the site. The Council will write to their local MP (James Paice) with regard to this breach of planning regulations and ask for his support should this matter go to appeal.

County Cllr Broadway left the meeting at 9.28pm

235 LATE SUBMISSIONS

A letter has been received from Mr Aves informing the council of his resignation as Village Hall treasurer. It was proposed by Cllr

Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the clerk will send out the invoices from the parish council to village hall users.

A letter will be sent to Mr Aves thanking him for his all his hard work and asking if he will pass over the books to the clerk.

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CARRIED

Concerns were raised about the noise from the Speedway on Saturday night (5th April) which was running til 12am. The council will write to Forest Heath District Council to ask if there is a condition on the opening times of the Speedway.

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The new head teacher has been instated at the school. The Governors met with her this morning (7th).

236 CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

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a) Three applications were received. The chairman read out each candidates application. Following one Ballot the the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council declared Martin Earl as duly elected with an overall majority of votes.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Earl to the Parish Council.

The chairman thanked Mr Elmer for attending the meeting and for his willingness to stand for election. He also thanked Mr Cave in his absence for being willing to stand for election; the clerk will write to him to inform him of the election result and thank him for standing.

Date of next meeting 12th May 2008.

Meeting Closed at 10.04pm

1. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
2. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 Part 2
3. LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 39