

**ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 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 Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Earl, 3 Parishioners

**166 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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County Councillor Powley, Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Apologies were received from Charlotte Lowry from the County Council who should have addressed the Council this evening about the Nature Reserve Working Party.

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

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Cllr Mrs R Thompson 173c) Highways & Footpath Matters  
Cllr Earl 179d) Planning Appeals  
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.

**168 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** 2

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It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted.

**CARRIED**

**169 MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**

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There were no matters arising.

**170 POLICE MATTERS**

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a) A Crime Report has been received from PCSO Neill and was read to the Council. noted

b) The last Neighbourhood Panel meeting was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at Soham Village College and was well attended although the Chairman would still like to see a better response from members of the public from Isleham. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Panel (March 31<sup>st</sup> 7pm) will be slightly different in that a large part of it will be an open forum to discuss transport & access difficulties in the local area; If possible a representative from County Council will attend.

A meeting was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Isleham Village Hall for Committee Panel members to discuss matters for future Neighbourhood Panel meetings.

**171 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

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- a)
  - New bookings for the hall include: Keep Fit Thursdays 7-8pm, County Council are holding another messy play session in half term and Sports Extra have booked again for half term.
  - There are no problems with the caretaker.
  - The gutters and drains have been cleared of leaves and debris.

**172 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS**

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- The Gang Mowers will be sent for servicing this month ready for the new season.
- A lot of moss has accumulated on the new recreation ground; in the first instance Mr Sheldrick will pull the mat across the area if this does not sort out the problem the area may need to be spiked.
- Play Area Report: A number of items have been raised in the report from Wicksteed which will be brought back to a meeting in the new financial year. The most important job at the moment is to remove debris and steam clean the wet pour surfaces which will be done as soon as the weather permits.
- David Green has taken on the cleaning of the pavilion for a trial period of one month. This has been successful therefore he will continue in this role for 2 hours per week for three months and then the hours will be reviewed.

**173 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH MATTERS**

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- a) Road Safety Compliance Consultation - The Council agreed that the lower limit for alcohol should be implemented. (if not zero)

- b) Village Litter

It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Baines that the Clerk contact ECDC and arrange a meeting in the village to discuss the problems that are continually arising with litter and un-emptied bins. Also an article will be written for the Informer notifying people that rubbish should not be put out before 7pm the evening before collection and that they are responsible for clearing up any of their rubbish that blows onto the street.

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- c) Cllr Mrs Thompson left the meeting at 8.48pm  
It was agreed that the Council would support the application by J M & M A Thompson to have the postcode changed on the Marina so that there would be no discrepancy with addresses in the future.

Cllr Mrs Thompson returned to the meeting at 8.58pm

**174 CEMETERY MATTERS**

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- a) A considerable amount of work has been carried out on the Cemetery Wall; no further work will be done until the Cemetery Working Party have had a look at the wall and assessed how much more work should be carried out. noted

## 175 CORRESPONDENCE

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- a) Charlotte Lowry from Cambridgeshire County Council has organised a working party to clear up the nature reserve on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30-3pm. Posters will be placed up around the village and local interest groups will be contacted. Any Councillor interested in attending would be most welcome.
- b) Inspire East Exchange Exchange Visit Yarmouth noted
- c) Minerals & Waste Public Consultation noted
- d) LDF East Cambridgeshire noted
- e) ECDC Boundary Changes – The Council are concerned about the effect developing this land would have on the current infrastructure of the village; particularly on the school and the sewage works. clerk  
Cllr Mrs R Thompson abstained from the giving an opinion.  
Cllrs Mrs J Malkin and Mrs P Wilkes objected to the proposal.  
Copies of the response form will be given to Cllrs Mrs R Thompson, Mrs Malkin, Cllr Mrs Wilkes and Cllr Baines.
- f) East Cambs District Development Plan Documents – copies will be given to those Cllrs who requested them. noted
- g) CPALC AGM Minutes noted
- h) It was proposed Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Baines that the Parish Council grant the Gala Committee permission to use the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall for Gala Day on 4<sup>th</sup> July; The dog show may be held under the same terms as last year and the Council will contribute ½ the cost of the toilets as in previous years.

**CARRIED**

## 176 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

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- a) There was no report from the County Council.
- b) District Councillors Report
- ECDC are looking at the effects of the credit crunch; fortunately they have been prudent with funds so there is no immediate crisis.
  - Soham Vision Working Party Committee will be contacting IPC over the course of the next month.

## 177 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

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- a) January Bank Reconciliation  
It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the January bank reconciliation be approved

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- b) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the February accounts be paid with the exception of the bill to R. Palmer which will be queried and brought back to the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

**178 TO SET DATE FOR PARISH MEETING**

- a) The date for the Annual Parish Meeting has been set for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30pm
- b) The Agenda has been agreed and will be posted 14 days before the meeting.

**179 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) 09/00012/FUL Proposed single storey rear conservatory at 3 Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mrs Gould - no objection
- b) 08/01114/PDR Conversion of existing garage to kitchen/breakfast room for Mr D Bell 53 Beck Road Isleham has been approved.
- c) None
- d) 08/00474/FUL Appeal for Mr T Wells, 92 The Causeway, Isleham.  
08/00766/FUL Appeal for Mrs R Jaggard 12 Goodchilds Gardens.

**180 MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item No 181 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).

**181 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There being no further business the meeting closed to the public at 8.50pm and re-opened at 9.26pm  
**Date of next meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009  
 Meeting closed at 9.26pm  
 1. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 Part 2  
 2. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)

Signed: .....

Chairman

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