

# ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Those Present:-** Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Baines, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Earl, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Neal, Cllr Beckett arrived at 7.08pm; Cllr Garbett arrived at 7.32pm.

0 Parishioners

### 133. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor Powley, County Cllr Mrs Broadway, Cllr Mrs Malkin,

### 134. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST *(For Items on Agenda)*

Cllr Earl Item 146 a)

Cllr Neal 142a) 147

### 135. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted.

**CARRIED**

### 136. MATTERS ARISING *(for information only)*

There were no matters arising.

### 137. POLICE MATTERS

a) A crime report has been received from PCSO Neill and read to the Council.

noted

b) The Environment Action Day is to be held tomorrow December 2<sup>nd</sup> not 3<sup>rd</sup> as mentioned in the last minutes. A letter will be sent stating that there was insufficient notice for members to attend.

clerk

Cllr Garbett is unable to continue as the representative for Speedwatch therefore another volunteer from the parish will need to be found.

### 138. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

a) 

- It was agreed at the village hall committee meeting that David Green be employed permanently as the hall caretaker; the Clerk will continue to hold the keys and take the bookings.

- The lost property will be moved to the cupboard in the back room.

- A Notice Board is to be erected on the front of the hall for users of the hall to advertise events and for the Council Agendas and Minutes to be displayed.

Mr Cox

- A letter box and key box are to be placed on the front door allowing users to lock up and leave keys for collection by the Clerk on her next visit to unlock the hall.

Mr Cox

- The light on the front door will be fitted with a sensor so that users can see to unlock the door in the dark.

Cllr Beckett took the chair at 7.13pm

A letter has been received from Andrew Palmer who runs the line dancing group asking if he might make a change to the sound board at the Village Hall. The Council agreed to the change as long as there is no cost to the parish.

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The details of the Insurance Policy were read to the Councillors and approved as accurate for the ensuing year. The employers liability

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section of the policy will be displayed in the hall.

## 139. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- The junior football team have made a request for new floodlights to be fitted on one of the pitches at the top of the Recreation Ground; the chairman requested that Councillors look at the site and bring their comments to the next meeting.
- A cleaner is required for the pavilion for two hours per week; Mr Green will be asked if he would consider cleaning it on a Monday rather than a Saturday as originally proposed. If not the job will be advertised in the New Year.
- It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Council upgrade their membership with Cambridgeshire Acre to include information about the Cambridgeshire Playing Fields Association.

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**CARRIED**

Cllr Garbett arrived at 7.32pm

## 140. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH MATTERS

A letter has been received from Karen Whymark of Cambridgeshire County Council confirming that the Parish Council have no responsibility for repairing the wall adjacent to the footpath at the bottom of Church Lane.

Clerk

Cllr Carter will make the application for the P3 grant for the financial year 2009-10.

Cllr  
Carter

The Clerk will write to the occupier of no1 Sun Street pointing out that the Council have been made aware of the condition of the wall at the back of their property and ask if they could possibly make it safe.

Clerk

The Council approved the notice for maintenance of the street light on Coates Drove sent out by the County Council.

## 141. TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL

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- a) It was proposed by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the purchase of exclusive right of burial be approved for Rita Bowman and Josephine Flatt.

Clerk

**CARRIED**

## 142. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Dial-a-Ride AGM will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Neal that the Council make a donation of £30 be made towards the cost of re-printing the 'Beating the Bounds' footpath map.

noted

Clerk

**CARRIED**

The Council would like the entire boundary of Isleham and Isleham Fen to be included in any new map that is produced.

- c) Cllr Baines will respond on behalf of the Council with regard to the Core Strategy Document provided by ECDC.
- d) There were no Councillors interested in joining the Inspire East Regional Empowerment Partnership.
- e) The information from the County Council about the Village Benefits Service will be placed on the notice board and advertised in the Informer.

Cllr  
Baines

noted

Clerk

## 143. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- a) There was no report from the County Councillor.

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## b) District Councillors Report

- The Transport & Access met last week and although progress is slow at times there have been some achievements; the most notable of these is that the Fenland Express will be running for 3 more years and will kept on the agenda so that it is constantly reviewed and funded for future young people looking to go to college in Cambridge.
- There are still one or two hurdles to overcome including the completion of police checks before the community car scheme can begin.
- One other area being considered is whether a bus can be made available on from Isleham a Saturday either into Cambridge or connected with the bus service from Newmarket to Cambridge.

### 144. TO ADOPT MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

It was proposed by Cllr Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the Parish Council adopt the New Model Publication Scheme in accordance with Government Legislation.

Clerk

**CARRIED**

### 145. MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### a) November Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the November bank reconciliation be approved

**CARRIED**

#### b) It was proposed by Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the Clerks salary be increased in line with the national pay award and is back-dated to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

**CARRIED**

#### c) The BT telephone bill has already been paid.

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the remaining December accounts be paid.

Clerk

**CARRIED**

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the Clerk be authorised to pay the telephone bill as soon as it comes in with approval from the Chairman.

**CARRIED**

It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter that the new price structure for RBS software support be approved.

**CARRIED**

### 146. APPLICATION FOR DUNSTALL APPRENTICE GRANT

#### b) Item b) was considered before item a)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the amended criteria for the Dunstall Apprentice Grant be approved by the Council.

**CARRIED**

Cllr Ear lleft the meeting at 8.30pm

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the Dunstall Apprentice Grant be awarded to Sam Earl for tools linked to his apprenticeship.

Clerk

**CARRIED**

Cllr Earl returned to the meeting at 8.33pm

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**147. DIAL-A-RIDE**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs H Thompson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the Parish Council accept the proposal from Soham & Ely Dial-a-ride for a 3 month trial for Isleham parishioners to take them to Ely Market every week beginning Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The Council will underwrite the cost of the service to a maximum of £55 per week and the Chair & Vice-Chair will monitor the service and bring a report to the April meeting.

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The Council will also check that all government conditions and legislation are being met.

Cllr Neal Abstained from the vote.

Clerk

**CARRIED**

**148 PLANNING MATTERS**

a) Planning approval has been granted for application no. 08/00863/FUL Partial change of use from residential dwelling to Doctor Surgery at The Sanctuary, 5 Priory Gardens, Isleham for Dr Chris Corbin.

noted

b) New planning regulations have been copied and given to each Councillor for information purposes.

noted

The meeting was closed to the public and press at 9.04pm.

**149. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

a) That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item No 149 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)

**149. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXCLUSION**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was re-opened at 9.08pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13pm and was followed by mince pies and hot drinks.

**Date of next meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009

1. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 Part 2

2. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

3. Exc Right of Burial SI 1977/204, art 10 (1)

4. Transport Act 1985 1a & 2a

5. Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960

Signed: .....

Chairman

Date: .....

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