

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY JUNE 4TH 2007

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Bishop, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Mrs Wilkes
4 Parishoners
Apologies for Absence from County Councillor Mrs Broadway, Cllr Carter, Cllr Puckey, Cllr Mrs Hobbs,

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| 20. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING | 1 | |
| It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th May 2007 be approved. | | |
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| 21. MATTERS ARISING (<i>for information only</i>) | | |
| Allotment Water – Is it possible for the tenants to place guttering and water butts on sheds? | | |
| Allotment Roadway – The roadway is badly rutted and in need of repair. | | |
| Grass Cutting – The grass will be cut during the next two weeks. | | |
| School Governor – Still waiting to hear from Mr Cave | | |
| 22. WORKING PARTIES | | |
| a) Chairman – | | |
| <u>V Hall</u> Cllr - Mrs Malkin. | | |
| <u>Burial</u> - Cllr Carter. | | |
| <u>Wash</u> Cllr Beckett. | | |
| <u>Finance</u> Cllr Beckett. | | |
| <u>Allotments</u> Cllr Carter. | | |
| <u>Policy Review</u> Cllr Puckey. | | |
| <u>Planning</u> – The chairman recommended that the Planning Committee meet at 7pm under the chairmanship of Cllr Neal followed by the main meeting at 7.30pm. | | |
| It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that Cllr Neal be the chairman of this separate committee. It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Bishop that Cllr Garbett be elected as vice-chairman for this committee. | | |
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| Planning Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 14 th June | | |
| 23. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST | 2 | |
| 24. POLICE MATTERS | | |
| a) Police Report – There was no police report. | | |
| b) Crime Report – There was no crime report. | | |
| c) Car Stickers – The cost of the car stickers is £120 for 250 or £170 for 500. It was agreed by the council that the clerk will order 500 stickers to be distributed around the village. | | Clerk |

25. HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

a) CCC Bidding Round – It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the council apply to have a footpath along the Fordham Road to the junction with Hall Barn Road.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the council also apply for a flashing sign on the Fordham Road. 3
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b) Letter from Soham Town Council – Substantial parts of the road that could be widened without incurring too much expense. Cllr Neal & Cllr Garbett would be willing to meet with planners or MP James Paice.

Clerk

Concerns were raised about the number of lorries going to Isleham Fresh Produce – letters have been written to Highways, IFP and ECDC.

26. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Village Hall Car Park – Is it possible to have the strip alongside the village hall concreted or tarmaced before gala day? The clerk will try to get quotes by 14th June.

Clerk

27. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

a) Opening of New Recreation Ground

- Blec have looked at grass but are not sure the grass is dense enough to stand much use therefore it may be premature to open it now if it can't be used for a while.
- The Council were in agreement that the area should be opened on Gala Day however it may not be used by the sports clubs until they are formally notified that it is suitable for use.
- If it is too short notice to secure a footballer to open it would it possible for Jim Hill from the Football Foundation to come. Cllr Carter has been asked to officiate although he may not be available. Cllr Garbett will step in if Cllr Carter is unavailable.
- Signs will need to be put up to notify parishoners that no dogs or vehicles may go on the new piece of ground.
- New fence has been broken down in several places.
- The dead tree between the old and new recreation ground is being taken down at the weekend.

b) Tractor and Trailer to get rid of bush in the corner

Play Area

- Quotation have been received form 5 Companies.
- Young people have been consulted at the school, playgroup as well as a group of teenagers from the village.
- Meeting with Phil Turner from ECDC in order to finalise choices.
- It may be necessary to pay for the equipment before the grant funding is released, therefore it was proposed by Cllr

Garbett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the council use the money from the AWSA holding fund to pay for the equipment until the grant funding is in place.

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28. CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

Hole in the wall at the priory – Information only

Wall at the Social Centre is in a dangerous condition and has been roped off. The Diocese are dealing with this.

Affordable Housing – Priority to get affordable housing for young people in the village.

The county council have been contacted about the Three Tree Allotment potentially being used as a rural exception site and in principle they would be favourable to this suggestion although more discussions still need to take place.

The chairman met with planners today to arrange a meeting to discuss section 106 and affordable housing.

(Cllr Garbett left the meeting at 7.50 to speak to youngsters kicking the ball against the windows)

Lady Peytons charity have been approached but are yet to reply

The working party will look at other sites before bringing a proposal to the council.

29. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) County Councillors Report

- New leaders for Conservatives and LibDem groups:
Shona Johnson (Conservative) David Jenkins (LibDem)

- ### b)
- CC Mrs Broadway is now Spokes(man) for Environment, Transport and Climate Change for the LibDem group.
 - The Spokes from each party meet monthly with officers to bring up local problems so it will be possible to champion the cause for Isleham among other villages.
 - Consultation to gauge the level of support for mobile libraries.
 - East Fen Drove is still in need of attention.

District Councillors Report

- Cllr Beckett has been elected onto the planning, community services and standards committees.
- Things are still in change over mode as a result of the elections
- Next neighbourhood panel on 20th June at Victoria Hall Fordham

30. MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

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a) May Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the May bank reconciliation be approved

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(Cllr Garbett returned to the meeting at 8pm)

- b) Mr Ferrier – Formal Charity Valuation
As the parish council has no record of advising the prospective purchasers that they would have to pay the fees for the purchase of the allotment land if they failed to complete the transaction it was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the bill for Mr Ferrier be paid by the council.

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- c) To Pay June Accounts
It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Wilkes that the June accounts be paid. (JC Woolard bill £400 to be added to the list)

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31. WASH MATTERS

Information – Following the recent flooding of the little wash Mr Cave asked if he could raise the roadway. The chairman will be meeting with ECDC this week to clarify the position of the roadway before anyway can be carried out.

32. ALLOTMENT MATTERS

Mr Chaplin he is still willing to do the necessary work for water to be laid on at the allotments at a maximum cost of £200 if required.

The question was raised as to whether tenants could be encouraged to use water butts as most of them have sheds. How will the council monitor the use of the water?

A meeting will be arranged with the allotment committee and the allotment holders to discuss this, costings will need to be found out and reported back to the full council.

Gate on the allotment – This was a suggestion made at a previous meeting and it is a matter for the allotment committee to look into.

Application for shed Mrs Tapley

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the council approve the application for an 8' x 5' shed on the Dunstall allotment for Mrs Tapley.

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Hedge on the Dunstall

A request has been made by John Harvey about whether the council would be prepared to pay towards the cost of cutting the hedge that adjoins the Dunstall allotment at a cost of £200. The council agreed the work could be carried out but not before the end of June.

Hedge on the front of the Dunstall Allotment needs cutting – allotment committee.

Three Tree Allotments – Mr Burroughs. A letter has been received from the County Council suggesting that the parish council are in breach of their agreement because someone is using the

allotment as part of their garden. This is not the case and the

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clerk will write to the county council confirming this.

The Three Tree allotment is in need of cutting as soon as possible.

Items 33 and 34 have been swapped around as Planning will be dealt with as a separate meeting with Cllr Neal in the chair.

33. LATE SUBMISSIONS

- a) Invoice for Polling Station (Cost of Village Hall)
- b) Planning Approval (See Planning)
- c) ECDC Tree felling on the recreation ground
- d) Cllr Garbett – new community centre drawing

Meeting Closed at 8.31pm

Date of next meeting: **2nd July 2007**

- 1. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
- 2. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 Part 3).
- 3. LGA 1972, Sch 12, para 39(1)

A separate meeting was opened for planning matters at 8.35pm

34. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Report of Gypsy & Traveller Consultation:
 - East Cambs will have 35 units for gypsies and travellers.
 - A unit is thought to be 1.7 trailers
 - The numbers of provision are arrived at in the same way projected housing figures are obtained.
 - There was no mention of possible sites; any questions about this should be referred to Katie Child at ECDC.
 - The council will need to discuss this at the next meeting in order to make a response.
- b)

Planning Applications

07/00493/FUL – Single storey side extension at 18 Little London for Mr T Drayton – no objection

07/00533/FUL – First floor side extension at 12 Waterside for Mr & Mrs Hall – no objection

07/00532/FUL – Single storey side extension at 2 Elderberry Farm for Margaret Jackson and Derek Martin – no objection

07/00539/FUL – Two storey extension to rear of house & extend conservatory at 7 Robins Close for Mr & Mrs Ainge – no objection.

Cllr Mrs Malkin left the meeting at 20.45

- c) Planning Approvals
07/00404/FUL Insertion of windows and internal

alterations at 23 Hall Barn Road for Mr Sykes.

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- 07/00370/FUL Construction of two storey extension at 15 The Pits for Mr J Bendall.
- d) Planning Refusals
07/00250/FUL Construction of a two bed bungalow and garage also new double garage at land rear of 15 Church Street for Mr & Mrs Newman
- e) Planning Appeals
APP/V0510/A/06/2031469 Larks nest, Fen Bank, 11 Prickwillow Road, Isleham.
The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted.
- Meeting Closed at 8.52pm**

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