

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 6th JULY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett, Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Baines, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Mrs H Thompson, 5 Parishioners

PQT

The youth football team left the spikes in the ground after the nets had been pulled out following one of their games and the mower ran over them. (Recreation Ground Matters)

The Recreation Ground needs spraying. (Recreation Ground Matters)

Mr Houghton has contacted the EA about the gate on the little wash.

Would it be possible to put another bridge over to the lugger bank up near Jay Jay lodge

There is a hole in the road at the junction of West Street/Hall Barn Road.

A number of bushes and trees are hanging over the footpaths.

Meeting opened at 7.09pm

The Chairman welcomed James Palmer the newly elected County Councillor for Isleham Fordham and Soham Villages.

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Earl, CCllr Powley,

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

60a) Cllr Mrs Wilkes; Letter from Isleham Primary School

65a) Cllr Neal Planning SP Landscapes

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.

51. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 2

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2009 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

52. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 22ND JUNE 2009

The minutes have been amended to state that 'the quote from Mr Woollard for the new urinals is approved'. It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June be approved as a true record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

53. MATTERS ARISING *(for information only)*

There were no matters arising.

54. POLICE MATTERS

The latest police report was read to the Council.

noted

The neighbourhood panel meeting was held on 1st July and no one from the PC was able to attend. A letter has been received from Mr Challis expressing his disappointment at this.

noted

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55. ICA

- a) The ICA have been successful in obtaining a grant of £50,000 from WREN towards the cost of moving the AWSA in preparation for building the new centre. In order to release the grant an administration fee of £5,500 is required by the Waste Recycling Group. It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Malkin that a cheque be sent to Wren for £5,500 to unlock the Landfill Communities Fund monies.

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A cheque was issued from the Abbey account and signed by Cllr Baines, Cllr Carter and the Clerk.

56. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

- a)
 - The gent's urinal has been replaced and all remedial works have been completed.
- b) The meeting was adjourned to look at the village hall floor in the main hall at 7.19pm
The meeting re-opened at 7.21pm
- The possibility of the floor being re-furbished will be brought back to the planning meeting on Monday 20th July for further discussion.

57. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- A meeting of the recreation ground committee will be held on Tuesday 21st July at the village hall.
- Emergency works have been carried out on the trees overhanging the footpath on Mill Street.
- A letter will be sent to the youth football club asking them to clear up properly after any events they hold on the recreation ground.
- The spraying of the recreation ground will be discussed at the recreation ground committee meeting.

58. CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) The next burial to take place in a new grave will be in the cemetery extension by the wall running alongside The Causeway. The cemetery keeper requested that a notice is placed in the Informer to see if someone from the family of George Wilson might come forward to discuss replacing the vase on the grave as it is broken.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the Cemetery fees are increased by 5% from September 1st 2009.

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- c) Cemetery Land Sale

The meeting was adjourned to discuss the sale of the cemetery land at 7.51pm with the parishioners who attended the meeting. Answers to the questions raised were given out and a copy is available from the Clerk on request.

The meeting was re-opened at 8.02pm

- d) It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that a notice is placed in the Newmarket Journal, Ely Standard, Cambridge Evening News for four consecutive weeks. Notices will also be placed

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in the Informer, on the website and on the Parish Notice board.

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59. TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL

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- a) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the Council approve the purchase of exclusive right of burial for Bill Brown and Tom Chipper.

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60. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A letter has been received from the school indicating that they are willing to write to parents again about the parking problems on Malting Lane. noted

- b) Notice has been received of tree works to be carried out at 11 The Pits, Isleham for Mrs Ellis. noted

- c) East Cambs District Council have replied to questions raised by the Council about litter and rubbish collections in the village. The problem with emptying the public litter bins should be resolved since a replacement key has been provided. The Parish Council are responsible for replacing the bins in the play area and are also responsible for keeping the area in front of the Priory litter free. noted

- d) A letter has been received from Rachel Donald on behalf of the Fenland Elite Youth bus asking if the Council would consider the bus coming to Isleham once a week and if so would they be able commit towards funding the project for a year. The Council will contact Ms Donald and ask her to attend the meeting in September. Clerk

- e) Mr Beckett declared an interest and left the meeting at 8.16pm and the Vice chairman took over the meeting.

A reply has been received from the British Rail Board about the fence on the left hand side of Station Road as you leave the village. The fence does not belong to the board but possibly to the landowner. A letter will be sent to Highways to find out whose responsibility it is to repair the bridge. Clerk

The chairman returned to the meeting at 8.21pm – The chairman was unaware of this agenda item as he has been on holiday.

61. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- a) County Councillors Report

- Mr James Palmer introduced himself to the meeting as the new County Councillor for Isleham, Fordham and Soham Villages. He lives in Soham and is a Conservative party member and was previously a district councillor.
- Mr Palmer attended a meeting today regarding the primary schools in the area although SVC was also mentioned. There is massive pressure on primary schools in the area and it is hoped a new school in Ely will hopefully take pressure off Isleham and Fordham. Mr Palmer will do all he can to make sure that primary school age children do not have to travel outside the village. Consideration is also being given to the possibility of a Sixth Form centre in Soham.

- b) There was nothing to report from the District Council.

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62. MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the June Bank Reconciliation be approved.

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the July accounts be paid.

CARRIED

The Clerk will look into the price increase for printing the Isleham Informer.

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

- c) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Malkin that the August salaries be paid after being approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

CARRIED

- d) The annual budget meeting was arranged for Monday 28th September.

- e) It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the website subscription be approved and paid for the next two years.

CARRIED

It was agreed to advertise in the next Informer for a volunteer to run the website. The Clerk will have access to the domain to upload parish council information.

TO APPENDIX 63 HIGHWAYS FOOTPATH MATTERS

A request was made to have the footpath on the Prickwillow road cut to improve accessibility for walkers however the path in question is not a legally designated footpath. The County Council are responsible for cutting the verges. Individual users of the path can apply to the County Council to request that it is designated as a footpath as this is not a PC matter. Cllr Palmer will look into the matter at the County Council. The concrete path along Coates Drove is very overgrown and the Council will arrange to have it cut back.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Malkin that on the grounds of highway safety another bridge should not be allowed up near the Luger Bank.

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The Wash working party will meet to consider whether a gate could be placed at the top of the lugger bank to prevent the area becoming a rat run for cars or motor bikes.

Clerk to arrange

The Council will contact Highways about the dip in the road at the junction with Hall Barn Road and West Street.

Clerk

The Council will contact Gavin Wiseman at County Highways about the hedges and bushes which are overhanging some of the footpaths in the village.

Clerk

64. ALLOTMENT MATTERS

The allotment working party will meet to discuss arrangements for maintenance to be carried out on the Three Tree allotment site.

Clerk to arrange

County Cllr Palmer left the meeting at 9.19pm

65. PLANNING MATTERS

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- a) 09/00465/FUL Single storey bedroom extension at 13a Station Road, Isleham for Mrs Wendy Davies - no objection
- 09/00312/FUL Change of use of part of agricultural land to commercial (Re-submission) at Chalk Farm, Temple Road, Isleham for SP Landscapes - no objection
- 09/00361/FUL Rear single storey extension to provide kitchen and conservatory at 5 Pound Lane Isleham for Mrs Camplin - no objection
- F/2009/0326/VAR It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the Council object to the proposal on the grounds that the noise pollution is detrimental to the vast majority of Isleham residents and that opening time is restricted to four days per week until 6pm.
- 6 in favour
- 3 against

CARRIED

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- b) Copy of Forest Heath Application to Cllr Baines.
- 09/00309/FUL Alterations roofline at Coates Drove, Isleham has been approved.
- The Council will write to RAF Mildenhall about the aircraft activity over the village during the last week; the height of the aircraft flying directly over the village and flying around with the wheels down. If there is necessity for this type of work could they possibly notify the Parish Council so that they can inform residents.
- There will be a planning meeting on Monday 20th July
- The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 2009
- The Council do not intend to meet in August unless there are any planning applications which need to be discussed.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.46pm
- 1. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 Part 2
- 2. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
- 3. LG (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19
- 4. Exc Right of Burial SI 1977/204, art 10 (1)

Clerk

Signed:

Chairman

Date: