

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2009
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett (Chairman) Cllr Baines, Cllr Carter, Cllr Earl, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Mrs H Thompson,.
4 Parishioners, Rosemary Aitchison (Soham Town Council), Mrs Gail Stoehr (Temporary Clerk)

Mrs Gail Stoehr was introduced as Temporary Clerk while Mrs Bayliss was overseas.

Questions and Comments from members of the public

- Mr Houghton enquired why a sign on the fence at Luggar Bank was still there. After the notice was posted the solicitor advised that someone had the deeds. Now in the hands of the solicitor.
- Mrs Howe enquired why recent meetings had closed to public and press. The response was that discussion of matters relating to the sale of cemetery land was detrimental to the public interest.
- Mr Cox reported rubbish on the recreation field. The sports clubs are to be informed and asked to clear the pitches of plastic, glass and general litter after matches.

Mrs Rosemary Aitchison of Soham Town Council reported on the Soham vision. After wide consultation with neighbouring villages the aim is a coherent plan as part of the Local Deveopment Framework for a 20 to 30 year period. The plan covers housing, employment, transport, regeneration of the town centre, sports facilities, leisure and tourism. A public consultation meeting is to be held on 25 March from 3.30 – 8 pm and an online survey is on the East Cambridgeshire District Council website.

The report touched on: the northern development at Barleyfields; the improvement of public rights of way; the intention to stagger the infrastructure with development and identifying where S106 money should be utilised. A masterplan will be produced identifying short medium and long term actions. Ms Aitchison was thanked for attending.

182 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

.

County Councillor Powley, Cllr Mrs Wilkes and Nature Reserve Working Party- Charlotte Lowry (CCC).

183 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST (For Items on Agenda) 1

.

Cllr Mrs R Thompson (195d) – daughter attends Soham Village College: (199c) – personal.

Any comments made by Cllr Beckett on planning matters are subject to change when presented with all the facts at

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

ECDC planning meeting and do not constitute a pre-determination of any matter.

184 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2

.

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Baines that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2009 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted, after recording that Cllr S Baines was present and under 173c, inserting R to read Mrs R Thompson in both places. Condolences are to be conveyed to the Clerk on the death of her mother.

Cllr
Beckett
or Cllr
Mrs
Malkin

185 MATTERS ARISING *(for information only)*

.

None.

186 POLICE MATTERS

.

- a) There was no formal police report this month.
- b) The PCSO had indicated to a member that village is quiet, litter is being monitored, the PCSO is to attend to traffic at school time and also vehicles parking on the grass in Croft
- c) Road causing damage.
- d) The Neighbourhood Panel Meetings are to continue for the next 2 years. Information via East Cambs District Council website.
- e) Speedwatch in Isleham. Of 33 letters issued 16 were to Isleham residents, 6 to neighbouring villagers. The next Neighbourhood Panel meeting will be held on 31 March at 7pm at Beechurst College. It was hoped a County Council representative would attend.

Noted

Noted

Noted

Noted

187 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

.

- a)
 - Cllr Mrs Malkin reported on the meeting on Monday 23 February.
 - The hall is well used and maintenance is going well.
 - Eight boys had been seen on the roof and the Council will need to discuss preventative measures at a future meeting once the Clerk returns.
 - The main hall roof leaks. Carried forward.

Noted

Clerk

C?f

188 ICA

.

- a) Two sets of elevations were considered. The Parish Council;s preference was for low maintenance and the lighter colour plans.
- b) The architect asked if 3D illustrations are required to help with planning and fundraising. It was agreed that these are not necessary at this time thus saving £1500.

Noted

189 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

.

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

- Mowers have been booked in for service.
- R Palmer invoice was clarified as extra tensioning had been require the entire length. Instructions have now been given to Palmers that prior approval is needed for expenditure exceeding £200.
- The fencing has been knocked down again but no further repair is required at this time.
- Moving the goals will be considered at a future meeting.
- It was proposed by Cllr Garbett, seconded by Cllr Malkin and unanimously agreed that the Temporary Clerk is to write to all the sports clubs regarding litter, polystrene cups and broken spoons being left after matches. The clubs are to be asked to ensure the recreation gorund is clear at the end of any use.
- Mr Cox had been approached by a group wishing to play cycle polo on the all weather courts. Subject to the Temporary Clerk checking with Cambridge Courts that this would not be detrimental to the court's surface, on a proposal by Cllr Garbett, seconded by Cllr Carter, this was agreed unanimously.

Note
Noted
Noted
C/f
Temp Clerk
Temp Clerk

190 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH MATTERS

-
- a) The raised ramp outside the school has been re-surfaced.
- b) Flytipping is occurring at Common Gate Drove which has already been reported is to be re-reported to the District Council.
- c) Agreed to ask for the article in the Informer to be repeated
- d) and also ask the Dog Warden to visit.
- e) Dog bins should arrive soon.

Noted
Temp Clerk
Temp Clerk
Noted

191 CEMETERY MATTERS

-
- a) The sale of the land has been agreed with Bellway Homes subject to planning permission.

Noted

192 TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL

-
- a) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the purchase of exclusive right of burial be approved for Desmond Drayton.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Carter to consecrate all land east of Beck Road following advertisement by public notice of 28 days. The Clerk to organise on her return.

