

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY AUGUST 6TH 2007

Those Present:- Cllr Beckett, Cllr Carter, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Thompson, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Bishop, County Cllr Broadway

Apologies for Absence from Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Mrs Thompson, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Puckey, County Cllr Powley

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| 53. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING | 1 | |
| It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd July 2007 be approved.
CARRIED | | |
| 54. MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING 2nd JULY | | |
| It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Carter that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 2 nd July 2007 be approved.
CARRIED | | |
| 55. MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING 9th JULY | | |
| It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Carter that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 9 th July 2007 be approved.
CARRIED | | |
| 56. MATTERS ARISING (<i>for information only</i>) | | |
| 57. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST | 2 | |
| a) 63b) Cllr Garbett To Pay Accounts | | |
| 58. POLICE MATTERS | | |
| a) Police Report – Noted | | |
| b) Crime Report – Noted | | |
| Comrades Club was broken into and the safe stolen last week | | |
| 59. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS | | |
| a) Village Hall Report | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concrete for Village Hall – It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Carter that the council accept the quote from Martin Earl Construction to concrete outside the village hall.
CARRIED | | |
| b) Philip Aspland – Update on New Community Centre.
(report attached) | | |
| The Chairman on behalf of council thanked Mr Aspland for all the work that is being done by him and the committee. | | |
| 60. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS | | |
| a) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dead tree taken out• Shrubbery rubbish removed from corner of rec | | |
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The old rec needs spraying – Blec Construction have | | |

been asked to quote, Chair & Vice Chair to decide.

- New hedge –It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Carter that the council accept quote to trim around the edge of the new recreation ground as the weeds are now higher than the new hedge.

CARRIED

- The Groundsman is going into hospital therefore the council need someone else to cut the recreation ground for the rest of this season.
- It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that a letter be sent to Mr R Sheldrick thanking him for all his hard work, wishing him well with his operation and confirming that someone else will cut the grass for the rest of the season.

Clerk

CARRIED

- Gala day – only 3 people attended opening of new recreation ground
- AWSA fence - It was suggested that Cambridge Courts come out and give a quote to repair the fence.
- It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Carter that the council purchase a white liner machine and paint for the football club which they will reimburse the council

CARRIED

- Football Club have not paid their fees for the 2006 season. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Neal that a letter be sent to the Isleham Football Club requesting payment for the 2006-07 season and the 2007-08 rent be paid within 30 days of invoice. If the bills remain unpaid the council will notify Cambs FA that the club are not paying their dues. The club are holding an extra-ordinary meeting on 16th August so the letter is to be sent in time for this.

Agenda
Sept

CARRIED

- It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that £20 be paid from the petty cash for a new chain for the chainsaw used to cut down the dead tree on the recreation ground.

CARRIED

- Wire around village hall roof – this matter will be deferred to the September meeting.

b) Play Area

Work should begin on either Mon 20th/27th August and the play area will be closed during this time. The terms & conditions for the grant from ECDC will be sent out this month and signed at the September meeting.

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61. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mrs Hewitt – Nature Reserve – The council will contact the county

council about the roadway.

Dogs – This matter will be reviewed before the next gala day.

- b) ECDC Cathy White – Trees at the Manor House - Noted.
- c) East Cambs Strategic Partnership – Cllr Carter
- d) CCC On Street Parking Policy – Noted.
- e) Minerals & Waste – Noted.

62. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) County Councillors Report –

- Work going on in Malting Lane during the school holidays.
- Jointly funded minor highways – Fordham Road footpath and flashing sign have been asked for this year.
- Neighbourhood panel meeting moved to October 3rd
- CC Congestion charges in Cambridge – one estimate suggest this charge may raise £40million per year. The money could be spent on other traffic schemes in the area eg. The Ely Bypass.
- Fenland Flyer due to cease at the end of 2007 (Cllr Neal declared an interest in this matter) because funding streams are due to dry up during 2007/8. The bus is full and students have to pay however it is subsidised. Mrs Broadway will look into this.
- There is no East Cambs representative on the County Council Cabinet. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the council write to the leader of the county council about this matter.

b) CARRIED

District Councillors Report –

- No 2 Church Street – This matter is still being pursued. ECDC have applied to court for an entry order to see what work has been carried out inside before a compulsory purchase order is placed on it.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

63. July Bank Reconciliation

a) It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Neal that the July bank reconciliation be approved

CARRIED

To Pay August Accounts

b) It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the August accounts be paid

CARRIED

64. TO ADOPT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT 2007

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the council accept the model code to come into effect on September 1st including paragraph 12(2)

CARRIED

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65. CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

a) Cemetery Fees

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that

the cemetery fees be increased by 5% (rounding up or down accordingly).

CARRIED

- b) Housing needs survey
It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the housing needs survey be printed and distributed in the village.

CARRIED

- c) Letter from Lady Peyton's Charity - Noted.
Send a copy of housing needs survey to Brigadier Deller

- d) Sale of Cemetery Land
Cllrs Hobbs, Neal, Carter and Beckett met with legal, planning and housing representatives from ECDC and then with Jane Hollingsworth at ECDC to talk through the various options regarding the sale of the cemetery land. Affordable housing on the cemetery land could be under the control of Isleham Parish Council for the benefit of local people who meet the criteria.
It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the council proceed with the sale of the cemetery land with the caveat that the affordable housing be transferred back to IPC

CARRIED

- e) New Community Centre Lottery Grant
It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Carter that the council commit to give £500,000 towards the cost of the new community centre from the proceeds of the sale.

CARRIED

- f) Burial Working Party – A meeting will be arranged to discuss matters pertaining to the cemetery.

66. ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- a) Water for Dunstall Allotment
It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the council would be willing to, when the money is available put water on at the Dunstall allotment subject to agreement with allotment holders which would include an increase in allotment rents, probably double initially with a review after the first year.

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CARRIED

- b) Letter from Mr Doggett – Noted
c) Roadway – Will be repaired after harvest.
d) Ktf – A settlement figure of £25,000 has been agreed with Ktf following their building on a portion of allotment land at The Pits. Half of the amount will be paid into the Dunstall Account and the remaining part will added to the general parish council funds.

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67. LATE SUBMISSIONS

Audit- Moore Stephens have returned the completed audit and the notice will be displayed on the parish noticeboard.
Isleham School of performing Arts.
It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Neal that the council give £250 towards the costumes for the dancers.

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CARRIED

SLCC – Annual conference for local council clerks will be attended by the clerk.

As so many councillors are away during August the council will consider not having a meeting in August next year.

Meeting Closed at 9.57pm

Date of next meeting: **3RD September 2007**

1. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
2. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 Part
3. Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908 Sec 26
4. LGA 1972 sec 137

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