

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 1st 2007

Those Present;- Cllr Beckett, Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Puckey, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Bishop,

Apologies for Absence from, Cllr Neal, Cllr Garbett, County Cllr Powley, County Cllr Broadway,

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84. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed by Cllr Puckey and seconded by Cllr Carter that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd September 2007 be approved.	1	
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85. MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Carter that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 3 rd September 2007 be approved.	1	
	CARRIED	
86. MATTERS ARISING (<i>for information only</i>) Roof Wire – Village Hall Matters		
87. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST 91a Cllr Mrs R Thompson 98 Cllr T Carter	2	
88. POLICE MATTERS a) Police Report – Alan Saville has taken over the role of Inspector at Ely b) Crime Report – Noted Letter from Brian Tulley re: Halloween Posters – The posters will be put on the notice board, handed out at Rendezvous, and made available at the Co-op, Post Office and the Papershop.		
89. VILLAGE HALL MATTERS a) Village Hall Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The committee have purchased two second hand steel storage cabinets and they have been delivered and are in use in the cupboard at the village hall.• Quotes are being obtained to paint some areas in the hall - ladies, gents and disabled toilets and the kitchen. It is hoped the work will be carried out prior to the Phoenix Players production in December.• Roof wire – Having looked at the possibility of making a steel frame it seems that this would be an expensive option. Further enquiries need to be made as to whether or not razor wire can be used, therefore this matter will be deferred to the next meeting.		

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90. RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- a) Recreation Ground Report
- Quotations have been obtained for the support for AWSA fence.
 - Cambridge Courts £1,147.50
 - Martin Earl Construction £490
 - It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Carter that the council accept the quotation from Martin Earl Construction

Clerk

CARRIED

- The play area will be completed on Friday and a suitable opening day will be arranged with ECDC within the next few weeks.

91. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) ECDC Isleham Wash Common –
It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Puckey that the council accept the terms of ECDC with regard to the re-drafting/re-drawing of the deed for the Wash Road.

CARRIED

- b) Parish Biodiversity Surgery – Cllr Mrs Malkin
c) ECDC Mereham Newsletter – Cllr Mrs Malkin
d) Philip Aspland –

It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilkes that the parish council will fund a four page special edition of the informer to promote the building of the New Community Centre.

CARRIED

It was proposed by Cllr Puckey and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Isleham Community Association be able to hire the village hall at a concessionary rate of £1 per occasion in line with the terms & conditions which have to be agreed upon use of the hall.

CARRIED

- e) Cope Event – This event can be advertised at the Post Office.

92. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- a) County Councillors Report –
The Fenland Flier is due to cease at the end of August 2008
The service has been funded since 2003/04 by the post-16 Transport Partnership grant from government which ceases in August 2008 (Report Attached)

- b) Further discussion points under District Councillors report.

District Councillors Report –

- The District Councillor has challenged the Transport & Access Group to see if they could actually try and do something about the Fenland Flier. Officers from county council are re-assessing what can be done.
- Neighbourhood Panel will be held on Wednesday 3rd October at Chippenham Village Hall

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- There is a capital budget available from the county council for transport & access across the county. As Fordham and

Isleham having no immediate projects a request will be made to look at widening some of East Fen Road to make more substantial passing places.

- 2 Church Street – This is an ongoing process and although not much can be said at this stage progress is being made.

93. MONTHLY FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) September Bank Reconciliation

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

CARRIED

- b) To Pay October Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Puckey that the October accounts be paid with the exception of the Anglian Water Bill for the Village Hall as it seems excessive – the clerk will query the bill and have the hall checked out for any leaks in the supply.

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- c) Cllrs Workshops – It was proposed by Cllr Puckey and seconded by Cllr Carter that Cllrs Mrs Malkin, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Mrs H Thompson go to the councillors workshop

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- d) The Clerk will be on holiday from the 22nd-29th October.

Parish Plan Software

- e) The software will be ordered at a cost of £75 from the budget provided by Cambridgeshire Acre. – Noted.

Clerks Appraisal – Cllr Carter & Cllr Beckett will conduct the appraisal before the next meeting.

The Budget Meeting for 2008-9 will be held on Monday 12th November 7.30pm

94. CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- a) Burial Working Party

It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Hobbs that the clerk take the necessary steps to inform relatives about the removal of wooden crosses from the graves after a period of two years after the burial.

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Quotes for cutting the hedge in the cemetery will be obtained as soon as possible.

The clerk will contact hereward housing regarding the hedge at the back of the cemetery.

The council will offer families the service of re-gluing the headstones for an amount to be agreed.

The planting of Yew Trees in the new cemetery needs specific permission from relatives, this matter will be placed on the agenda for the parish meeting in March.

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The clerk is to meet with the tree officer to discuss works to be carried out to the Beech and Lime trees.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilkes and Cllr Bishop that the remedial works be carried out when the necessary public notices have been posted.

Burial
W/P

Clerk

CARRIED

95. TO REVIEW CHARITY TRUSTEES & APPOINTMENTS

Fen or Fifty

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Bishop that Cllr Beckett, Cllr Puckey, Cllr H Thompson be nominated to the Fen or Fifty charity for this term. (2010)

Cllr Mrs Wilkes will contact the school to appoint a representative from the school

The clerk will contact Christopher Goodwins to notify him of those who have been elected.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malkin and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the entire committee of the Deborah Fletcher Charity be re-elected.

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Cllr Bishop left the meeting at 9.27pm

Representative Councillors

The following appointments were approved by the council:

Twinning – Cllr Carter, Cllr Neal

Village Hall – Cllr Mrs Malkin

P3 Partnership – Cllr Carter

Play Area – Cllr Mrs Malkin

Highways – Cllr Garbett, Cllr Beckett, Cllr Carter

Trees & Hedges Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Carter

Health & Safety Cllr Puckey

First Aid – Cllr Mrs Hobbs

Child Protection – Cllr Puckey, Cllr Mrs Malkin

Recreation Ground & AWSA – Cllr Garbett,

Community Education Governors Meeting – Mrs R Thompson if post is still active.

96. SALE OF LAND AT LUGGER BANK

It was originally proposed to sell the a small piece of land at the Luggar Bank to Mr Paul Chaplin, however as another offer has been received from Mr Kay asking to be considered if the land is for sale it was proposed that this matter be brought back to another meeting. If the land is purchased the purchaser would have to take over the maintenance of the ditch which currently costs the council £2-300 each time it is cleared.

97. CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

Rent Increase

It was proposed by Cllr Puckey and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hobbs that the allotment rent be increased by 10 pence per rod from 50p – 60p.

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98. LATE SUBMISSIONS

Isleham Twinning Association: The request for financial help will be considered at the budget meeting in November.

Festival of light – The Clerk will put up a tree on behalf of the council.

CCC – Possible rent increase on Three Tree – Noted.

Meeting Closed at 22.02
Date of next meeting: 5th November 2007

1. Minutes LGA 1972 Sch 12, para 41(2)
2. Dec of Interest Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct)
Order 2001 Part 2
3. LGA 1972 S 150A
4. Allotment Act 1950 10 (1)

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