3
Clerk
Clerk

193 CORRESPONDENCE

-
- a) Domestic Violence Day meeting on 25 March 9am-4pm.
- b) Cog-wheel Trust thank the Parish Council for the donation.
- c) East of England Empowerment meeting invitation.
- d) Cambridgeshire Transport Commission Consultation. The

Noted
Noted
Noted
Temp

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

Parish Council's response was agreed as follows:

Clerk

- 1) Yes
 - 2) Southern bypass for Ely and Stuntney to join up with the A10, A142 and A141 to form a link bypass. The Ely section has not been done yet. The Stuntney bypass has been built on the wrong side. The A10 Ely to Cambridge should be dualled and a cycle path built from Isleham to Soham.
 - 3) If spent with care there should be benefit however some funding should be used for the dualling Ely to Cambridge and for local cyclepaths.
 - 4) No information has been provided on what funds are being spent on. As there is so much funding it is suggested that the money is spent on local communities from Isleham to Soham.
 - 5) The Parish Council is against congestion charging.
- e) The meeting at Quy Mill Hotel on 3 March Noted
- f) A reply is to be sent to Mrs Powys explaining the Council's efforts to tackle dog fouling and indicating that sign has been resolved. Temp Clerk

194 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- a) County Councillors Report
- The County Councillor was not present.
- b) District Councillors Report Noted
- Cllr Beckett reported that a site at Ely is being considered for a leisure centre and funding possibilities are being explored. The Country Park is progressing and Rosswell Pits / Thistle Corner is going ahead.
 - A public exhibition is to be held to view feedback from the Ely Master Plan consultation first stage.

195 MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The February Bank Reconciliation was postponed until the April meeting pending receipt of the bank statement. Carried forward. C/f
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Baines that the March accounts be paid. Temp Clerk
- CARRIED**
- c) The grass cutting contractor's inflationary increase in line with the contract. Noted
- The grass cutting at the back of the recreation ground is to be reviewed as it is now part of the recreation ground. Carried forward. C/f
- d) Cllr Mrs R Thompson left the meeting at this point. Cllr Neal declared an interest as a governor at Isleham school, Cllr Earl declared an interest as the parent of a y5 child, Cllr Garbett declared an interest as a grandparent of a child at the school and they left the meeting. It was proposed by 1
- Temp Clerk

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

Cllr Mrs Hobbs, seconded by Cllr Carter, and agreed to issue a cheque for £30 in favour of Bottisham, Burwell and Soham Extended School Cluster.

Carried.

The members then re-joined the meeting.

e) The reduction in the cost of the Shell costs. Noted

f) Following the meeting regarding the all weather pitch the Clerk is to provide an audit trail for the collection of money, 20% of which is to go to the keyholder/caretaker. Clerk

g) Dial a Ride was considered a success given the number of users and recently two buses had been required. It was noted that a 16 seater bus was needed but not yet available. Under terms to be reviewed by the Chair and Vice-Chair, it was agreed to continue the service for a month and review the situation at the April meeting in the light of the figures. Noted
C/f

h) An estimate from LGS Services for emergency cover was considered. On a proposal by Cllr Garbett, seconded by Cllr Neal, the terms and conditions including hourly rate, office fee and travel expenses were approved to provide the emergency term to cover the absence of the Clerk due to her family circumstances.

Carried.

i) The CPALC newsletter is to be circulated Noted

196 TO APPROVE REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY, HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY, STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

All the above mentioned policies were reviewed at a meeting on Monday 16th February but they will be carried forward until the meeting in April and the Clerk's return.

C/f

197 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATE

a) On a proposal by Cllr Garbett, seconded by Cllr Malkin, it was agreed to move the date of the Annual Parish Meeting from 30 March to 20 April 2009. Clerk

198 ALLOTMENT MATTERS

a) On a proposal by Cllr Mrs R Thompson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs, the applications by Mr Arber and Mr and Mrs Bell to erect sheds were both approved. Temp Clerk

b) Eight plots have recently been let. It was agreed that the tenants should take the plots as they are. Cllr Mrs R Thompson will get keys cut and inform the Clerk of names. She will be reimbursed at the next meeting. C/f

c) It was agreed to advertise the vacant plots widely Cllr R Thompson

d) The rules for the new tenancies were carried forward to the next meeting. C/f

199 PLANNING MATTERS

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

- a) 24 Mill Street. The meeting was adjourned at 9.20 pm to allow the applicant to address the Parish Council. The Council had no objections to the application.
- b) Chalk Farm. The application was withdrawn.
- c) 1 Fen Bank, Isleham. The change of address was noted to Fenrose Farm, 1 Fen Bank. Cllr Beckett is to meet with Forest Heath Council to discuss further.

Temp Clerk

Noted

Noted

200 MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC & PRESS

- . That the public (including representatives of the press) were excluded during the consideration of the remaining items 201 & 202 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) The public left the meeting and the Temporary Clerk was invited to remain.

201 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXCLUSION

- . Proposed Cllr Carter, seconded Cllr Baines the minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

Carried

202 CEMETERY LAND

- . The sale of the land had gone ahead as previously agreed by Council.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42 pm.

Date of next meeting: 6th April

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. Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960

Signed:

Chairman

Date: