

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Diane Bayliss

Power Action

Chairman Mr Derrick Beckett

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Those Present:- Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Baines, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Beckett,
3 Parishioners

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor Powley, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Earl,

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

None

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.

113. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 2

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2008 be approved as a correct record of the business transacted.

CARRIED

114. MATTERS ARISING *(for information only)*

There were no matters arising.

115. POLICE MATTERS

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

b) The Neighbourhood Panel meeting was held on the 8th October; attendance was better this time however it could still be improved. Donations are still required for the Speedwatch equipment although it is not certain at this stage whether the parishes are expected to contribute to the cost.

An Environment Action day is planned for Isleham and Fordham on 3rd December. Parish Councillors and members of the public are welcome to attend the day.

116. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

a)

- The village hall continues to run smoothly and there have been some additional weekly bookings therefore increasing the revenue from the hall.

117. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

a)

- A meeting of the recreation ground committee was held on 7th October; The meeting went well and all the clubs were in agreement with the proposals for the layout of the new community centre and recreation ground.
- A cleaner will be found for an hour per week (Saturday lunchtime) to clean the pavilion after the football clubs have finished. The Parish Council will pay the cleaner and will be reimbursed by the clubs.
- The fence has been damaged at the top of the recreation ground; arrangements have been made with Palmers to repair this as well as repairing part of the fence inside the AWSA.

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- Mr Colin Ellwood is unable to continue to store the tractor free of charge and has requested a payment of £180 per year; it was therefore proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the council pay this fee to store the tractor until the new centre is built with a tractor store attached.

Clerk

CARRIED

118. ICA

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the site plan and internal layout plans (42606 29th October) be approved and that the Committee proceed with the planning application.

CARRIED

119. CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) The Cemetery Working Party met on Thursday 23rd October (report attached)

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Neal that the recommendations from the Cemetery working party be approved.

Clerk

CARRIED

There is a hole in the cemetery wall on the Causeway; the Clerk will contact the Cemetery Keeper and arrange for it to be repaired.

Clerk

120. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH MATTERS

Following the receipt of a letter from Mr Woollard regarding the clunch wall adjoining the footpath at the back of his property the council have arranged for the path to be cleared of ivy and a letter will be sent to the County Council asking them if they would consider repairing the wall.

Clerk

A letter of thanks will be sent to East Cambs District Council for removing so swiftly the graffiti found in the village on Tuesday 28th October.

Clerk

The ivy hedge on The Causeway has been cut back to the wall.

121. TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the purchase of exclusive right of burial be approved for Helen Gates and Marlene Eden.

Clerk

CARRIED

122. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) CPALC AGM Sat 6th Dec Bluntisham Village Hall. noted
- b) Following receipt of a letter from Mr Challis requesting that the Council contact EDF concerning the latest round of power cuts a letter will be sent by the Clerk Clerk
- c) Notice has been given that the paperwork is all complete for the Awards for All grant and that the file has been closed although it will be retained for seven years. noted
- d) Cambridgeshire Together are holding a meeting to explore the role of Parish & Town Councils on Monday 10th November. The Clerk, Cllr Mrs H Thompson and Cllr Carter will attend. Clerk/
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- e) A letter has been received from Mr D Wells notifying the Council of tree works to a Sycamore at his property on Fordham Road, Isleham. Clerk

123. ISLEHAM INFORMER

The Council confirmed that extra pages for the Isleham Informer need

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to be paid for by extra advertising.

124. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- a) County Councillors Report was deferred until later in the meeting until the County Cllr had arrived.

A letter was received from County Councillor Powley re the Soham Childrens Centre looking for Parish Council support.

noted

- b) District Councillors Report

- Work is progressing on both the Ely Master Plan and Soham Vision.
- A letter has been received from Mr Fred Langford from Dial-a Ride asking whether the Council would be willing to underwrite a bus service to Ely on Thursdays. Cllr Beckett will make further enquiries and bring the matter back to a future meeting.

125. LDF REPORT (Cllr Baines)

Cllr Baines has looked through the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Strategy there are currently no sites which directly affect Isleham.

noted

Item 6.55 Page 95 - you should not have any dwellings situated within 400m of a sewage plant.

The only thing of interest to Isleham in the Rural Services document is the survey on page 12.

126. MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) October Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the October bank reconciliation be approved

CARRIED

- b) To Pay November Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Carter that the November accounts be paid.

CARRIED

127. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 08/00883/AGN & 08/00884/AGN Pole Barn Planning not required
08/00795/FUL Construction of Cart Shed, Stables and conversion of existing outbuildings to store at The Old Farm Cottage, 10 Little London, Isleham for Mr P Mulgrew

All noted

08/00796/LBC Proposed Cart Shed, Stables and conversion of existing outbuildings

to store at The Old Farm Cottage, 10 Little London, Isleham for Mr P Mulgrew

08/00855/FUM Revised application for construction of new church building and ancillary attached buildings, including car park and access road at land opposite 104 and 106 Beck Road, Isleham for High Street Baptist Church.

- d) APP/V0510/A/08/2074567 The appeal made by Mr Thomas of The Annexe, 10 Sun Street Isleham has been refused

Late Submission:

08/00895/FUL Change of use to pitches for two travelling families – total 6 caravans + two washing facilities for J Wilson – objection on all previous grounds and the addition of the section 6.55 from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals & Waste Core Strategy.

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128. ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- a) The Council were notified that the allotment rents were collected on Monday 13th October.
Cllr Mrs R Thompson apologised to other working party members who were not invited to attend the meeting with Mrs Bell. Following this meeting it was agreed to rotavate and plough the Three Tree site leaving a roadway through the centre
It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mrs R Thompson that the quote from Mr L Beckett for ploughing the Three Tree Allotment is accepted.

Clerk

CARRIED

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs R Thompson and seconded by Cllr Carter that Ms Cheeseman be allowed to erect a shed (maximum 6'x8') on her allotment.

Clerk

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Thompson that the criteria for the Dunstall Grant Criteria is amended to make it clear that course related software is included but that computers (laptops or desktops) are not..

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C Cllr Broadway arrived at the meeting at 8.30pm.

124. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- The white lines have been re-instated on Waterside
- The signs for IFP are still in progress
- It is unlikely that the footpath on Station Road will be re-instated
- There is not much in the Minerals & Waste Strategy that directly impacts Isleham
- There are still a few street lights needing to be repaired
- There was no action taken re the bus petition as there were no tenders received for the service

129. WASH MATTERS

It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Carter that the agreement drawn up by East Cambs District Council for the Marina roadway be approved.

Clerk

CARRIED

Lugger Bank:

The scrub has been cleared and a new barbed wire fence has been erected along the river bank about 50 yards further down than the original boundary thus encroaching on land which the Parish Council has Possessory Title for.

It was proposed by Cllr Baines and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the Council contact their solicitor for advice on how to proceed with this matter.

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It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and seconded by Mrs H Thompson that the chairman consults with the wash working party about moving the fence.

Cllr Baines abstained from the vote.

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It was also decided that the council would arrange to clear the river bank so that there is access for the fisherman.

130. 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 131 & 132 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 meeting was closed to the public at 9.07pm and re-opened at 9.23pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23pm

Date of next meeting: 1st December 2008

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: